



# International Economic Legal System and Sustainable Development



Online Course  
1st semester 2017

Fee: 600 USD

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## Overall Goal

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The main objective of the course is to introduce effective ways of integrating sustainable development into international economic agreements and other legal instruments (i.e. bilateral investment agreements, free trade agreements, and agreements within the WTO framework).

## Learning Objectives

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At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the relationship between trade liberalization and environment protection;
- Describe the development of international trade law in the context of sustainable development;
- Analyze how multilateral negotiations on trade and environment deal with environmental issues;
- Determine bodies, mechanisms and processes connecting foreign investments and environmental protection;
- Identify potential conflicts between foreign investment and environmental protection, and how investment tribunals may settle them.

## Content and Structure

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The course has a duration of 4 weeks, one week per module:

Module 1: Framing the trade and environment nexus;

Module 2: Mutual supportiveness as a principle to achieve sustainable development;

Module 3: Potential synergies between foreign investment and environmental protection;

Module 4: Conflicts between foreign investment and environmental protection.

Each module will guide participants through different topics: mechanisms for environmental protection developed by the major international economic forums, the WTO Doha round, and recent international investment disputes with an environmental component.

The course has approximately 40 learning hours. On average you need to commit around 10 hours per week. The learning-path has some degree of flexibility but you should respect specific deadlines for assessments and collaborative activities.

## Methodology

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The course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Contents and activities are practice-oriented so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and case scenarios. Discussions will encourage strong collaboration and critical debate among participants and with the facilitator. This experience will be supported by the expert facilitator and the UNITAR team, additional resources, such as videos, external links and a digital library.

## Targeted Audience

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Government officials, international civil servants, NGO representatives, academics and private sector professionals in the field of environmental law, sustainable development, and international investments and trade.

## Certificates/Registration

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Participants who successfully meet the minimum passing requirements at the end of the course will receive a UNITAR Certificate of Completion.

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Registration deadline: April 2017

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