Call for Nominations
Environmental Rights & Remedies: a course for activists
3 to 19 September 2019

From 3 to 19 September 2019, attorneys at the Centre for Environmental Rights (CER) will be holding our third legal and environmental rights training course for a small group of community environmental activists from across the country.

The purpose of this course is to capacitate activists from affected communities with legal strategies and remedies to enhance existing knowledge, enabling participants to assert their rights, push for compliance with the law and hold government and companies accountable for violations of environmental rights. After successful completion of the school, the participants will be able to identify environmental rights violations, know which legal remedies to apply and how to apply them, and know whom to approach for assistance and support if necessary.

With support from CER attorneys and the activist network created through the training, we plan to support the newly trained activists to return to their communities and apply the knowledge gained to their daily struggles for environmental justice, accountability, and compliance.

In order to individualise learning and to create more opportunities for students to participate, we are limiting this year’s intake to 15 participants. We will carefully select 15 activists from across South Africa who are interested in receiving training in the principles of environmental law, including the Constitution, national environmental laws and available legal remedies for activists. This training is designed to enable you to engage with national, provincial and local government departments and private companies, to pursue and defend your and your community’s environmental rights as guaranteed in the South African Constitution.

The training will take the form of a 16 day long training course at the CER’s offices in Cape Town.

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We hereby invite community organisations and networks working to achieve environmental justice to nominate activists to participate in this legal and environmental rights training course. Nominations must be accompanied by a brief motivation dealing with the following:

1. How the nominated activist has been involved with struggles for environmental justice in his/her community;
2. The details of any other environmental justice or legal training that the nominated activist has previously received;
3. Motivation of how the nominated activist, once trained, will support local struggles for environmental justice, accountability, and compliance.

Nominations should be sent by email to fsamuels@cer.org.za or by fax to 086 730 9098 on or before 28 June 2019.

For any queries or clarifications, please contact Matome Kapa on 021 447 1647

Please note: Like CER in general, our training courses have a zero tolerance for racism, sexism, homophobia or any other form of discrimination, harassment or bullying.