COURSE ON MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

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







University of Eastern Finland – United Nations Environment Programme 19th Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements: One Atmosphere – Climate change, air pollution and ozone depletion

24 March –2 April 2025 Bangkok, Thailand

Preliminary Agenda:

Kindly note that this is a preliminary agenda and has been last updated on **6 March 2025**. This agenda is subject to minor changes. A final version of this agenda will be provided before the course begins.

Monday, 24 March 2025

Time	
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8:30-9:00	Group guidance to venue
9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:20	Welcoming Remarks: Yulia Yamineva, Associate Professor, UEF Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL) Dechen Tsering, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific H.E. Kristiina Kuvaja, Ambassador of the Embassy of Finland in Bangkok
10:20-10:30	Group photo
10:30-11:00	Coffee







11:00-11:45 Keynote	Strengthening cooperation and synergies across MEAs to address the three planetary environmental crises Andrea Rizzo, Programme Management Officer, UNEP Law Division
11:45-12:30 Keynote	Introduction to international environmental governance and environmental rule of law Georgina Lloyd, Regional Coordinator on Environmental Law and Governance, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00 Lecture and discussion	The ozone regime: A blueprint for success in global environmental governance Maria Socorro Manguiat, Deputy Executive Secretary, Ozone Secretariat
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00 Introduction session	Introduction to the course, course resource persons and course participants Led by Annalisa Savaresi, Yulia Yamineva, Bradlie Martz-Sigala, UEF
17:00-20:00	Welcome dinner

Tuesday, 25 March 2025

Time	
9:00-10:30 Lecture and discussion	The UN climate regime and its role in protecting the atmosphere Harro van Asselt, Professor of Climate Law, University of Cambridge, and Professor (part-time), UEF CCEEL
10:30-11:00	Coffee







11:00-11:45 Lecture and discussion	Mitigation in UN climate negotiations and its linkages with other atmospheric MEAs Luisa Rodriguez, Legal Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat
11:45-12.30 Lecture and discussion	Montreal Protocol's contribution to climate change mitigation efforts Maria Socorro Manguiat, Ozone Secretariat
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00 Panel discussion	Transparency and MRV under atmospheric MEAs Chair: Annalisa Savaresi, UEF Panellists: Harro van Asselt, University of Cambridge and UEF CCEEL Luisa Rodriguez, UNFCCC Secretariat Maria Socorro Manguiat, Ozone Secretariat
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17.00 Lecture and discussion	Phasing out fossil fuels under international law for climate, environmental and human health cobenefits Harro van Asselt, University of Cambridge

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

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9:00-10:30 Lecture and discussion	Linkages between the ozone regime and MEAs on chemicals Maria Socorro Manguiat, Ozone Secretariat
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:30 Panel discussion	Financial support under atmospheric MEAs Chair: Harro van Asselt, University of Cambridge and UEF CCEEL Panellists: Maria Socorro Manguiat, Ozone Secretariat Yulia Yamineva, UEF CCEEL Achala Abeysinghe, Director, Department of Investment Services, Green Climate Fund (TBC) Dastan Abdyldaev, Council on Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Parliament (Jogorku Kenesh) of Kyrgyzstan
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00 Panel discussion	Chair: Annalisa Savaresi, UEF CCEEL Panellists: Maria Socorro Manguiat, Ozone Secretariat Luisa Rodriguez, UNFCCC Secretariat Miriam Koester, Associate Expert, Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP), UN Economic Commission for Europe
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00 Panel discussion	Panel discussion: Synergies and coherence among atmospheric MEAs at international and national levels







Chair: Georgina Lloyd, UNEP Bangkok
Panelists:
Maria Socorro Manguiat, Ozone Secretariat
Andrea Rizzo, UNEP
Yulia Yamineva, UEF CCEEL
Teshia JnBaptiste, Carribean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)

Thursday, 27 March 2025

Time	
9:00-10:30 Lecture and discussion	CLRTAP regime as a model for regional cooperation on air pollution. Synergies with climate issues Miriam Koester, CLRTAP
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:00 Lecture and discussion	Air quality management in the multilateral sphere: bridging national ambitions and global cooperation Matthew Hengesbaugh, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
12:00-12:30 Lecture	Designing national legal frameworks for ambient air quality Valentina Ricca, Associate Legal Officer, UNEP Law Division
12:30-13:30	Lunch







13:30-15:00 Lecture and discussion	The nexus of climate, air quality and human health in Asia Mushtaq Memon, Regional Coordinator for Chemicals and Pollution Action, UNEP Bangkok
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00 Panel discussion	International litigation on atmospheric issues and interactions with negotiations Chair: Annalisa Savaresi, UEF
	Panelists:
	Annalisa Savaresi, UEF
	Harro van Asselt, University of Cambridge and UEF
	Jacques Hartmann, Professor of International Law, University of Dundee
	Valentina Ricca, UNEP Law Division
17:00-18:00	Group travel to reception
18:00-20:30	Reception at the Residence of the Finnish Ambassador to Thailand

Friday, 28 March 2025

Time	
9:00-10:30 Lecture and discussion	Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs): Science, impacts and regulation at the international level Nathan Borgford-Parnell, Climate and Clean Air Coalition
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:30 Panel discussion	International cooperation on SLCP mitigation to achieve co-benefits for the atmosphere Chair: Annalisa Savaresi, UEF CCEEL







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	Miriam Koester, CLRTAP
	Matthew Hengesbaugh, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
	Yulia Yamineva, UEF CCEEL
	Alpha Ibrahima Bah, Guinea's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Rights-based approaches across atmospheric MEAs
Group work	Led by Annalisa Savaresi , UEF

Saturday, 29 March 2025

Time	
9:30-11:00 Lecture	Introduction to the negotiating simulation Tuula Honkonen, Senior Lecturer in International Environmental Law, UEF CCEEL
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30 Lecture	How to best prepare for international environmental negotiations? Georgina Lloyd, UNEP Bangkok
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:00	River Cruise Excursion







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Time		
9:00-10:30	Negotiations skills	
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Exercise	Sue Biniaz, Yale University	
10:30-11:00	Coffee	
11:00-12:30	Negotiations skills	
#23	Sue Biniaz, Yale University	
Lecture / Exercise		
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Negotiations skills	
#24	Sue Biniaz, Yale University	
Lecture / Exercise		
15:00-15:30	Coffee	
15:30-17:00	Self-guided preparation for the negotiation simulation	
Group work		

Tuesday, 1 April 2025

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9:00-10:30	Negotiation Simulation, including Opening plenary
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:30	Negotiation Simulation
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Negotiation Simulation
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-17:00	Negotiation Simulation

Wednesday, 2 April 2025

Time	
9:00-10:30	Negotiation Simulation
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:30	Negotiation Simulation
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Negotiation Simulation, including Closing plenary
15:00-15:30	Coffee
15:30-16:10	Discussion on the Negotiation Simulation
16:10-17:00	Course feedback discussion







19:00-21:00 Farewell dinner and issuance of course certificates