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6 February to 2 March 2012**

**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, established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965. The Regional Courses are organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

This Regional Course was 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, government legal officers 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.

**LECTURES**

The lectures for this Regional Course included: "Introduction to international law" (Y. Daudet, Secretary General of The Hague Academy of International Law and Professor Emeritus, University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)); "Human rights law" and "Movement of persons" (F. Ouguergouz, Judge, African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights); "International environmental law" (L. Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, University of Geneva); "Law of the sea" (T. Treves, Professor, University of Milan and former Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); "Self-determination in international law" and "The importance of international law in 21st century Africa" (A. Yusuf, Judge, International Court of Justice); "International humanitarian law" and "International criminal law" (D. Momtaz, Professor, University of Tehran and former member of the International Law Commission); "Diplomatic and consular law", (E. Wyler, Lecturer, Graduate Institute of International and Development

Studies, Geneva); "International organizations" and "International trade law" (H. Ruiz-Fabri, Professor, University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)); "Researching international law", "State responsibility" and "Peaceful settlement of disputes" (P. Bodeau-Livinec, Professor, University of Paris VIII (Vincennes Saint-Denis)); and "Codification and progressive development of international law: The work of the International Law Commission", "Reservations to treaties" and "Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction" (G. Buzzini, Legal Officer, Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs).

## **METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL**

The Regional Course 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 Regional Course. Certificates were awarded to those participants who had completed the Regional Course in its entirety.

## **PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS**

The Regional Course was open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations that are also members of the regional group of African States.

The 28 participants who attended the Regional Course came from the following countries: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal and Togo. Two of the participants were from the African Union. In addition, a staff member from the ECA attended as an observer.

## **VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE**

The Regional Course was held at the facilities of ECA in Addis Ababa, from 6 February to 2 March 2012. It was conducted in French.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information on the Regional Courses is available at <http://www.un.org/law/rcil>.