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Certificate of Advanced Studies in
Environmental Diplomacy

July – December 2006

Distance learning July-August / September-December
Intensive course in Geneva 26 August to 10 September

**Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences (SES)
Centre of Human Ecology and Environmental Sciences (CUEH)**

Partnership

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Collaboration

University for Peace
LEAD International

Financial support

The Swiss Confederation
United Nations Environment Programme
The OSCE/UNEP/UNDP Environment and Security Initiative



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Objectives

The Geneva Programme in Environmental Diplomacy will teach the skills necessary to participate in global negotiations in environment, sustainable development and related fields.

It will cover the scientific understanding, political sensitivity and practical negotiating techniques relevant to the development and implementation of legal instruments (conventions, resolutions) and other types of agreements.

The positioning and influence of regional and sub-regional groupings, negotiations and instruments will be given full attention. Environmental concerns and objectives will be dealt with in the broader context of sustainable development with its full range of potentially conflicting sectoral views, and linked to issues such as trade and human rights.

The training will help (future) policy and decision makers to understand the nature of specific environmental concerns as well as their place and weight in multilateral negotiations.

It will enable debate, dialogue and interaction with:

- multi-sectoral environmental programmes, for instance the work-programmes of UNEP, the Economic Commission for Europe and IUCN – the World Conservation Union
- organizations/programmes/events of high relevance for the environmental community, e.g. the UN General Assembly 2nd Committee, Commission on Sustainable Development, the World Trade Organization, and relevant global Conferences or rounds of negotiation
- major projects with potential environmental impacts, for instance large dam projects
- institutional debates on, for instance, UN reform or environmental governance
- post-conflict assessment, pre-conflict early warning and actual emergency operations, for instance coordination of tsunami response, etc.

Audience

The programme is aimed at present or future diplomats, negotiators, policy and decision makers in governments, regional intergovernmental bodies, local authorities, the private sector, NGOs, trade unions and UN bodies, with an initial emphasis on wider Europe, including countries with economies in transition in the Balkans and the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia regions

Direction

Co-directors

The co-directors from the three principal partner organizations share overall responsibility for the programme.

Prof. **Beat BÜRGENMEIER**, Director CUEH, Faculty of SES, University of Geneva

Mr. **Frits SCHLINGEMANN**, UNEP Regional Director for Europe

Prof. **Mary SANCY**, UNITAR

Coordinator

Dr. **Arthur DAHL**, International Environment Forum, Geneva

Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is responsible for the academic content of the course, coherence between the modules, and course evaluations.

Prof. **Rolain BOREL**, University for Peace, Costa Rica

Prof. **Beat BÜRGENMEIER**, Director CUEH, Faculty of SES, University of Geneva

Dr **Arthur DAHL**, International Environment Forum, Geneva

Prof. **Cédric DUPONT**, University Institute for Advanced International Studies (IUHEI), Geneva

Prof. **Tuomas KUOKKANEN**, University of Joensuu, Finland

Prof. **Roderick LAWRENCE**, SES-CUEH, University of Geneva

Ms. **Gillian Martin MEHERS**, LEAD International, Geneva

Mr. **Jeffrey McNEELY**, World Conservation Union, Gland

Mr. **Pierre PORTAS**, Secretariat of the Basel Convention, UNEP, Geneva

Dr **Iwona RUMMEL-BULSKA**, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi

Mr. **Frits SCHLINGEMANN**, United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva

Mr. **Matthew STILWELL**, Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Geneva

Mr. **Michael WILLIAMS**, Information Unit on Conventions, UNEP, Geneva

Contributors

The high-level speakers lecturing during the course are expected to include:

John BUCCINI (Canada, former Chair, Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, Stockholm Convention), **Shafqat KAKAKHEL** (Deputy Executive Director, UNEP), **Augusto LOPEZ-CLAROS** (Chief Economist, World Economic Forum), **Claude MARTIN** (former President, WWF International), **Pekka PATOSAARI** (Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat), **Philippe ROCH** (former Director, Swiss Department of the Environment), **Michael ZAMMIT-CUTAJAR** (former Executive Secretary, UNFCCC) and other leading figures.

