

***CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, INC.***

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees  
Center for International Environmental Law, Inc.  
Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Center for International Environmental Law, Inc. (the Organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Halt, Buzas & Powell, Ltd.*

Alexandria, Virginia

October 7, 2015

**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,129,342	\$ 817,441
Contributions receivable	1,372,577	516,300
Contracts receivable	41,249	56,190
Other receivables	7,007	9,536
Prepaid expenses	14,573	10,837
Investments	20,111	18,930
Property and equipment, net	32,200	28,316
Deposits	20,712	20,712
 Total assets	 \$ 2,637,771	 \$ 1,478,262
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 50,292	\$ 38,257
Accrued payroll	29,432	29,883
Deferred revenue	24,474	90,991
Deferred rent	71,148	94,298
 Total liabilities	 175,346	 253,429
 Net assets:		
Unrestricted	596,348	469,692
Temporarily restricted	1,866,077	755,141
 Total net assets	 2,462,425	 1,224,833
 Total liabilities and net assets	 \$ 2,637,771	 \$ 1,478,262

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Grants	\$ 703,140	\$ 2,445,247	\$ 3,148,387
Contracts	702,966	-	702,966
In-kind contributions	147,299	-	147,299
Contributions	37,783	-	37,783
Investment income	3,621	-	3,621
Other income	52,511	-	52,511
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of grant restrictions	1,334,311	(1,334,311)	-
Total revenues	2,981,631	1,110,936	4,092,567
<b>Expenses:</b>			
<b>Program services:</b>			
Climate and energy	1,093,735	-	1,093,735
Human rights and the environment	212,993	-	212,993
Environmental health	350,087	-	350,087
People, land and resources	386,832	-	386,832
IPEN Secretariat and miscellaneous projects	556,908	-	556,908
Total program services	2,600,555	-	2,600,555
<b>Support services:</b>			
Management and general	108,837	-	108,837
Fundraising	145,583	-	145,583
Total support services	254,420	-	254,420
Total expenses	2,854,975	-	2,854,975
Change in net assets	126,656	1,110,936	1,237,592
Net assets, beginning of year	469,692	755,141	1,224,833
Net assets, end of year	\$ 596,348	\$ 1,866,077	\$ 2,462,425

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
Grants	\$ 687,505	\$ 1,108,130	\$ 1,795,635
Contracts	644,786	-	644,786
In-kind contributions	119,003	-	119,003
Contributions	35,732	-	35,732
Investment income	5,317	-	5,317
Other income	32,184	-	32,184
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of grant restrictions	<u>931,505</u>	<u>(931,505)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,456,032</u>	<u>176,625</u>	<u>2,632,657</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Climate and energy	590,570	-	590,570
Environmental health	578,334	-	578,334
People, land and resources	564,236	-	564,236
IPEN Secretariat and miscellaneous projects	<u>355,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355,811</u>
Total program services	<u>2,088,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,088,951</u>
Support services:			
Management and general	162,328	-	162,328
Fundraising	<u>144,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,001</u>
Total support services	<u>306,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,329</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,395,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,395,280</u>
Change in net assets	60,752	176,625	237,377
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>408,940</u>	<u>578,516</u>	<u>987,456</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 469,692</u>	<u>\$ 755,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,224,833</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ <u>1,237,592</u>	\$ <u>237,377</u>
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	11,742	12,629
Unrealized gain on investments	(1,181)	(3,518)
Deferred rent	(23,150)	(15,955)
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Contributions receivable	(856,277)	(251,400)
Contracts receivable	14,941	8,651
Other receivables	2,529	2,586
Prepaid expenses	(3,736)	1,115
Deposits	-	(866)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	12,035	15,302
Accrued payroll	(451)	3,226
Deferred revenue	<u>(66,517)</u>	<u>66,907</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(910,065)</u>	<u>(161,323)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>327,527</u>	<u>76,054</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(15,626)	(3,562)
Proceeds from disposal of equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>1,133</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(15,626)</u>	<u>(2,429)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	311,901	73,625
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>817,441</u>	<u>743,816</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,129,342</u>	<u>\$ 817,441</u>

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**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. Organization**

The Center for International Environmental Law, Inc. (the Organization), was founded in 1989 to bring the energy and experience of the public interest environmental law movement in the United States to the critical task of strengthening and developing foreign and comparative environmental law, policy, and management throughout the world.

