

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

15-19 SEPTEMBER 2025

GENEVA AND ONLINE

Participants in this training course will gain practical insights into UN human rights mechanisms and their role in environmental protection and learn about how to address the interplay between international human rights and environmental law, and explore environmental litigation paths.



Participants in this training course will examine the major international and regional instruments for the promotion of human rights and the environment, familiarizing themselves with the respective implementation and enforcement mechanisms. The course will also provide practical insights into the different UN human rights mechanisms pertinent to advancing environmental issues and protecting environmental human rights defenders.

The programme will consist of a series of frontal lectures complemented by an interactive workshop, designed to offer a comprehensive and engaging learning experience on the intersection of human rights and environmental protection.

SEGMENT 1

**Human Rights and the Environment:
Introducing Legal Regimes and Key Issues**
4 half days between 1 and 8 September 2025
(approximately 12h), online

This segment, held fully online, aims to introduce participants to the major international and regional instruments for the promotion of human rights, as well as international environmental law and its implementation and enforcement mechanisms. It will also provide an overview of the key issues about human rights and the environment.

SEGMENT 2

**Protecting Human Rights and the
Environment: 15–19 September 2025**
5 full days, in Geneva or online

This segment aims to provide practical insights into the different UN human rights mechanisms pertinent to advancing environmental issues and protecting environmental human rights defenders and address the synergies and tensions between international human rights law and international environmental law.

OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of both segments, participants will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Grasp the key norms, principles and enforcement mechanisms of international human rights law and environmental law
- Understand how to resort to UN treaty bodies for human rights and environmental concerns
- Understand how to engage with the UN Human Rights Council mechanisms on environmental issues and the situation of defenders
- Assess the legal and policy issues relating to human rights norms that may be employed to protect the environment
- Identify and analyze how basic international and regional human rights systems can be used to provide a measure of environmental protection
- Apply human rights norms to an array of contemporary international and domestic environmental problems
- Assess the litigation options for environment-related human rights cases, as well as the role of amici curiae.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

The course can be followed in Geneva or online.
(segment 1 is online only)

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEE

Fee for on-site participation: **CHF 2,100**
(There is a 30% discount for PhD and master students).*
Discounted fee for online participation*: **CHF 1,820**

Deadlines:

Application end with visa: **3 August 2025**
Application end (no visa or online): **27 August 2025**

*These two discounts cannot be combined.

READ MORE AND APPLY

Full program details and registration at:
<https://bit.ly/4ipLqxb>

