

University of Eastern Finland -
United Nations Environment Programme

Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements



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University of Eastern Finland – UN Environment Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements

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 near Geneva, at the Château des Comtes de Challes, in Chambéry, France from 9 to 19 October 2017.

Held since 2004, the UEF–UNEP course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) seeks to transfer past experience to current and future negotiators. The course also provides a forum to foster North-South cooperation and to take stock of developments related to MEA negotiations and implementation.

COURSE PROGRAMME

The 2017 course focuses on the **Trade and Environment**.

Lectures will be given by experienced hands-on diplomats, government officials, international civil servants and members of academia.

Confirmed speakers include **Prof Joost Pauwelyn** (Graduate Institute, Geneva), **Aik Hoe Lim** (WTO), **Aaron Cosby** (IISD), **Jamil Ahmad** (UN), **Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti** (BRS Secretariat), **Gilbert Bankobeza** (Ozone Secretariat), **Sofie Flensburg** (CITES Secretariat), **Elizabeth Mrema**, **Anja Von Moltke** and **Sylvia Bankobeza** (UN Environment), **Prof. Kati Kulovesi**, **Prof Harro van Asselt** and **Dr Sabaa Ahmad Khan** (UEF).

The course will cover a **broad range of topics related to Trade and Environment**, including developments in the WTO on the environment, trade measures in specific MEAs, the role of regional and plurilateral trade agreements. The course will also cover general issues relating to international environmental law-making and diplomacy.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS

The course is intended for experienced government officials engaged in international environmental negotiations. Other stakeholders, such as representatives of the academia, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, are also eligible to apply.

The **deadline for applications has been extended to 28 August 2017**. An online application form and further information are available at: <http://www.uef.fi/en/unep/application>

Approximately 30 participants will be admitted, with due consideration to a balanced geographical and gender distribution of participants. Participants having successfully completed the course will be awarded a diploma.

COURSE FEE AND FELLOWSHIPS

The course fee is €1000. Participants are expected to cover their travel, accommodation and other expenses. Candidates from developing countries and countries with economies in transition may apply for a **full or partial fellowship**. Participants with a full or partial fellowship are still expected to cover minor expenses by themselves that arise from e.g. meals outside the course programme

Funding for the course is provided by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finnish Ministry of the Environment and UN Environment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Course website:

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