



**University of Eastern Finland –  
 United Nations Environment Programme  
 18<sup>th</sup> Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements:  
 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MEA Course: Taking Stock of Multilateral  
 Environmental Agreements and the Way Forward**

**Monday, 27 May 2024**

Time	<b>Venue: Engel-Sali, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Merikasarminkatu 5</b>
8:30-9:00	<i>Group walking and tram from Hotel Arthur to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (25 minutes)</i>
9:00-9:30	<i>Registration</i>
9:30-10:15	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks:</b></p> <p><b>Kerstin Stendahl</b>, Special Envoy on Climate and Environment, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.</p> <p><b>Charlotta von Troil</b>, Senior Ministerial Advisor, Finnish Ministry of the Environment. UEF-UNEP MEA Course 2016 Alumna.</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Mrema</b>, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. Deputy Executive Director of UNEP (recorded).</p> <p><b>Kati Kulovesi</b>, Professor of International Law and Co-Director, Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), UEF Law School.</p>
10:15-11:00 #1 Keynote	<p><i>The International Environmental Governance Landscape: assessment of over 50 years of MEA developments since Stockholm</i></p> <p><b>Maria Ivanova</b>, Professor, Northeastern University</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:30-12:15 #2	<i>Strengthening cooperation and synergies in addressing the three planetary crises of climate change, nature loss and pollution: The role of UNEA and UNEP in supporting Member States in effective implementation of MEAs</i>

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Keynote	<b>Tita Korvenoja</b> , Chief of Branch, Law Division, UNEP.
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
13:15-14:30 #3 Keynote	<i>The Convention on Biological Diversity as the Legal Basis for System Thinking across MEAs</i> <b>Elisa Morgera</b> , UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change. Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde. Adjunct Professor, CCEEL, UEF.
14:30-15:00	<i>Coffee</i>
15:00-15:15	Group photo
15:15-17:15 #4 Introduction session	<i>Introduction to the course, course resource persons and course participants</i>
17:30-19:00	<i>Welcome reception hosted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.</i> <i>Welcoming remarks by Juha Savolainen, Deputy Director General of the Department for Development Policy.</i>

**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

	<b>Venue: Room 3032, University of Helsinki, Main Building, Fabianinkatu 33</b> <b>Theme: MEAs and the global environmental agenda</b>
9:15-9:30	<i>Group pick-up and walk to university (5-10 minutes)</i>
9:30-11:00 #5 Lecture	<i>Scaling Impact: Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements in Small States</i> <b>Maria Ivanova</b> , Professor, Northeastern University

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11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:30-13:00 #6 Panel discussion	<p><i>Science policy interface and global environmental governance: Lessons learned from climate change, biodiversity and oceans</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Kati Kulovesi</b>, Professor of International Law and Co-Director, CCEEL, UEF Law School Member, Finnish Climate Change Panel.</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <p><b>Yulia Yamineva</b>, Associate Professor of Climate Change Law and Policy, CCEEL, UEF Law School.</p> <p><b>Kerstin Stendahl</b>, Climate and Environment Envoy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Former Deputy Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.</p> <p><b>Elisa Morgera</b>, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change and Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde. Adjunct Professor, CCEEL, UEF. Director, One Ocean Hub.</p>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30 #7 Panel discussion	<p><i>Panel discussion: The 2030 Agenda, the Global Biodiversity Framework and the Global Framework on Chemicals</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Elisa Morgera</b>, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change and Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde. Adjunct Professor, CCEEL, UEF. Director, One Ocean Hub.</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <p><b>Tita Korvenoja</b>, Chief of Branch, Law Division, UNEP.</p> <p><b>Annika Lindblom</b>, Director for International and EU Affairs, Ministry of the Environment of Finland.</p> <p><b>Linda Kosgei</b>, Head, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Department, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry of Kenya.</p>
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee</i>
15:45-17.00 #8	<i>Introduction to multilateral environmental agreements as legal instruments in strengthening international environmental governance</i>

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Lecture	<b>Sylvia Bankobeza</b> , Legal Officer, Law Division, UNEP.
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## Wednesday, 29 May 2024

