



Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
Comisión para la Cooperación Ambiental  
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## **The Commission for Environmental Cooperation**

### **Presents a Workshop on**

### **the Submissions on Enforcement Matters Process**

**When:** 16 March 2017, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm

**Where:** The George Washington University Law School  
Moot Court Room

**Who:** Open to the Public and Free of Charge

This workshop will be interactive and present an overview of the submissions on enforcement matters (SEM) process administered by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. The SEM process was established by the environmental side agreement, the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation, to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and allows any resident or organization of North America to file a submission asserting that one of the Parties is not effectively enforcing its environmental law.

CEC attorneys will not only discuss a brief history of the CEC and the SEM process but will also lead participants in an interactive workshop on how submissions are filed, the requirements that must be met, and the how the process provides transparency and information sharing about effective enforcement of environmental laws in North America.

In addition, a panel discussion on the SEM process will be presented with the following individuals distinguished in the field of international environmental law: Lee Paddock, GWU Law School; Tracy Hester, University of Houston Law School; Gustavo Alanis, President of the *Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental* (Mexican Environmental Law Center—CEMDA); and, Hoi Kong, McGill University Faculty of Law.

Please see attached agenda. If you plan to attend, please register here: <http://www.cec.org/news-and-outreach/events/cec-workshop-submissions-enforcement-matters-process>

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## **AGENDA**

### **CEC WORKSHOP ON THE SUBMISSIONS ON ENFORCEMENT MATTERS PROCESS**

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Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Jacob Burns Moot Court Room, George Washington Law School

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#### **Thursday March 16**

*Location: Jacob Burns Moot Court Room, GWU Law School*

**1:30pm - 2:30pm**

**Registration of Participants** (*Kelly Lounge, adjacent to the JB Moot Court Room*)

**2:30pm - 2:35pm**

**Welcoming Remarks**

Robert Moyer, Director and Paolo Solano, Legal Officer  
CEC Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM) Unit

**2:35pm - 3:15pm**

**Brief History of the CEC and Overview of the SEM Process**

Robert Moyer, Director and Paolo Solano, Legal Officer  
CEC Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM) Unit

**3:15pm - 4:15pm**

**The CEC SEM Process (Hypothetical submission and discussion in small groups)**

- How to file a submission
- What are the requirements that must be met?
- How the process provides transparency and information sharing on effective enforcement of environmental laws in North America

**4:15pm - 5:30pm**

**Panel discussion on the SEM process with the following individuals distinguished in the field of international environmental law:**

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