

Video-based Course on Effectiveness of and Compliance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

This course will expose you to a variety of issues regarding the effectiveness of and compliance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). You will hear directly from UN officers, experience diplomats and senior academics, their first-hand experience on the effectiveness of MEAs.

This course will introduce you to the different understandings of MEAs effectiveness, challenges faced by Parties and the elements usually included in a treaty to promote compliance. You will also be introduced to the approaches taken by different MEAs, such as compliance mechanisms, or effectiveness evaluation.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Define effectiveness and the types of measures and mechanisms that can contribute to the enhanced effectiveness of MEAs
2. List general aspects of MEA compliance regimes
3. Illustrate effectiveness and compliance in relation to specific MEAs

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 8 interactive modules. The core content of these lessons is based on the **videos recorded during the thirteenth annual University of Eastern Finland – UN Environment Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements hosted in the University of Eastern Finland in December 2016.**

We suggest you also download the presentations and read the Course Review to delve deeper in this topic. The Course Review does contain further topics and articles that are not included in the videos.

It will take you 10 hours approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

Assessment and badge

Take the 10-question quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress. You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain your certificate of participation.

Before obtaining the certificate of participation you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Lesson 1 – Getting Started	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Syllabus 2. Course Review 3. Forum 4. Chat 	
Lesson 2- Effectiveness of Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Theory and Practice <i>By Prof. Peter Sand, Lecturer at the Institute of International Law of the University of Munich</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theoretical explanations for treaty effectiveness: legal, behavioral and ecological effectiveness 2. Treaty Effectiveness in Practice: UNEP’s regional seas agreements, the Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES),⁹ and the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution¹⁰ and its protocols 3. Interface between effectiveness and legitimacy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define the different understandings of treaty effectiveness 2. Provide concrete examples on treaty effectiveness
Lesson 3 – Aspects relating to the effectiveness of Multilateral Environmental Agreements <i>By Sylvia Bankobeza, Legal Officer at the Law Division, UN Environment</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Common but differentiated responsibilities 2. Conference of the Parties 3. Financial Mechanisms 4. Technology Transfer 5. Technical Assistance 6. Non-compliance mechanism - Montreal Protocol 7. Dispute settlement and criminal activities 8. Global mechanisms, partnerships and synergies 9. Effectiveness: general considerations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List different aspects and tools to improve effectiveness of Multilateral Environmental Agreements
Lesson 4 - Compliance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements <i>By Maria Socorro Manguiat, Senior Legal Officer at UN Environment and Prof. Harro van Asselt, Law School University of Eastern Finland</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why states would not comply? 2. Steps to promote compliance and implementation 3. Structure of a compliance mechanism 4. Why is a compliance mechanism so important? 5. Enforcement, Compliance and Implementation 6. Sanctions and dispute settlement 8. Obligation of effort and obligation of result 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain why compliance is important 2. Distinguish between compliance, implementation and enforcement 3. List the steps to promote compliance 4. Describe the structure of compliance mechanisms 5. Define sanctions and dispute settlements

<p>Lesson 5 - The non-compliance procedure in the Montreal Protocol <i>By Harro van Asselt, Professor of Climate Law and Policy, UEF Law School</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Triggers 3. Recommendations and measures 4. The non-compliance procedure in practice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how the Montreal Protocol addresses the issue of non-compliance 2. Describe the non-compliance procedure of the Protocol
<p>Lesson 6 –The Compliance Mechanism in the Kyoto Protocol <i>By Maria Socorro Manguiat, Senior Legal Officer, UN Environment Law Division</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting and Review 2. Triggers 3. Expert Review 4. Enforcement and Facilitative Branches 5. The of the Case G-77 6. The Kyoto compliance mechanism: an assessment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how the Kyoto Protocol addresses the issue of compliance 2. Describe the Compliance Mechanism of the Protocol
<p>Lesson 7 - Compliance Mechanism in the context of biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements <i>By Elisa Morgera (PhD), Professor of Global Environmental Law at Strathclyde Law School</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. CITES 2. Convention on Biological Diversity 3. The Nagoya Protocol 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how three biodiversity-related agreement addresses the issue of compliance 2. Explain CITES’ evolutionary regimen, national legislation project and review of significant trade 3. Explain Convention on Biological Diversity options for a review mechanism 4. Describe the Compliance Committee of the Nagoya Protocol
<p>Lesson 8 - Compliance Mechanisms in the context of chemical-related multilateral environmental agreements <i>By Juliette Voinov Kohler, Legal Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the Conventions 2. Compliance under the Basel Convention - Background and Governance 3. Compliance under the Basel Convention - General review 4. Compliance under the Basel Convention - Specific submissions 5. Compliance under the Rotterdam Convention 6. Compliance under the Stockholm Convention 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how the chemical-related multilateral environment agreements address the issue of compliance 2. Describe the Compliance Mechanism of the Basel Convention 3. Describe l
<p>Lesson 9- Measuring effectiveness – The Stockholm Convention Effectiveness Evaluation Process <i>By M.E. Anne Daniel, LL.B., LL.M., General Counsel, Department of Justice Canada</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Effectiveness of MEAs 2. Evaluating MEAs Effectiveness - Article 16 Stockholm Convention 3. The Stockholm Convention Effectiveness Evaluation 4. The committee 6. Challenges 7. Sources of information 8. Expressing Results 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, Explain the legal basis and purpose of the evaluation 2. Describe the Effectiveness Evaluation Framework and its Committee 3. List the challenges in the Evaluation



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