

# COURSE ON MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

University of Eastern Finland - United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)



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

Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Course, 14-24 October 2019, Siena, Italy

The University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), in collaboration with the University of Siena, are jointly organising a high-profile two-week Course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy. The course will take place from 14 to 24 October 2019 at the University of Siena, Italy. The course is organised 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 sixteenth 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 "Emerging Issues in International Environmental Law". Under that theme, a broad range of subjects will be addressed, such as marine plastics pollution, the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, short-lived climate pollutants, geoengineering, and planetary boundaries. The course will also address emerging legal responses to perceived gaps in international environmental law. 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.

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 2019. The application deadline is Friday, **21 June 2019**. Participants are expected to pay their travel and other expenses and a tuition fee of €1000. 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:  
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