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# The International Economic Legal System and Sustainable Development

Online Course

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## Course goals

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).

## Contents

Each module will guide you 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 is organized in 4 weeks and structured in 4 modules:

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

## Learning Objectives

- 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

## Methodology

The course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking.

Contents and activities are practice-oriented so you'll learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and report-writing.

Group-activities encourage strong collaboration and critical debate among participants and between participants and facilitators. You will participate in peer-reviews and guided discussion forums.

Your learning path will be supported by additional resources, such as videos, external links and a digital library.

## Target Audience

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.

## Duration & Workload

The course has approximately 45 learning hours. On average you need to commit around 10 hours/week.

The learning-path has some degree of flexibility but you should respect specific deadlines for assessments and collaborative activities.

## Registration & Certificates

UNITAR will provide a Certificate of Completion for participants who fulfill the completion criteria.

Course fee: 600 USD

Registration deadline: 18 September 2015

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