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

Basis of presentation

The Organization's financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for nonprofit organizations. Under those principles, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets:

*Unrestricted Net Assets* represent resources that are not subject to donor imposed stipulations and are available for operations at management's discretion.

*Temporarily Restricted Net Assets* represent resources restricted by donors as to purpose or by the passage of time.

*Permanently Restricted Net Assets* represent resources whose use by the Organization is limited by donor imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by action of the Organization. Income from the assets held is available for either general operations or specific purposes, in accordance with donor stipulations.

The Organization has no permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Basis of accounting

The Organization's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses when obligations are incurred.

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Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and their functional allocation during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair value measurements

The Organization reports its fair value measures using a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs used to measure fair value are categorized as follows:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 - inputs, other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs from markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 - unobservable inputs which are typically based on the Organization's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

In determining the appropriate levels, the Organization performs a detailed analysis of the assets and liabilities that are subject to the standard. At each reporting period, all assets and liabilities for which the fair value measurement is based on significant unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3. There were no level 3 inputs for any assets and liabilities held by the Organization at June 30, 2015 and 2014.

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Income taxes

The Organization is exempt from federal and local income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on income derived from activities related to its exempt purpose. This code section enables the Organization to accept donations that qualify as charitable contributions to the donor. The Organization is subject to income taxes on taxable income from unrelated business activities. For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Organization did not recognize income tax expense in the accompanying financial statements as there was no unrelated business taxable income.

The Organization is not aware of any activities that would jeopardize its tax-exempt status that would require recognition in the accompanying financial statements. Generally, tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for up to three years from the date a completed return is filed. If material omissions of income exist, tax returns may be subject to examination for up to six years. It is the Organization's policy to recognize interest and/or penalties related to uncertain tax positions, if any, in the accompanying financial statements. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, no uncertain tax positions existed for which the Organization should recognize a liability.

Cash and cash equivalents

For financial statement purposes, the Organization considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of one year or less to be cash equivalents.

Contributions receivable

Contributions receivable are unconditional promises to give that are recognized as contributions when the promise is received. All contributions receivable are expected to be collected in less than one year and are reported at their net realizable value. Reserves are established for receivables that are delinquent and considered uncollectible based on periodic reviews by management. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, no allowance for doubtful contributions receivable has been recorded.

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Contracts receivable

Contracts receivable represent amounts due in less than one year principally from non-governmental organizations and international institutions and are stated at their net realizable value. In the opinion of management, all receivables are considered collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful contracts receivable has been recorded at June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Property and equipment, net

Property and equipment acquisitions are recorded in the financial statements at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Furniture and equipment	3-10 years
Leasehold and improvements	Life of lease

The Organization's policy is to capitalize major additions and improvements over \$500 with estimated useful lives of greater than one year. Repairs and maintenance which do not significantly add to the value of assets are expensed as incurred.

Deferred rent and lease incentives

Deferred rent is recorded and amortized to the extent the total minimum rental payments allocated to the current period on a straight-line basis exceed, or are less than, the cash payments required. Lease incentives received as part of a lease agreement are recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease as a reduction to rent expense.

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Revenue recognition

*Contributions and grants*

Contributions and certain foundation and corporate grants are recognized as revenue when received or promised and are recorded net of any current year allowance or discount activity. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as temporarily restricted support if they are received or promised with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets to the Organization's programs or to a future year. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a purpose restriction is accomplished or time restriction has elapsed, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the accompanying statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

*Contracts*

Contract revenue is recognized as earned when the qualifying costs are incurred. Amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue in the accompanying statements of financial position.

*In-kind contributions*

Donated materials, services and use of facilities are recorded at fair value when an unconditional commitment is received and are recognized as in-kind contributions as revenue and expense in the accompanying financial statements. Contributions of services are recognized when services received (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. The value of such services is recorded based on the estimated fair value of services provided and is classified as in-kind contributions revenue and expense charged to programs and supporting services based on the program or support services directly benefited. The Organization's primary form of contributed services is from legal interns classified as program services.

Functional allocation of expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among programs and supporting services benefited.

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Reclassification

For comparative purposes, certain 2014 amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2015 presentation. None of these reclassifications affected the 2014 change in net assets.

**3. Concentrations of credit risk**

The Organization maintains bank deposits that, for brief periods of time, may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, there were deposits in excess of FDIC limits in the amounts of \$29,857 and \$34,688, respectively.

