

University of Eastern Finland -
United Nations Environment Programme

Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements



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14th Course, 9 to 19 October 2017, Chambéry, France (near Geneva).

The University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) are jointly organizing a high profile two-week Course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy. The course will take place from 9 to 19 October 2017 near Geneva, at the Château des Comtes de Challes, in Chambéry, France. The course is organized in collaboration with the Government of Finland.

The Course seeks to transfer past experience in the field of international environmental law to current and future negotiators of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). Each Course is based on a specific theme. The Course also provides a forum to foster North-South co-operation and to take stock of recent developments in multilateral negotiations as well as in the implementation of MEAs and diplomatic practices in the international environmental arena.

This is the 14th year that the Course will be held and, as in previous years, lectures will be given by experienced hands-on diplomats, government officials, international civil servants and members of academia.

The special theme of this year's course will be "Trade and the Environment". Under that theme, a broad range of subjects will be addressed, such as trade measures in MEAs, including those on climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity and chemicals, environmental protection. The course will also address environmental issues under the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as environmental provisions in regional trade agreements. In addition, general issues relating to international environmental law-making and diplomacy will be dealt with. The Course employs interactive teaching methods.

The Course is intended for experienced government officials engaged in international environmental negotiations. In addition, other stakeholders, such as

representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector, may apply to the Course. Researchers and academics in the field of international environmental law are also eligible. As the 2017 Course's thematic focus is trade and environment, candidates with experience in this field are encouraged to apply.

Approximately 30 participants, with an equal distribution from the North and South and taking into account gender balance will be admitted to the Course. Participants that successfully complete the Course will be awarded a Diploma.

The **Draft Programme** will be published on the Course website by June/July 2017. The application deadline is Friday, **4 August 2017**. Participants are expected to pay their travel and other expenses and a tuition fee of 1000 euro. Candidates from developing countries and from countries with economies in transition can apply for a full or partial fellowship for expenses arising from **travel and accommodation**. Kindly note, however, that participants with a full or partial fellowship are expected to cover minor expenses that arise from e.g. meals not included in the course programme.

Further information

Course website:
<http://www.uef.fi/unep> or
<http://www.unep.org/training>

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