Programme

The Environmental Diplomacy course comprises **10 modules** of 2 days each, partly given in an **intensive two-week course** period 26 August-10 September 2006, preceded by a period of distance learning in July-August 2006, and followed by preparation of a **thesis**. The course is presented in English.

Each module includes **18 teaching hours**, case studies and practical exercises, plus **12 hours of individual preparation**. Six hours of instruction for each module will be given by e-learning over the Internet, requiring 60 hours during the period 1 July-25 August to provide the background necessary to profit fully from the intensive course activities, but only participants taking the course for credit towards the Certificate will need to complete the graded exercises. After the course each participant is required to prepare a **thesis** or equivalent practical project before 31 December 2006, involving **60 hours of work**.

Together the **10 modules** form a training programme of **300 hours**, representing **10 ECTS** credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). Each module is graded separately and can be taken separately. Success in the 10 modules and preparation of a **thesis or project worth 2 ECTS** credits earns a University of Geneva Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy. It is possible to take only the two-week intensive course without university credit if space is available.

■ Module 1 Sustainable development: constraints and opportunities in economic, social and environmental diplomacy

Overview of the current debate on sustainable development, its economic, social and environmental dimensions, with emphasis on policy implications, cost-benefit analysis and participatory approaches.

Prof. **Beat BÜRGENMEIER** (University of Geneva)
Ms. **Barbara RUIS** (UNEP)

■ Module 2 Ethics, religion and science in environmental diplomacy

Review of the importance of scientific evidence, ethical principles, cultures, belief systems, values and unconscious assumptions in negotiations.

Dr **Arthur DAHL** (International Environment Forum)

■ Module 3 International environmental policy and law – the interface between policy and law in environmental management

Introduction to the international legal system, principles of international environmental law in selected conventions, and the negotiating process.

Dr **Iwona RUMMEL-BULSKA** (UNEP)
Mrs. **Elizabeth MREMA** (UNEP)

■ Module 4 Environmental governance

An examination of the development and evolution of global environmental governance and the role and performance of international environmental organizations, looking at challenges and possible solutions.

Prof. **Cédric DUPONT** (IUHEI)
Prof. **Maria IVANOVA** (College of William and Mary)

■ Module 5 The science, politics and economics of climate change

Analysis of the scientific assessment and political negotiating processes, the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms, and the coming challenges.

Mr. **Michael WILLIAMS** (UNEP)
Mr. **Aniket GHAI** (UNEP)

■ **Module 6 Role and place of biodiversity in sustainable development**

Review of the contributions of biodiversity to human welfare, relevant international agreements, the challenges facing biodiversity and steps being taken to integrate biodiversity into sustainable development.

Mr. **Jeffrey McNEELY** (World Conservation Union)

Ms. **Ivonne HIGUERO** (UNEP)

■ **Module 7 Trade and the environment**

Consideration of political, legal and economic issues around trade and environment, the role of the World Trade Organization, concerns of civil society and developing countries, and issues of international economic law and governance.

Mr. **Matthew STILWELL** (Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development)

■ **Module 8 Human health, environmental protection and the chemical-waste nexus**

Introduction to the threats of chemical and waste poisoning, analysis of trends and opportunities for improvement, and the political, technical, legal and institutional dimensions of the international effort to protect human health and the environment.

Mr. **Pierre PORTAS** (Secretariat of the Basel Convention)

Dr **Iwona RUMMEL-BULSKA** (UNEP)

■ **Module 9 Forests and the environment**

Focus on forest issues in environmental diplomacy, recent developments in forest negotiations, and the need for innovative solutions.

