

Introductory Course to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

Once generated, hazardous wastes require proper handling and disposal if their adverse impacts on human health and the environment are to be avoided.

This course introduces you to the Basel Convention, which is the most important legally binding international agreement related to hazardous and other wastes.

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

1. Explain the importance of regulating international trade of hazardous wastes and their disposal
2. Identify the core components and mechanisms established by the Basel Convention
3. Outline the synergies process undertaken by the Stockholm, Rotterdam and Basel Conventions
4. Describe the main obligations under several regional instruments on hazardous wastes

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 4 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 2 hours 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 |
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| Unit 1 - Introduction | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hazardous Wastes 2. The origins of the Basel Convention 3. Overview | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Explain the importance of regulating international trade of hazardous wastes and their disposal 2. Recount the origins, scope and objectives of the Basel Convention |
| Unit 2 - The three pillars of the Basel Convention | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes 2. Strict Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes 3. Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the three pillars of the Basel Convention 2. Summarize the main provisions and procedures of the Basel Convention in regard to the minimization of the generation, strict control of transboundary movement and environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes. |
| Unit 3 – Institutional framework and the Synergies Process | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conference of the Parties 2. Secretariat 3. Regional and Coordinating Centres for Capacity Building and Technology Transfer 4. Subsidiary bodies 5. Synergies among the hazardous chemicals and wastes multilateral environmental | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the institutional framework and main functions of the Basel Convention bodies 2. Explain the synergies process among the hazardous chemicals and wastes multilateral environmental agreements |
| Unit 4 – Regional instruments on hazardous wastes and other wastes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bamako Convention on the Ban of Imports into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa 2. Kuwait Regional Protocol on the Control of Marine Transboundary Movements and Disposal of Hazardous Wastes and other Wastes 3. Convention to Ban the Importation into the Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the main obligations under several regional instruments on hazardous wastes |



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