

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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GENEVA AND ONLINE

This training course will explore the major international and regional instruments for the promotion of human rights, as well as with their implementation and enforcement mechanisms; and provide practical insights into the different UN human rights mechanisms pertinent to advancing environmental issues and protecting environmental human rights defenders. It will also address the synergies and tensions between international human rights law and international environmental law, and address the procedural dimension of environmental rights, with specific regard to access to justice and information.



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PROGRAMME

The course will:

- Explore the major international (both universal and regional) instruments for the promotion of human rights, as well as their implementation and enforcement mechanisms
- Provide full knowledge of UN human rights treaty bodies and their role in guaranteeing effective protection of human rights and environmental standards
- Provide practical insight into the different mechanisms of the UN Human Rights Council pertinent to further environmental issues and the protection of defenders
- Explore the major international environmental principles and multilateral environmental agreements, with the relevant compliance mechanisms
- Understand the synergies and tensions between international human rights law and international environmental law
- Address the procedural dimension of environmental rights, with specific regard to access to justice and information
- Identify particularly vulnerable categories of rights holders, such as indigenous people, women and migrants
- Examine the role and responsibilities of businesses vis-à-vis the protection of human rights and the environment
- Assess environmental litigation paths and procedural hurdles before human rights courts.

METHODOLOGY

The training course will be interactive and participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and perspectives on the issues covered. The training sessions will include lectures and discussions with a wide range of experts as well as practical examples and case studies. Sessions will be designed to enhance substantive and practical knowledge exchange with peers and facilitators.

AUDIENCE

This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, development and human rights institutions, UN bodies and other international organizations, as well as representatives of governments and members of academia.

CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete the training course receive a certificate of participation from the Geneva Academy.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

While this training course can also be followed online, we strongly recommend that participants attend the course in Geneva.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEE

Applications must be submitted via the online application form, available on our website.

Attendance in Geneva

The training fee for this five-day programme is **1,530 Swiss Francs** and includes tuition costs, course materials, 5 lunches, and refreshments during coffee breaks.

Discount for Online Attendance*

The training fee for those attending the course online is **1,250 Swiss Francs**.

Discount for PhD and Master Students*

There is a 30 percent discount for PhD and master students.

Deadlines:

- Application end with visa: **10 July 2022**
- Application end (without visa and online): **21 August 2022**