



REGIONAL COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW



**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2 to 27 February 2015**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law are conducted under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, which was established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to contribute towards a better knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States. The Regional Courses were most recently mandated under General Assembly resolution 68/110 of 16 December 2013. They are organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

The Regional Course for Africa is organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of Ethiopia, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union.

OBJECTIVES

The Regional Courses provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners from different regions and legal systems on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. In addition, the interactive nature of the training allows the participants to share experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on legal matters in the region.

The Regional Courses are intended to enable qualified professionals, in particular government officials and teachers of international law from developing countries and countries with emerging economies, to deepen their knowledge of international law, and of the legal work of the United Nations and its associated bodies.

COURSE CONTENT

The Regional Courses consist of seminars given by eminent scholars and practitioners in international law from different regions and legal systems. The curriculum may include seminars on the following subjects:

Introduction to international law, treaty law, State responsibility, international peace and security, peaceful settlement of international disputes, diplomatic and consular law, international organizations, international human rights law, movements of persons, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international environmental law, law of the sea, international trade law and international investment law.

METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL

The Regional Courses are conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow a maximum exchange of views. A comprehensive set of training materials is provided for each participant at the beginning of the Regional Course. Certificates are awarded to those participants who have completed the Regional Course in its entirety.

PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

To qualify for the Regional Courses, candidates should be between 24 and 45 years of age at the beginning of the Regional Course. They must have a legal background with professional experience in the field of international law. The selected participants are required to submit a medical certificate of good health and to certify that they are able to attend the entire course period. The Regional Courses accommodate up to 30 participants.

This Regional Course is open to candidates from Member States from the African Regional Group.

SELECTION PROCESS

When selecting participants for the Regional Courses, due consideration is given to the candidates' qualifications, to the scope of their professional duties, to the relevance of the training to their professional duties and gender balance of the fellowships. Applications from female candidates are strongly encouraged. Due consideration is also given to those candidates who are already present in the host city of the Regional Course.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Regional Course for Africa will be held at the facilities of the ECA, in Addis Ababa, from 2 to 27 February 2015. It will be conducted in English. Fluency in spoken and written English is required. Applicants whose mother tongue or language of instruction is not English are required to submit proof of their language abilities. Applications without a valid language certification are not considered.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION

The fellowships cover the fellowship recipient's travel, accommodation, meals, medical insurance, participation in the Regional Course and the training materials. In accordance with the policies and procedures governing the administration of United Nations fellowships, participants will also receive a stipend to cover other living expenses.

Qualified candidates may also apply for self-funded positions. Self-funded participants bear all costs associated with their participation (travel, accommodation and living expenses). Training materials and lunches during the weekdays are provided to all participants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, 24 October 2014

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information and application forms are available at <http://www.un.org/law/rcil/>.