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e-Learning Introductory Course in International Environmental Law

13 September to 21 November 2010

Background

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has over 40 years experience in the delivery of training in the field of international law.

As of 1997 international environmental law was introduced as a focal issue for international law training within the Institute. To better respond to the numerous requests for innovative training, UNITAR is complementing its face-to-face training activities with internet-based ones. Thus, since 2003, UNITAR has been successfully delivering e-learning courses through its Internet Platform.

The e-Learning Introductory Course in International Environmental Law (IEL) allows participants to combine learning and work and to benefit from high quality courses in IEL at low cost. The courses are given by renowned experts and professors in international law who will guide participants in their learning process and answer their questions. In addition, UNITAR staff will provide technical support on how to use the learning tools available on UNITAR's e-Platform.

Furthermore, participants also enjoy the flexibility of being trained at their own pace with full access to the course anytime and anywhere. Another advantage of the e-learning course is that participants have an opportunity to share relevant experiences and knowledge with fellow trainees from different backgrounds and countries.

Course Goal

The aim of this e-learning Introductory Course in IEL is to provide a broad introduction to international environmental law, introducing its fundamental principles, law-making process, main actors, implementation and compliance procedures, and negotiations of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) based on the current legal challenges in international environmental law.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Identify the sources, principles, concepts and law-making procedures framing international environmental law;
- Differentiate the role of main actors involved in the development of international environmental law who can negotiate and conclude agreements and formulate policy instruments;
- Identify the techniques and procedures to further improve compliance and enforcement of international environmental obligations at national level;
- Describe and explain the international environmental law negotiation process;
- Examine and interpret the content of MEAs.

Course Content

The course consists of 4 modules which will be moderated by prestigious international experts in environmental law.

Module 1 Introduction to International Environmental Law

Module 2 International Environmental Governance

Module 3 Techniques and Procedures in IEL

Module 4 International Environmental Negotiations



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Organization and Methodology

The e-Learning Introductory Course in IEL will be conducted in English and be delivered during 10 weeks starting on Monday, 13 September 2010. Each one of the four modules is to be completed in two weeks time. At the end of the eighth week, two weeks will be allocated for review. **The completion of the course requires 8 weeks of committed study, with an average study-time of 8 hours per week.**

The course will be given through UNITAR's virtual platform. The learning activities are based on sound adult learning pedagogical principles. They include, among others, self-assessment activities, peer-to-peer review, case studies, discussion forums, etc.

In order to assure interactive exchange as well as provide participants with personalized learning assistance the number of participants per moderator will not exceed 45.

Target Audience

The course is addressed to stakeholders involved in environmental issues. Specifically, the course targets:

- Government officials from ministries of environment and related ministries such as agriculture, forest, water, tourism, foreign affairs;
- International civil servants and NGO representatives working in the field of environmental law, environmental management, international relations, international politics and other areas relating to sustainable development;
- Judges, prosecutors and lawyers dealing with environmental issues;
- Academics, private sector professionals and graduate students who would like to specialize in international environmental law.

Course Fees and Registration

A fee is charged for taking the e-Learning Introductory Course in IEL. Reduced fees are available for participants from least developed countries, developing countries and countries with economies in transition. **Thus, course fees range from USD 300 to USD 800.**

Participants are required to follow the Course in its totality and there is no possibility to apply only for some selected modules. Please consult the following link:

<http://www.unitar.org/ilp/course-fees> in order to know the exact amount for fees per country.

Interested individuals can register online at:

<http://www.unitar.org/ilp/2010-e-learning-introductory-course-international-environmental-law>

The deadline for registration is 22 August 2010.

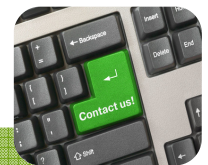
Final Certificate

Participants who successfully complete the four modules of the e-Learning Introductory Course in International Environmental Law will receive a Certificate of Completion issued by UNITAR.

Contact

For more detailed information about the course, please visit the International Law Programme's website at <http://www.unitar.org/ilp/> or contact:

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