



Human Rights and Environmental Protection for Sustainable Development

Online Course
13 June - 4 July 2016 | 500 USD
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Background

The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represents an unprecedented moment in human history for global governance and the protection of human rights (individuals) and our planet (the environment). Both humans and the environment are the center of the post-2015 development agenda. Climate change and unsustainable practices are among the greatest challenges of our time, and its adverse impacts undermine countries' ability to achieve the SDGs and to fully realize and protect human rights worldwide. Policy-makers, experts and advocates are being faced with the challenge of developing and implementing effective solutions to counteract climate change, unsustainable practices and protect the environment under a human rights approach.

Overall Goal

In partnership with UNDP, UNEP and the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, this course aims to empower policy makers, experts and advocates with the tools needed to develop and implement innovative public policies and laws for the protection of the environment and human rights, specifically targeting the relevant SDGs, thus contributing to their achievement.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Explain the basic concepts of human rights, environmental protection and sustainable development.
- Identify the Sustainable Development Goals and targets that concern the environment.
- Explain the relationship between human rights and environmental protection.
- Distinguish and apply the international human rights norms relating to the protection of the environment.
- Review how international norms for the protection of the environment under a human rights approach translate into national action.
- Analyze and compare good examples of national law and public policies related to the protection of the environment under a human rights approach.
- Present a case example of a good national public policy for the protection of the environment under a human rights approach.

Content and Structure

The course is divided into three modules. Each module is one week long.

Module 1 - Introduction to Human Rights and the Environment.

Module 2 - Human Rights Norms relating to the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Module 3 - Implementation of a Human Rights Approach to Environmental Protection.

The course consists of about 30 learning hours. On average you need to commit around 10 hours per week. The learning path has a degree of flexibility, while respecting specific deadlines to submit assessments and collaborative activities.

Methodology

The course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Contents and activities are practice-oriented, so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and report writing. Group activities encourage collaboration and critical thinking. Participants will engage in peer-reviews and guided discussion forums. This experience will be supported by an expert facilitator and the UNITAR team, as well as available additional resources.

Targeted Audience

This course is designed for government officials from ministries of the environment, energy, development, water, foreign affairs and other related areas. It also targets international civil servants, NGO representatives, academics, private sector professionals and graduates working in the fields of environmental law/management, international relations/politics and sustainable development.

Certificates/Registration

Participants who successfully achieve a passing minimum grade of 60/100 points will receive a Certificate of Completion jointly issued by UNITAR, UNDP and UNEP.

Fee: 500 USD (bank transfer or credit card)

Registration deadline: 6 June 2016

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