Prof. **Tuomas KUOKKANEN** (University of Joensuu)

■ **Module 10 Environment and security**

Analysis of the relationship between environmental security and peace, the security implications of environmental changes, environmental stress and conflict, and the need for micro- and meso-diplomacy in areas such as Central Asia and international river basins.

Prof. **Rolain BOREL** (University for Peace)

Ms. **Marika PALOSAARI** (UNEP)

■ **Thesis/Project**

A thesis or project requiring **60 hours** of work should be completed by **31 December 2006** to earn the certificate. The thesis, supervised by one of the members of the Scientific Committee, can be a practical project in the professional environment of the participant.

Practical Information

Diploma awarded

The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy awarded by the University of Geneva – Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences is obtained after successfully completing a full series of 10 modules and writing a thesis, representing 12 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).

Admission requirements

A recognized university degree in an environmental, legal, social or economic field or equivalent experience, and fluency in English. Applications for admission will be reviewed by the scientific committee. Priority will be given to candidates for the full programme. The number of participants is limited to 30. Candidates will be informed by letter accordingly.

Finance

- 5'800.- CHF tuition for the full programme.
- 950.- CHF per module without accommodation.
- 1'800.- CHF for accommodation

Participants from central and eastern Europe and developing countries who need limited financial assistance should so indicate in their application.

Dates and times

The course will be offered intensively in a two-week residential session from 26 August to 10 September 2006, preceded by a distance learning component starting 1 July 2006, with some exercises that may continue by distance learning after the course. The thesis or project should be completed by 31 December 2006.

Location

Château de Bossey, Celigny, near Geneva – Switzerland

Inscription and course information

The application form and questionnaire, accompanied by a curriculum vitae, copies of diplomas and a letter of interest, should be sent before **31 May 2006** to:

Ms. Céline GERMOND-DURET

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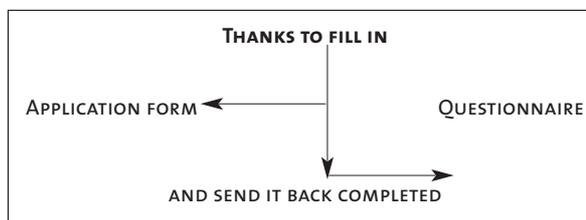
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Application form to return before 31 May 2006 to:

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 CUEH – University of Geneva – 1211 Geneva 4
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 E-mail: celine.duret@cueh.unige.ch



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I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR:

The full course for the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy (10 modules including e-learning and thesis) and agree to pay the tuition of CHF 5,800.- upon receipt of acceptance and the accommodation charge of CHF 1,800.- to the Château de Bossey upon arrival.

Only the intensive residential course without university credit, and agree to pay the tution of CHF 5,800.- upon receipt of acceptance and the accommodation charge of CHF 1,800.- to the Château de Bossey upon arrival

CANCELLATION FEE

Any withdrawal before the beginning of the full course on 1st July, or the residential course on 26 August, incurs a CHF 100.- cancellation charge. On the first day of the course, the full fee is due.

Please complete the application form and the supplementary questionnaire (*over*) and submit them together with your curriculum vitae, copies of diplomas and a letter of interest as a complete package.

Date:Signature:



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Supplementary Questionnaire

EDUCATION

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Highest degree earned

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CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- several times a year once a year rarely none

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Present position

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Function

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Previous positions

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EXPERIENCE

Diplomatic experience

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Environmental experience

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Other relevant experience

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HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS COURSE?

- Brochure sent to my place of work
 Official continuing education program of French speaking Swiss universities
 Print media (indicate journal or paper)
 Internet www.unige.ch/formcont, www.unige.ch/eti/ or www.unep.ch
 Personal recommendation
 Brochure sent to my home address
 Other:

Please complete the application form (*over*) and this supplementary questionnaire and submit them together with your curriculum vitae, copies of diplomas and a letter of interest as a complete package.