



REGIONAL COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR AFRICA

Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

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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. The United Nations Programme of Assistance 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 are organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. The Regional Course for Africa is organized in cooperation with the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa.

OBJECTIVES

The Regional Courses provide high-quality training by prominent international law scholars and practitioners from different regions and legal systems on a broad range of core topics of international law, as well as specific topics of particular interest to the countries in a given region. In addition, the interactive nature of the sessions 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 entities.

COURSE CONTENT

The Regional Courses consist of seminars delivered by eminent scholars and practitioners in international law from different regions and legal systems. The curriculum will include seminars on the following core topics, as well as other topics of particular interest to the region: *Introduction to international law, treaty law, international responsibility, law of international organizations, diplomatic and consular law, international peace and security,*

peaceful settlement of international disputes, the law and institutions of the African Union, international human rights law, law of the sea, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international environmental law, international trade law, and international investment law.

FORMAT AND TRAINING MATERIALS

The Regional Courses are conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow for a maximum exchange of views. It is expected that participants take part in the diverse discussions during the Regional Course. A comprehensive set of training materials is provided to each participant at the beginning of the Regional Course. Certificates are awarded to participants who complete the Regional Course in its entirety.

PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

To be considered for the Regional Courses, candidates must have a legal background with professional experience in the field of international law. Candidates must also be fluent in the language in which the Course is offered (French in 2021). The selected candidates are required to certify that they are able to attend the Regional Course in its entirety (four weeks). The Regional Course accommodates up to 30 participants.

This Regional Course is open to candidates from the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

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 to gender balance. Applications from qualified female candidates are encouraged. Due consideration is also given to those candidates who are already present in the host city of the Regional Course (Addis Ababa).

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

Subject to developments related to COVID-19, the Regional Course for Africa will be held at the facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa, in Addis Ababa, from 10 February to 9 March 2021. It will be conducted in French. Fluency in spoken and written French is required. Applicants whose mother tongue or language of instruction is not French are required to submit proof of their language abilities and to provide a valid language certification.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION

For those participants receiving a fellowship, the fellowship will cover travel in economy class, accommodation, meals, medical insurance, and training materials. Fellowship recipients will also receive a modest stipend to cover other living expenses in accordance with the policies and procedures governing the administration of United Nations fellowships.

There will also be a limited number of spaces for self-funded participants. With the exception of training materials, self-funded participants bear all costs associated with their participation in the Regional Course (e.g. travel, medical insurance, accommodation and living expenses).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The deadline for applications has been extended to 3 December 2020.

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered. The United Nations does not charge a fee at any stage of the application and selection process, and does not require information with respect to candidates' bank accounts.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information and application forms are available at the website of the Regional Course in International Law for Africa: <https://legal.un.org/poa/rcil/africa/>.