



JONAS EBBESSON

Positions

Jonas Ebbesson, LL.D., is Professor of Environmental Law, former Dean of the Faculty of Law (2012-17), and Director of Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, at Stockholm University.

He is former Chair (2011-21) of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC).

He is member of the Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities.

Relevant activities and experience

Jonas Ebbesson has worked actively with the Aarhus Convention for many years. He was a member of the Compliance Committee 2005-21, and its Chair 2011-21. Before that, he represented the Eco Forum NGO Coalition in the Task Force on the Compliance Mechanism. As Chair of the ACCC he was involved in the management of about 150 cases, including cases of non-compliance with article 3(8) of the Convention.

Jonas Ebbesson participated in the UNEP Advisory Group of what would become the UNEP Bali Guidelines. He has spoken at numerous international and national events about participatory rights, human rights and the protection of environmental defenders. This includes presentations for the European Parliament, UNEP meetings on human rights and the environment, the EU-NGO Human Rights Forum, preparatory meetings for the Escazú Agreement, seminars and conferences, eg in China, Nigeria, Iran and United Arab Emirates, and sessions in his current work on judicial training in Colombia.

Jonas Ebbesson has acted as consultant or expert for governmental and intergovernmental bodies, such as the Swedish Ministries of the Environment, for Foreign Affairs, and of Finance, Swedish Environment Protection Agency, Nordic Council of Ministers, OSCE and UNEP. He has been consultant for environmental and development assistance NGOs, law firms and environmental consultants; and legal counsel before Swedish courts and the European Court of Human Rights. He was was a member of the legal team representing ca 800 victims in the case *Arica Victims v Boliden Mineral*.

Jonas Ebbesson has written substantially about public participation, access to justice and human rights in environmental matters. This includes comparative work on access to justice in environmental matters in the EU, and publications on participatory rights in international law. He has taught international, EU and Swedish environmental law for about 30 years. He is Director of the Master Programme in Environmental Law at Stockholm University.

Jonas Ebbesson is fluent in English (speaking and writing). He also understands and speaks French, although not at the level of his English.

Publications

Amongst his publications are the following books and articles on participatory rights:

Books

- The Aarhus Convention: An Implementation Guide (co-author) (2014)
- Environmental Law and Justice in Context (co-ed.) (2009)
- Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in the EU – Accès à la justice en matière d’environnement dans l’UE (ed.), (2002)
- Compatibility of International and National Environmental Law (1996)

Articles

- “Public Participation” (2021)
- “L’accès à la justice en matière d’environnement en droit international: pourquoi et comment?” (2016)
- “Principle 10: Public Participation” (2015)
- “Global or European Only? International Law on Transparency in Environmental Matters for Members of the Public” (2013)
- “A Modest Contribution to Environmental Democracy and Justice in Transboundary Contexts: The Combined Impact of the Espoo Convention and Aarhus Convention” (2011)
- “Public Participation and Privatisation in Environmental Matters: An Assessment of the Aarhus Convention” (2011)
- “Acesso à informação, participação pública e acesso à justiça em matéria ambiental: uma breve introdução à Convenção de Aarhus” (2011)
- “Access to Information on Environmental Matters”; “Public Participation in Environmental Matters”; “Access to Justice in Environmental Matters” *MPEPIL* (2010)
- “Access to Justice at the National Level. Impact of the Aarhus Convention and EU Law” (2011)
- “Igualdade de gêneros e poder às mulheres no desenvolvimento e implementação do direito ambiental” (2005)
- “The Notion of Public Participation in International Environmental Law” (1998)