



REGIONAL COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Montevideo, Uruguay

Bangkok, Thailand

1 to 26 February 2016

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Codification Division of the
United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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.

The Regional Course for Africa is organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of Ethiopia, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union. The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of Uruguay. The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

OBJECTIVES

The Regional Courses provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners 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, 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 bodies.

COURSE CONTENT

The Regional Courses consist of seminars given by eminent scholars and practitioners in international law from different regions and legal systems. The curriculum will include seminars on the following subjects:

Introduction to international law, treaty law, State responsibility, international peace and security, peaceful settlement of international disputes, international organizations, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international environmental law, law of the sea, international trade law and international investment law.

METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL

The Regional Courses are conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow a maximum exchange of views. The participants are required to contribute to the discussions on the various topics included in the curriculum of the Regional Courses. A comprehensive set of training materials is provided for each participant at the beginning of the Regional Course.

Certificates are awarded only to those participants who have completed the Regional Course in its entirety.

PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

To qualify for the Regional Courses, candidates must have a legal background with professional experience in the field of international law. The selected participants are required to submit a medical certificate of good health and to certify that they are able to attend the entire course period. The Regional Courses will accommodate up to 30 participants.

Regional Course in International Law for Africa

This Regional Course is open to candidates from the following Member States: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean

This Regional Course is open to candidates from the following Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific

This Regional Course is open to candidates from the following Member States: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen as well as the Non-member Observer States of the Cook Islands, Niue and Palestine.

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 gender balance of the fellowships. Applications from female candidates are strongly encouraged. Due consideration is also given to those candidates who are already present in the host city of each Regional Course: Addis Ababa, Montevideo or Bangkok.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Regional Course for Africa will be held at the ECA in Addis Ababa, from 1 to 26 February 2016. The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay in Montevideo from 4 to 29 April 2016. The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in Bangkok from 21 November to 16 December 2016.

The Regional Courses will be conducted in English in 2016. Fluency in spoken and written English is required. Applicants whose mother tongue or language of instruction is not English are required to submit proof of their language abilities. Applications without a valid language certification are not considered.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION

The fellowships cover the fellowship recipient's accommodation, meals, medical insurance, participation in the Regional Course and the training materials. In accordance with the policies and procedures governing the administration of United Nations fellowships, participants will also receive a stipend to cover other living expenses.

Qualified candidates may also apply for self-funded positions. Self-funded participants bear all costs associated with their participation (travel, accommodation and living expenses). Training materials and lunches during the weekdays are provided to all participants.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Please carefully read the instructions on the application form and return it completed by email by the deadline indicated below:

For the course in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, by 16 October 2015 to: rcil-africa@un.org

For the course in Montevideo, Uruguay, by 30 October 2015 to: rcil-laac@un.org

For the course in Bangkok, Thailand, by 13 November 2015 to: rcil-asia@un.org

Two copies of the application form must be submitted:

- (1) One scanned version of the signed original; and
- (2) One electronic version (MS word or equivalent).

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information and application forms are available on the Regional Courses website: <http://www.un.org/law/rcil>.