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STATEMENT BY LAWASIA FOR EARTH DAY, 22 APRIL 2025

On this Earth Day, April 22 2025, LAWASIA joins the global community in embracing the theme "**Our Power, Our Planet.**"¹ This theme highlights the urgent need to triple renewable energy generation by 2030, aiming to mitigate climate change and foster a sustainable future.

Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970 and acknowledges the importance of balancing the Right to Development with environmental protection.

Across the Asia-Pacific region, the transition to renewable energy sources — such as solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal, and tidal power — presents challenges and opportunities. As legal professionals, we play a pivotal role in shaping and implementing policies that facilitate this transition, ensuring they are equitable, enforceable, and aligned with environmental goals.

LAWASIA supports the importance of ensuring that the just transition to renewable energy includes the application of human rights principles and the application of environmental laws.

We advocate for:

- **A just and sustainable transition** to renewable energy
- **Robust legal frameworks** that support the development and integration of renewable energy technologies.
- **Transparent regulatory processes** that encourage investment and innovation in clean energy sectors.
- **Community engagement** is needed to ensure that energy transitions are inclusive and to consider the needs of all stakeholders.

LAWASIA remains committed to fostering collaboration among legal professionals, policymakers, the academy and communities to advance renewable energy initiatives. Together, we can harness our collective power to protect our planet and ensure a resilient, sustainable future for future generations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Shyam Divan".

Shyam Divan

President

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¹ <https://www.earthday.org/>