	<b>Venue: Room U4075, University of Helsinki, Fabianinkatu 33, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor</b> <b>Day's focus: 20th anniversary of the Course in building capacities for MEA negotiators</b>
9:30-11:00 #9 Lecture	<i>The UEF/UNEP Course: 20 years providing capacity building for MEA negotiators</i> Chair: <b>Seita Vesa</b> , Professor of Environmental Law, CCEEL, UEF Law School. Dr <b>Tuomas Kuokkanen</b> , Justice, Supreme Administrative Court of Finland. Co-leader of the UEF-UNEP course between 2004 and 2014. <b>Reflections:</b> <b>Sylvia Bankobeza</b> , Legal Officer, UNEP. <b>Seita Vesa</b> , Professor of Environmental Law, CCEEL, UEF Law School.
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:30-13:00 #10 Lecture	<i>MEA negotiations and the ocean: BBNJ Agreement: New depths of international cooperation on ocean science and management, through benefit-sharing and capacity building</i> <b>Elisa Morgera</b> , UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change and Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde and Adjunct Professor, CCEEL, UEF.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

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14:00-15:30 #11 Lecture	<i>Introduction to Negotiations</i> <b>Sylvia Bankobeza</b> , Legal Officer, UNEP.
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee</i>
15:45-17:15 # 12 Panel discussion	<p><i>MEA negotiators and their role in providing solutions for the challenges in the global environmental agenda at large. How to promote whole of society and whole of government approaches as part of negotiations? How to reflect gender and diversity perspectives?</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Yulia Yamineva</b>, Associate Professor, Climate Change Law and Policy, CCEEL, UEF Law School</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <p><b>Elo Vanhanen</b>, Youth Representative, The Finnish National Youth Council Alliance</p> <p><b>Kerstin Stendahl</b>, Climate and Environment Envoy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, confirmed</p> <p><b>Fathmath Usra</b>, International Relations Officer, Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Maldives.</p> <p><b>Niila-Juhán Valkeapää</b>, Sámi Youth Organization in Finland</p>

**Thursday, 30 May 2024**

	<p><b>Venue: Dagmar Sali, Bastion Bistro, Suomenlinna Island, Helsinki</b></p> <p><b>Day's focus: International negotiations, insights from different MEAs .</b></p>
8:20-9:30	<p><i>Group pick-up from Hotel Arthur to walk to Suomenlinna ferry terminal (15-20 minutes), ferry to Suomenlinna Island (15 minutes), walking from harbour to Dagmar Sali (450m/7 minutes)</i></p> <p><u>Ferry departure times:</u> 9:20 arriving at 9:35 9:50 arriving at 10:05</p>
9:45-11:00 #13	<i>MEA Negotiations and Chemicals</i>

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Lecture	<b>Juliette Voinov Kohler</b> , Senior Legal Officer and OiC Governance Branch, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, UNEP.
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:30-13:00	<i>MEA Negotiations and Chemicals</i>
#14 Lecture	<b>Juliette Voinov Kohler</b> , Senior Legal Officer and OiC Governance Branch, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, UNEP.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	<i>Group work</i>
#15 Group work	Lead by <b>María Eugenia Recio</b> , Postdoctoral Researcher, CCEEL, UEF Law School and <b>Seita Vesa</b> , Professor of Environmental Law, CCEEL, UEF Law School.
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee</i>
15:45-17:00	<i>Update on international biodiversity negotiations beyond the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and negotiating tips</i>
#16 Lecture	<b>Marina von Weissenberg</b> , Senior Ministerial Adviser, CBD Chief negotiator for Finland Ministry of the Environment of Finland.
17:10-19:00	<i>Tour of Suomenlinna Island and return to Helsinki city center</i>

**Friday, 31 May 2024**

	<b>Venue: Ministry of Environment, Aleksanterinkatu 7, Pankkisali</b> <b>Day's focus: International negotiations, insights from different MEAs</b>
9:00	<i>Group pick-up from Hotel Arthur (10-minute walk)</i>

