

## PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

2-20 SEPTEMBER 2024  
GENEVA AND ONLINE

This training course will explore the major international and regional instruments for the promotion of human rights, as well as with their implementation and enforcement mechanisms; and provide practical insights into the different UN human rights mechanisms pertinent to advancing environmental issues and protecting environmental human rights defenders.

The course – co-organized with EarthJustice and the Center for International Environmental Law – will draw on experts from major UN bodies in Geneva and elsewhere, as well as experts from academia, government, business and civil society.



In October 2021, at its 48th session, the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council adopted a landmark resolution recognizing for the first time the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a separate human right. In addition, a number of regional human rights judicial and quasi-judicial bodies, including the European Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, have been dealing with environment-related cases, applying concepts such as the right to life, right to respect for private life or right to property, to a wide range of issues including pollution, man-made or natural disasters, access to environmental information and climate change. These recent developments illustrate the growing understanding that the protection of the environment and the protection of human rights are deeply interconnected.

This training course will explore the major international and regional instruments for the promotion of human rights, as well as with their implementation and enforcement mechanisms; and provide practical insights into the different UN human rights mechanisms pertinent to advancing environmental issues and protecting environmental human rights defenders. It will also address the synergies and tensions between international human rights law and international environmental law, and address the procedural dimension of environmental rights, with specific regard to access to justice and information. Furthermore, the training course will assess the use of environmental oversight mechanisms to support human rights claims and the currently growing wealth of climate change litigation before different regional and international bodies.

## AUDIENCE

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This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, development and human rights institutions, UN bodies and other international organizations, as well as representatives of governments and members of academia.

## METHODOLOGY

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The training course will be interactive and participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and perspectives on the issues covered. The training sessions will include lectures and discussions with a wide range of experts as well as practical examples and case studies. Sessions will be designed to enhance substantive and practical knowledge exchange with peers and facilitators.

## TWO MODULES

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The course is composed of two independent – although complementary – modules, meaning that participants can choose to follow the course in its entirety (Module 1 + 2) or to only follow Module 1 (it is not possible to take Module 2 only).

### Module 1

Human Rights and the Environment: Introducing Legal Regimes and Key Issues: 2-11 September 2024, Online

### Module 2

Protecting Human Rights and the Environment: 16-20 September 2024, In Geneva or Online

## APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

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Module 1 only: **CHF 650**

Modules 1 and 2 (with Module 2 in Geneva): **CHF 2'100 \***

Modules 1 and 2 (fully online): **CHF 1,820**

\* There is a 30 percent discount for PhD and master students who apply for the full course with Module 2 in Geneva. The discount is not available for applications to Module 1 only or for those attending fully online.

### Deadlines:

Application end with visa: **11 August 2024**

Application end (no visa or online): **26 August 2024**

## READ MORE AND APPLY

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Full program details and registration at:  
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