

Global Environmental Law and Governance

INTRODUCTION

- This training course is designed to provide in-depth coverage of topical issues in global environmental law and governance. It is of interest to professionals interested in the field, particularly those with environmental management and regulation roles. The training commences by examining the nature and sources of global environmental law and focuses on the multi-layered nature of the subject. To this end, it looks at the relationship between domestic, European, and international environmental law. In this respect, an important issue over the next few years is likely to be the complications arising from 'BREXIT.' The training also considers the general approaches to global environmental law and governance policy and identifies overarching principles and broad themes. Having 'set the scene', the training course then examines how environmental law deals with a number of the most pressing issues facing society today and looks at several substantive areas as 'case studies'. This approach means some flexibility in the substantive areas covered, and it may change from time to time. However, there are likely to be some constants, not least of which is climate change and the role of COP26.
- The aim of this training course is to demonstrate the role played by law in tackling some of the most pressing global environmental issues of our age. It uses a case study approach to introduce a number of recurrent themes in environmental law. These include the need to achieve sustainable economic development and the difficulties of translating scientific concepts into legally enforceable standards. The course requires participants to develop an independent approach to learning and intellectual curiosity.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this training course, the participants will be able to:

- Recognise the difficulties associated with balancing global environmental concerns with other societal objectives
- Identify and understand the disparate sources of environmental law and synthesise them into a coherent framework
- Compare and contrast how certain regulatory techniques can be used to combat some environmental issues
- Evaluate and criticise how regulatory techniques operate in certain spheres
- Develop a critical understanding of how environmental law operates at a domestic, European and international level
- Examine the extent to which the law has developed an integrated approach to pollution control
- Anticipate future directions in global environmental law and governance

- Synthesise arguments from a range of sources beyond the purely legal literature

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- The delegates will gain a greater understanding through presentations by an experienced international practitioner designed to inform and broaden the participants' perspectives. Case studies will be reviewed and discussed, bearing in mind some of the realistic scenarios delegates may encounter. Interactive discussions to encourage conversation of problems and possible solutions to it. They will view different videos on global environmental law and governance.

ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT

The organisation will benefit by:

- Having personnel who will be well versed in international environmental law and governance
- Enhancing your professional organisation skills to a whole new level with a comprehensive understanding of the global environmental law
- Knowing about the relationship that exists between the economy and the environment
- Gaining the facts about the current situation with Climate Change
- Awareness of the principles behind the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement

PERSONAL IMPACT

Attendees will gain by participating in this training course because of:

- Obtaining a complete understanding of international environmental law and governance
- Become familiar with the world's major environmental organisations
- Learn about key concepts in global environmental law
- An in-depth learning experience that they can work through at their own pace to enhance their professional development
- Attain the ability to transform your business with sustainable development

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This training course is suitable to a wide range of professionals but will greatly benefit:

- Environmental Officers
- Middle and Senior Managers in environmental-related Agencies and Ministries
- Business Owners, Aspiring Environmental Managers and those who work for larger-scale companies
- For those who have a lively interest in Environmental Protection and Activism
- For all those wishing to learn how global environmental legislation affects their organisation and hoping to refresh their legislative knowledge

Course Outline

An Introduction to Global Environmental Law & Governance and Sustainable Development

- An introduction to the history of global environmental law
- Primary sources of global environmental law
- Fundamental principles of global environmental law
- Relationship with other policy areas
- Sustainable Development
- Evaluate the current issues

Atmospheric Pollution and the Environment

- Introduction to atmospheric pollution and the scale of the issue at a global level
- Evaluate the selection of domestic laws on localised pollution
- Smoke
- Industrial Pollution
- Environmental Permitting
- Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control
- Industrial Emissions Directive and transboundary pollution such as acidification
- Water: Key Legislation and Regulatory Techniques
- Land and Waste: The problem of land contamination and the problem of landfill
- Analysis of regulatory techniques including landfill tax

Climate Change and the Environment

- Introduction to Climate change and the scale of the crisis
- Oil and Gas Industry vs Climate Change
- UN COP26: Its Objectives and Implications
- The Law, Markets, and Technology as conceptual themes for the regulation of climate change
- International Commitments
- Emissions Trading
- Energy Conservation
- Carbon Capture and Emerging Challenges such as Geoengineering

Nature Conservation and Animals

- Exploring the problem of widespread declines in species of animals
- Understanding international law surrounding conservation and biodiversity
- Understanding notions of 'consumptive use' of animals and whether trophy hunting can be considered a technique of conservation
- Understanding different possible environmental approaches towards animals and how that impacts conservation
- Evaluating which approaches are preferable

Water and the Environment

- International and Regional Consideration
- EU Water Directives – Underlying Approaches
- Key aims of the EU Water Framework Directive
- The Directive’s ‘non-deterioration’ principle?
- WFD and Flow
- Drought Guidance
- Drought Permits and Orders
- Emergency Drought Orders
- Flooding – Institutional Responsibilities
- Sustainable Development
- Water Pollution
- The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (2016 No. 1154)
- EPR Definitions
- EPR Meaning of “Water Discharge Activity”
- EPR Offences
- EPR Defences