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9:30-11:00 #17	<p><i>Towards an international instrument on plastics pollution</i></p> <p><b>Juliette Voinov Kohler</b>, Senior Legal Officer and OiC Governance Branch, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, UNEP.</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:30-13:00 #18	<p><i>From policymaking to implementation, insights from resource mobilization negotiations for the GBF</i></p> <p><b>Patrick Luna</b>, First-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil. UEF-UNEP MEA Course 2019 Alumnus.</p>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-16:30 #19	<p><i>UN climate negotiations and implementation of the Paris Agreement after the first global stocktake</i></p> <p><b>Ismo Ulvila</b>, Spokesperson, European Commission representation in Finland. Former Chair of the Standing Committee on Climate Finance.</p> <p><b>Kati Kulovesi</b>, Professor of International Law and Co-Director, Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), UEF Law School.</p> <p><b>Patrick Luna</b>, First-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil. UEF-UNEP MEA Course 2019 Alumnus.</p>
18:00-20:30	<i>Dinner at Ravintola Sunn, Aleksanterinkatu 26, 2nd floor</i>

**Saturday, 1 June 2024**

	<p><b>Venue:</b> Room: <i>Mäki</i>, <b>Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19</b></p> <p><b>Day's focus:</b> <b>Introduction to negotiations exercise</b></p>
10:00-11:30 #20	<p><i>Introduction to the negotiating exercise</i></p> <p><b>Tuula Honkonen</b>, Senior Lecturer in International Environmental Law, CCEEL, UEF Law School</p> <p><b>María Eugenia Recio</b>, Postdoctoral Researcher, CCEEL, UEF Law School</p>

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11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-14:00 #21	<i>How to best prepare for international environmental negotiations?</i> <b>Patrick Luna</b> , First-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil. UEF-UNEP MEA Course 2019 Alumnus.
14:00-17:00	<i>Excursion: Helsinki walking tour</i>

**Sunday, 2 June 2024 – No Programme**

**Monday, 3 June 2024**

	<b>Venue: Room: Mäki, Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19</b>
9:00-11:00 #22 Lecture	<i>Negotiating Skills: Understanding and adapting to the different phases and types of negotiations</i> <b>Pamela Chasek</b> , Professor, Manhattan College. Editor, The Earth Negotiations Bulletin, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:30-13:00 #23 Lecture	<i>Negotiating Skills: Drafting Treaties, Resolutions, and Declarations.</i> <b>Pamela Chasek</b> , Professor, Manhattan College. Editor, The Earth Negotiations Bulletin, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:15 #24 Lecture	<i>Negotiating Skills: Online negotiations.</i> <b>Pamela Chasek</b> , Professor, Manhattan College. Editor, The Earth Negotiations Bulletin, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).



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15:15-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00	Circular Economy
#25 Lecture	<b>Harri Kalimo</b> , Professor, Brussels School of Governance and University of Eastern Finland.

## Tuesday, 4 June 2024

	<b>Venue: Rooms: Aurola, Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19</b> Group work rooms: <i>Topelius, Johtokunta, Aurola</i>
9:30-11:00	<b>Negotiating Simulation: Opening plenary</b>
11:00-11:30	Coffee
11:30-12:30	<b>Negotiation Simulation</b>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<b>Negotiation Simulation</b>
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00	<b>Negotiation Simulation</b>

## Wednesday, 5 June 2024

	<b>Venue: Room: Mäki, Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19</b> Group work rooms: <i>Topelius, Johtokunta, Aurola</i>
9:00-11:00	<b>Negotiation Simulation</b>

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11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee</i>
11:15-12:45	<b>Negotiation Simulation</b>
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
13:45-14:45	<b>Negotiation Simulation: Closing plenary</b>
14:45-15:00	<i>Coffee</i>
15:00-16:40	<b>Negotiation Simulation: Feedback session</b>
16:40-17:00	<b>Course evaluation form</b>
19:00-21:00	<i>Farewell dinner at Lappi, Annankatu 22</i>

## Thursday, 6 June 2024

	<b>Venue: Room: <i>Mäki</i>, Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19</b>
10:00-11:30	<b>Course Feedback and Evaluation</b>
11:30-12:00	<b>Issuance of Course Certificates and Graduation</b>  Laura Niskanen, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of the Environment. UEF-UNEP MEA Course 2016 Alumna.
12:00-13:00	<i>Farewell Lunch at Hotel Arthur</i>