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The Environmental law thematic area at CASELAP is designed to advance knowledge in environmental law within the country and the region. It also responds to market need for experts in environmental law within government, business, civil society and international agencies. Faculty members bring scholarly, practical and public service skills and experience in various disciplines of environmental law including land law, land use law, natural resource management, climate change law, biodiversity conservation, environmental impacts assessment, access to justice, alternative dispute resolution, international aspects, transboundary resource management, legal and institutional reforms, among other areas.

The specific objectives of the Environmental Policy Programme are to:

1. Enable students to have good knowledge of environmental law and equip them with hands-on and relevant skills in environmental governance;
2. Provide specialised training for those interested in practising environmental law as a specialised discipline either as drafters, legal advisers, corporate lawyers or legal practitioners;
3. Develop a cadre of professionals with skills and expertise to incorporate environmental considerations in all planning and legal instruments
4. Promote knowledge and insights for protection of the threshold of sustainability in the utilization or enjoyment of the environment
5. Prepare managers for informed interventions, avoidance and/or settlement of disputes on environmental matters; and
6. Offer quality training to prepare those aspiring to pursue scholarship at doctoral, research or teaching levels to ensure inter-generational succession of environmental management expertise

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**Degree Programmes:**

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MEL 602	<a href="#">Law, Environment And Development</a> [13]	45	<a href="#">View Description</a> [13]
MEL 603	<a href="#">Research Methodology In Environmental Law Studies</a> [14]	45	<a href="#">View Description</a> [14]
MEL 604	<a href="#">Seminars On Research Methods And Legal Writing</a> [15]	45	<a href="#">View Description</a> [15]
MEL 605	<a href="#">Theory And Process Of Environmental Law And Policy Making</a> [16]	45	<a href="#">View Description</a> [16]
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MEL 610	<a href="#">Economics Of Environmental Governance</a> [20]	45	<a href="#">View Description</a> [20]



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MEL 601	<a href="#">Environmental Jurisprudence</a> [37]	45	<a href="#">View Description</a> [37]

**Possible Career Opportunities from Environmental Law Studies:**

1. Private sector environmental lawyer
2. Public service environmental service (government, state corporations, county governments)
3. Researcher and university scholar
4. Consultant advisor to governments, international agencies, civil society
5. Expert on financial and economic aspects of environmental management

**• Research Projects by Faculty Members:**

1. Access to Land and Land Based Resources among Women in Pastoralist and Forest-Dwelling Communities in East Africa – IDRC funded Project.
2. Renewable Energy Policy Guidelines – UNEP funded project.
3. Soil Conservation practices and climate change adaptation strategies – RUFORUM funded project.
4. Developing biomass pyrolysis stoves for bio-energy use by rural households and SME’s in Kenya - NCST funded project.
5. The Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AGMIP)



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