



# REGIONAL COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW



**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
1 to 26 April 2013**

## 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, and most recently mandated under General Assembly resolution 67/91 of 14 December 2012. The Regional Courses are organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

The current Regional Course was organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic 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, mid-level 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 (in chronological order): "Introduction to international law" (G. Nolte, Professor, Humboldt University, Member of the International Law Commission); "Research in international law" (D. Stewart, Associate Legal Officer, Codification Division, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs); "International humanitarian law" and "International criminal law" (K. Riordan, Director General of Defence Legal Services for the New Zealand Defence Force); "Law of the sea" (T. Treves, Professor, University of Milan, former

Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); "Peaceful settlement of disputes" and "Codification and progressive development of international law: the work of the International Law Commission" (L. C aflisch, Honorary Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Chairman of the International Law Commission); "State responsibility", "Diplomatic protection" and "International organizations" (E. de Wet, Professor and Co-Director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, University of Pretoria); "International trade law" (M.M. Mbengue, Professor, University of Geneva); "The work of the African Union Commission on International Law" (A. Kilangi, Dean of the Faculty of Law, St. Augustine University of Tanzania, President of the African Union Commission on International Law); "International human rights law" (F. Viljoen, Professor and Director of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria); "International environmental law" (G. Handl, Professor, Tulane University Law School); "Self-determination in international law" and "Africa and international law in the twenty-first century" (A. Yusuf, Judge, International Court of Justice); and "International investment law" (J. Donoghue, Judge, International Court of Justice). In addition, Judge A.G Koroma (former Judge of the International Court of Justice) gave a briefing to the participants.

## **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 African Regional Group.

The 30 participants who attended the Regional Course came from the following countries: Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe, as well as the African Union and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. (Other participants selected from the following countries were unable to attend the course: Central African Republic, Kenya and Uganda.)

## **VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE**

The Regional Course was held at the facilities of ECA, in Addis Ababa, from 1 to 26 April 2013. It was conducted in English.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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