

Bio of Temitope (Temi) Onifade

Temitope Onifade is a Vanier Scholar researching low-carbon regulation at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, an expert instructor teaching climate law and justice at the Climate Teaching Connector, and the coordinating co-chair of the Liu Institute Network for Africa leading sustainability policy projects at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at UBC. Also, he is a researcher for Canada Climate Law Initiative at UBC (CCLI, UBC) and recently worked as a researcher for Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative at University of Oxford (CCLI, Oxford). In these roles, he has studied and/or taught why, how, and where state and non-state actors engage climate and sustainability issues.

Temi's research looks at the regulation and governance of LCEs to address issues arising from the impacts of climate change and actions to manage it on vulnerable communities and businesses. Specifically, he advances knowledge on how state, corporate, financial, and civil society actors understand and manage these impacts and actions. Three distinct but related complementary threads have emerged from his work. First, he produces knowledge on how to support the integration of renewable energy technologies into markets. For instance, he conceptualized hybrid renewable energy policy in a leading journal in energy policy (*Energy Policy*, 2016) and now build on this concept in his current work. Second, he explores sustainable public and private finance to support renewable energy technologies and markets. His most important contributions are through his work at CCLI, UBC, focusing on Canada's domestic climate finance and corporate governance, including corporate and investor risks, opportunities, and legal duties under various Canadian legal regimes. Third, his work on climate and low-carbon justice fills some of the gaps in renewable energy and sustainable finance thinking, which has focused more on technologies, markets, and self-regulation without paying much attention to the vulnerabilities of communities and small businesses. An aspect looks at the synergy of private and public actors to address climate injustice. For instance, he contributes this lens to a team brought together by Fenner Stewart to study Canada's climate policy networks. Also, he examines climate justice issues under climate regimes. For instance, he attended the United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference at Glasgow as a delegate to learn more about global climate regime gaps and has been drawing on his observation in ongoing research. Additionally, he explores the implications of climate change and actions for Africa. His most significant contribution is a project called "*Re-Imagining Agenda 2063: A Sociolegal Foundation of the Africa We Want*," now an International Research Collaborative of the Law and Society Association.

As a scholar-practitioner, Temi contributes to Canada's government low-carbon policy, the United Nations climate policy process, and civil society initiatives. He has served on the UBC Senate and several NGO boards.

He has taught and supervised students at UBC and Memorial University. To enrich his teaching, he leverages his lived and research experience, embraces diversity and differences, promotes mutual learning, and provides mentorship.