

# Introductory Course on the International Legal Framework on Transboundary Air Pollution

## *Course Syllabus*



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## Learning objectives

“Air pollution” describes the presence of substances that are artificially introduced into the air. Air pollution stems from gases, which in excess are harmful to human health, buildings, ecosystems and the environment in general.

This course primarily focuses on the problem of long- range transboundary air pollution, mainly in Europe and haze pollution focused on Southeast Asia.

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

The e-learning course is comprised of 2 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you 1 hour approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

## Assessment and 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 course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
<b>Unit 1 - Transboundary Air Pollution</b>	1. Introduction	
	Smog	
	Trail Smelter Arbitration	
	International Efforts	
	2. The Geneva Convention on Long-Range transboundary Air Pollution	
	Definitions	
	Objective	
	Institutional Arrangements	1. Describe the consequences of transboundary air pollution
	Compliance and Supervision	2. Explain the objective and key provisions of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution and its Protocols
	3. Protocols to the Convention	
1985 First Sulphur Protocol		
1994 Second Sulphur Protocol		
1988 NOX Protocol		
1991 VOC Protocol		
1998 POPs Protocol		
1998 Heavy Metals Protocol		
1999 Ozone Protocol		
1984 EMEP Protocol		
<b>Unit 2 – Haze Pollution</b>	1. The problem	
	2. Negotiation history	1. Define haze
	3. ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	2. Explain the key provisions of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution



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and UNECE guiding materials, the original text of the documents shall  
prevail and can be found [here](#)"

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