



## **The Hague, the Netherlands**

**22 June to 31 July 2015**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme is conducted under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965. The Fellowship Programme is organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Fellowship Programme provides high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners from different regions and legal systems on a broad range of core subjects of international law. In addition, the interactive nature of the training allows the participants to share experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on contemporary issues of international law.

The Fellowship Programme is 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 Fellowship Programme consisted of participation in lectures and seminars in international law organized by the Codification Division as well as in the public international law session at The Hague Academy of International Law.

The lectures and seminars for the 2015 Fellowship Programme organized by the Codification Division included (in chronological order): “The legacy of the United Nations II World Conference on Human Rights (1993-2015)” (A. A. Cançado Trindade, Judge, International Court of Justice, former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights); “Introduction to international law” (G. Nolte, Professor, Humboldt University, Member of the International Law Commission); “International human rights law” (Sir N. Rodley, Professor, University of Essex, Chair of the Human Rights Committee); “United Nations institutions and law making” (H. Dreifeldt Lainé, Legal Officer, Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs); “Peaceful settlement of international disputes” and “The work of the International Law Commission” (L. Caflisch, Honorary Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Member of the International Law Commission); “International

peace and security” (Sir. M. Wood, Senior Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre, University of Cambridge, Member of the International Law Commission); “Law of treaties” and “State responsibility” (P. Bodeau-Livinec, Professor, Université Paris 8 – Vincennes-Saint-Denis); “Moot court exercise” (J. Donoghue, Judge, International Court of Justice); “Law of the sea” (M. Telalian, Legal Adviser, Head of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece); “International environmental law” and “International organizations” (L. Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, Université de Genève); “International humanitarian law and “International criminal law” (K. Riordan, Deputy Chief Judge of the Court Martial and Deputy Judge Advocate General, Lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington); “International trade law” and “International investment law” (M. M. Mbengue, Professor, Université de Genève); and “Community interests in international law” (D. Stewart, Legal Officer, Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs).

Study visits were arranged to the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

## **METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL**

The Fellowship Programme was conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow a maximum exchange of views. A comprehensive set of training materials was provided for each participant at the beginning of the Fellowship Programme. Certificates were awarded only to those participants who had completed the Fellowship Programme in its entirety.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Candidates for the Fellowship Programme were between 24 and 45 years of age at the beginning of the Fellowship Programme. They were lawyers working for various government offices, regional organizations and academic institutions.

The fellowship participants were from the following Member States: Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Yemen. One participant attended from the non-Member State of Palestine. One self-funded participant from Saudi Arabia also attended the Fellowship Programme.

## **VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE**

The Fellowship Programme was held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, from 22 June to 31 July 2015. It was conducted in English.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information is available at: <http://www.un.org/law/ilfp>.