

International Legal Framework on Transboundary Air Pollution



Course Syllabus

Learning objectives

Air pollution originates from diverse sources, can travel across national boundaries, and can have deleterious effects on wildlife, ecosystems, human health, and even man-made structures. This course primarily focuses on the problem of long-range transboundary air pollution and haze pollution, and on two Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) that aim to combat these issues. At the end of the course, you will be able to:

1. Explain the consequences of transboundary air pollution
2. Describe key provisions of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, its Protocols, and the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

Content and duration

This online course is comprised of 2 lessons, which provide links to relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organized in interactive modules that combine the course theory with exercises and interactions that will facilitate the learning process. The core content of the lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publications, and external websites.

It will take you approximately 1 hour to complete the course, excluding additional materials. This is a self-paced course that allows you to manage your time. You can navigate the lessons at your convenience and retake them whenever you wish.

Completion certificate

Take the 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 a course certificate.

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

Course outline and content

Lesson 1: Transboundary Air Pollution

Introduction; Trail Smelter Arbitration International Efforts; The Geneva Convention on Long-Range transboundary Air Pollution Protocols to the Convention.

Lesson 2: Haze Pollution

The problem; Negotiation history; ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution.