

University of Eastern Finland -
United Nations Environment Programme

Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements



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Thirteenth Course, 21 November to 1 December 2016, Joensuu, Finland

The University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are jointly organizing a high profile two-week Course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy at the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland from 21 November to 1 December 2016. The Course transfers 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. In addition, the Course provides a forum to foster North-South co-operation and to take stock of recent developments in negotiations as well as in implementation of MEAs and diplomatic practices in the international environmental arena.

This is the thirteenth year in which the Course will be held and, as in previous years, the lectures will be given by experienced hands-on diplomats, government officials, international civil servants and members of academia. The course is organized in collaboration with the Government of Finland.

The special theme of the Thirteenth Course is "Effectiveness of Multilateral Environmental Agreements". Under that theme, a broad range of subjects will be addressed including national implementation, reporting, compliance and enforcement, and other topics. 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 2016 Course's thematic focus

is effectiveness of multilateral environmental agreements, 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 having successfully completed the Course will be awarded a Diploma.

Draft Programme can be found on the Course website by June/July 2016. The application deadline is **14 August 2016**. 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**. However, 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.

Further information

Course website:

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

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