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# ACADEMY OF JUSTICE COURSE (TRAINING) PROGRAM A-008-15

# TRAINING TITLE Actual Problems of Environmental Law

Training program	Judges
Specialization	Administrative Law and Procedure
Lecturer	A.Iskoyan
Duration	1 week
Academic Hours	10

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

## SUMMARY OF THE TRAINING

The training is aimed at providing to the participants with knowledge about the current trends of development of environmental legislation, the problems of legal regulation within the main institutions in the national legislation and possible legal solutions.

#### FINAL OUTPUTS OF THE TRAINING

At the end of the training the participants will have knowledge on the legal regulation of the main institutions of environmental law, their correlation as well as knowledge on the implementation of UNECE Convention "On Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters".

## TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The training is conducted via lectures, presentations, discussions of case studies and other tasks.

## **COURSE STRUCTURE**

# LESSON 1

(2 hours)

#### Content

Theme 1. Formation and Development of Environmental Law

Theme 2. Sources of Environmental Law and their peculiarities

**Issues to be discussed.** (Environmental law as a separate branch of law, science, legislation, notion and the system of environmental legislation of RA).

Presentation, Discussion, Tasks

#### LESSON 2

(2 hours)

#### Content

Theme 1. Legal Basis of the State Governance of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

Theme 2. Property Rights to the Natural Resources. Right to Use Natural Resources

**Issues to be discussed:** (peculiarities to the property rights to the natural resources, bases for formation and seizure of property rights, peculiarities of the measures of protection of the property rights, the types and the principles of nature utilization right):

Presentation, Discussion, Tasks

#### LESSON 3

(2 hours)

#### Content

Theme 1. Legal liability for infringements of environmental legislation

Teme 2. International Environmental Agreements of RA in the context of development and implementation of the national environmental legislation

**Issues to be discussed:** (the structure of environmental infringements and the problems of legal regulation, the problems of reimbursement of damages to the life and health of the people, strict liability for environmental damages, problems of the efficiency of legal liability, international environmental agreements and the scope of obligations of RA).

### Presentation, Discussion, Tasks

## **LESSON 4**

(2 hours)

#### Content

Theme 1. UNECE Convention "On Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters" in the system of international environmental agreements ratified by RA

Theme 2. The structure of the Aarhus Convention

**Issues to be discussed** (Main priniples of the Aarhus Convention, Convention Bodies and their Functions, Access to Environmental information, Public participation in Decision making, Access to Justice).

#### Presentation, Discussion, Tasks

#### **LESSON 5**

(2 hours)

#### Content

Theme 1. Problems of Access to Justice in Environmental matters in the light of the Aarhus Convention and national legislation

Theme 2. Documents adopted by the MoP and the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention

**Issues to be discussed:** (Legal standing of NGOs, legal and financial barriers, legal nature of the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee).

#### **Presentation, Discussion, Tasks**