X Annual Global Conference on Environmental Taxation – Lisboa, 2009

‘Water Management and Climate Change’

The Annual Global Conference on Environmental Taxation is part of an annual series of international conferences focussing on issues involved in designing and implementing environmentally related taxes. The conferences are not intended to advance any particular environmental agenda on an advocacy basis but rather to advance knowledge, understanding and debate. They provide a forum for scholars from different fields, such as Law, Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Natural Sciences, as well as representatives of national governments, the private sector and non-governmental organisations to exchange the latest research on the use of environmentally related taxes and other market-based instruments to advance environmental policy objectives.

Previous editions of the conference have been attended by over 300 participants annually, representing 70 countries in Africa, America, Asia and Europe, and coming from several different kinds of institutions, such as academia, government, business and social movements. The knowledge produced at the conference has been made public through an annual publication of a selection of presented papers – the Critical Issues in Environmental Taxation Series, published by the Oxford University Press since 2006.

The tenth edition of the Conference will take place in Lisboa (Portugal) and shall focus on ‘Water Management and Climate Change’. This cross-cutting issue is in the agenda of every level of government and requires the input of all stakeholders. Therefore, the organisation represented by the Steering Committee and the National Organising Committee (please see list of members below) takes efforts to involve reference institutions in the support of this event.

Within this thematic framework, the conference will focus inter alia on the following areas: Water, Energy, International Transports, Policies & Instruments’ Coordination, International Environmental Justice, Competitiveness Issues, Capacity Building Issues and Governance Issues. Each issue will be launched with a plenary session for all conference participants, followed by a number of panel sessions.
to examine specific issues in more depth. The conference also includes a doctoral track, where young researchers can present their work projects and get the feedback of established academics in the field.

Parallel to these sessions there will be some specific workshops and streams, namely on the Law and Economics of Environmental Policy, a growing field of legal research where the formal and procedural aspects of environmental policy are subject to a cost-benefit analysis that informs policymakers and the public in general with respect to the actual consequences of environmental law. The Regulator Perspective will also be addressed through specific workshops.

Further information on these sub-topics and other issues concerning the conference theme shall be provided in due time, following the suggestions of the Advisory Board (please see list of members below).
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