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SESSION 1:

A Decade of Partnerships in Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia: Synergies and Achievements

WORKSHOP 1.3:

Coastal and Ocean Governance in the Seas of East Asia: From Nation to Region

Singapore's Implementation of International Conventions Relating to Marine Contingency Planning – the Balance between Legal and Administrative Measures

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The presentation will introduce the law-making process in Singapore and by way of example, discuss the legislative and administrative measures taken to implement international conventions relating to marine contingency planning for oil and hazardous and noxious spills, and contrast Singapore's implementation with that of New Zealand.



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About Denise Cheong:

Denise CHEONG is a Research Fellow within the Centre of International Law's Ocean Law and Policy team where she focuses on developments in areas beyond national jurisdiction as well as international environmental law issues as they impact on the marine environment.

Her interest in marine environmental law issues include marine pollution and conservation issues and she is currently finalizing a book chapter on marine contingency planning in Singapore for oil and hazardous and noxious substances spills. Recent publications include a book chapter on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species where she proposes ways in which ASEAN Member States can further strengthen their CITES-implementing legislation.

She was responsible for a review of all Singapore laws and regulations relating to the coastal and marine environment as a key member of the CIL team (in collaboration with the National Parks Board of Singapore) that produced a guide for the legal and policy implementation of integrated coastal management (ICM) in Singapore (2010). The legislative review identified potential improvements to the existing legislative framework.

She is the lead researcher for research and events related to deep seabed mining and in June 2016, organized a joint event with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) to discuss the draft framework on the regulation of exploitation activities and the financial terms of exploitation contracts. She is currently also part of the CIL research team that is planning an international workshop to be held in early 2016 on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction.

CIL and the Energy Studies Institute (a leading research institution for energy policy and economics in Southeast Asia) has just been granted research funding for three years to undertake nuclear law and policy research by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore pursuant to its Nuclear Policy Research Programme. She is the lead researcher from CIL that worked with the Energy Studies Institute in the grant application.

She is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore as well as a Solicitor of England and Wales. She holds a LLB (Hons) and a Master of Science (Environmental Management) (Shell Medal and Prize and Shell Best Dissertation Award winner) from the National University of Singapore.