**4. Investments and fair value measurements**

Investments consist of equity securities and are recorded at fair value. Such investments are classified as Level One fair value hierarchy assets based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets using Level One inputs. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying statements of activities.

Investment income is comprised of the following for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 2,440	\$ 1,799
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>1,181</u>	<u>3,518</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$ 3,621</u>	<u>\$ 5,317</u>

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**5. Property and equipment, net**

The following is a summary of property and equipment held at June 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 86,178	\$ 75,176
Leasehold improvements	<u>58,920</u>	<u>58,920</u>
Property and equipment	145,098	134,096
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(112,898)</u>	<u>(105,780)</u>
Total property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 32,200</u>	<u>\$ 28,316</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$11,742 and \$12,629, respectively.

**6. Temporarily restricted net assets**

Net assets were released from grant restrictions during the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 for the following purposes:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Climate and energy	\$ 824,964	\$ 351,662
Human rights and environment	6,505	786
Environmental health	153,987	126,737
People, land and resources	173,597	437,427
IPEN Secretariat and miscellaneous projects	<u>175,258</u>	<u>14,893</u>
Total net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$ 1,334,311</u>	<u>\$ 931,505</u>

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At June 30, 2015 and 2014, temporarily restricted net assets were available for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Climate and energy	\$ 1,474,392	\$ 341,041
Human rights and environment	69,279	50,641
Environmental health	84,616	116,400
People, land and resources	196,585	247,059
IPEN Secretariat and miscellaneous projects	41,205	-
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 1,866,077	\$ 755,141

**7. Management's designation of unrestricted net assets**

Management has elected to designate a certain portion of its unrestricted net assets for its programs. Net assets were released from management designation during the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Climate and energy	\$ 10,984	\$ 49,168
Human rights and environment	137,860	182,919
Environmental health	86,924	79,246
People, land and resources	175,000	100,000
Total unrestricted net assets released from management designation	\$ 410,768	\$ 411,333

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, unrestricted net assets were designated for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Climate and energy	\$ 4,848	\$ 832
Human rights and environment	151,420	272,181
Environmental health	207,363	59,287
Undesignated net assets	232,717	137,392
Total unrestricted net assets	\$ 596,348	\$ 469,692

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**8. Commitments**

Operating leases

In February 2007, the Organization entered into a lease for office space in Washington, D.C., which commenced in June 2007 and expires in July 2017. Base monthly rental payments are \$19,067 for the first year and increase approximately 2.5 percent per year. As an incentive, the landlord abated the first two months of rent expense. The effects of the abated rent and scheduled rent increases are being recognized by the Organization on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. The unrecognized portion of the abated rent and rental increases are reflected as deferred rent on the accompanying statements of financial position. The Organization also reimburses the landlord for its share of operating costs and real estate taxes in excess of the base amount.

In January 2011, the Organization entered into a lease for office space in Berkeley, California, which commenced in February 2011 and expired in January 2014. Base monthly rental payments were \$783 for the first year and increased approximately 3 percent per year, thereafter. The lease continues on a month to month basis. In February 2014, the Organization entered into a lease for office space in Berkeley, California. The lease commenced in February 2014 and expires in January 2016. Monthly rental payments are \$866 for the first year and increases to \$892 afterwards.

The total cost of office space for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$325,223 and \$310,231, respectively.

Aggregate future minimum lease payments are as follows for the years ending June 30:

2016	\$ 293,320
2017	294,256
2018	<u>25,082</u>
Total	\$ <u>612,658</u>

The Organization subleases space on a short-term basis with multiple unaffiliated organizations. Total sublease revenue received was \$51,730 and \$31,656 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and is reported in other income in the accompanying statements of activities.

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**9. Retirement plan**

The Organization sponsors a retirement plan classified under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. All employees who have attained the age of 18 are eligible to participate after completing six months of service. The Organization may at times contribute five percent of the total compensation paid to eligible employees, as defined within the plan. The Organization elected not to make contributions to the retirement plan for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

**10. Concentration of revenue and support risk**

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Organization received 24% of its total revenue and support from one source. There was no such concentration of revenue for the year ended June 30, 2014.

**11. Restatement**

The accompanying financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 have been restated to adjust the classification of net assets. The result of the restatement increased unrestricted net assets and decreased temporarily restricted net assets by \$332,300 for the year ended June 30, 2014. The restatement had no net effect on total net assets.

**12. Subsequent events**

In preparing the financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 7, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events that require recognition of, or disclosure in, these financial statements.