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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR/TO : **All Heads**  
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**The Assistant Secretary for Staff Bureau**  
**and concurrent Director, BMB**  
  
**The Directors**  
HRDS, Central Office  
EMB, FMB, LMB, MGB and ERDB

FROM : **The Undersecretary**  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **ONLINE LEARNING COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL**  
**WATER LAW AND THE LAW OF TRANSBOUNDAR**  
**AQUIFERS**

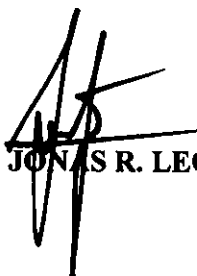
DATE : **SEP 29 2020**

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Attached is the email from Assistant Secretary Noralyn Jubaira-Baja, UNIO-DFA transmitting the letter from the University of Geneva relative to the launch of the new edition of its Online Learning Course on International Water Law and the Law of Transboundary Aquifers that will take place on 05 October to 14 December 2020.

Details on the course content, scholarships and course fees can be accessed through the link: <https://www.unige.ch/formcont/cours/water-law>.

For information and appropriate action, please.

  
ATTY. JON S R. LEONES

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**DFA-UNIO Letter to DENR- Online Course on International Water Law and Law of Transboundary Aquifers, from 05 October to 14 December 2020**

1 message

**Division 2 UNIO** <unio.div2@dfa.gov.ph>

Fri, Sep 18, 2020 at 7:28 PM

To: DENR Office of the Secretary &lt;osec@denr.gov.ph&gt;, officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph

Sir/Madam:

Good day!

Attached is DFA-UNIO Letter to DENR re: Online Course on International Water Law and the Law of Transboundary Aquifers, from 05 October to 14 December 2020.

Thank you and kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Very truly yours,

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**2 attachments**

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**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS**

**OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

18 September 2020

Sir:

Enclosed, for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)'s information and reference, is a letter from the University of Geneva, announcing the launch of the new edition of its **Online Learning Course on International Water Law and the Law of Transboundary Aquifers**. It will take place from 05 October to 14 December 2020.

Composed of seven modules, the online course was specially designed for participants to acquire comprehensive knowledge of key topics on transboundary water management and peace. Such topics include the sharing of surface and ground waters, environmental protection, right to water and sanitation, water and armed conflicts, water and economic law, the prevention and the settlement of water disputes, etc.

Further information on the course content, scholarships and course fees can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.unige.ch/formcont/cours/water-law>.

With my best wishes.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

  
**NORALYN JUBAIRA-BAJA**  
Assistant Secretary

**HON. ROY A. CIMATU**

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
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**CC:**

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Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines  
to the United Nations Office at Geneva  
Avenue Blanc 47  
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Geneva, 4 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Geneva Water Hub (GWH), a global center of the University of Geneva specialized in hydro-politics and hydro-diplomacy, is pleased to announce the launching of the new edition of its **Online Course on International Water Law and the Law of Transboundary Aquifers** that will take place from 5 October to 14 December 2020.

One of the major challenges for the governance of water resources is the creation and implementation of legal and institutional frameworks for transboundary water cooperation that insure a sustainable management and prevent water related conflicts. To face this challenge, it is paramount that professionals are duly trained in international water law. Professionals from different backgrounds (law, international relations, hydrology, engineering, etc.) and from different sectors (government officials, international organizations staff, civil society representatives and private sector staff).

This interactive online **course was specially designed for full time professionals** and is composed of seven modules that allow participants to acquire comprehensive knowledge of key topics on transboundary water management and peace. Such topics include the sharing of surface and ground waters, environmental protection, right to water and sanitation, water and armed conflicts, water and economic law, the prevention and the settlement of water disputes, etc.

We would be grateful if your mission could assist the GWH by promoting the course among the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Environment and other governmental agencies related to freshwater management. Further information on the **course content, scholarships, course fees** can be obtained at <https://www.unige.ch/formcont/cours/water-law>

The course is carried out by the GWH's Platform for International Water Law, in partnership with the DiploFoundation and receives the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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for International Water Law

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## Audience

Professionals from different backgrounds including law, international relations, hydrology, engineering or economics. Government officials (diplomats, technical and scientific specialists working in transboundary water issues), international organizations staff, civil society representatives and academics.

## Tuition fees and Scholarships

Registration fees for the course are 900 CHF (about 900 USD).

However, full and partial scholarships are available for participants from non-OECD countries. Candidates asking for a partial or full scholarship have to explain the reasons for this request in their motivation letter.

## Candidate's Profile

Qualified candidates must have a university degree and at least 2 years of professional experience in management and protection of water resources.

The course is taught in English therefore the ability to read, understand and write in this language is required.

In addition, candidates must have a computer and a reliable internet connection for the course duration.

For any questions concerning the eligibility criteria, send an email to [info-waterlawonline@unige.ch](mailto:info-waterlawonline@unige.ch)

## Registration Procedure

Candidates can register for the course covering the course fees or apply for a scholarship by completing the online form available at <http://www.unige.ch/formcont/cours/water-law>

They must also enclose a CV, a copy of their passport or ID and a motivation letter explaining why the knowledge of international water law is relevant to their work. In addition, candidates applying for a scholarship must explain the reasons for this request.

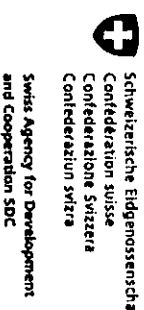
## Selection Procedure

Applications will be subject to a selection procedure based on candidates' academic qualifications and professional experience. Only 35 candidates will be selected to participate in the course

The application/registration deadline is 27 September 2020. Only selected participants will be notified by email by 1 October at the latest.

## Organisers

This distance learning course was developed jointly by the Platform for International Water Law of Geneva Water Hub and the University of Geneva, with the support of



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CONTINUING EDUCATION

# INTERNATIONAL WATER LAW

and the Law of  
Transboundary Aquifers

Online course

5 October > 14 December 2020



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The governance and protection of fresh water is one of the biggest challenges facing the planet over the next decade. With the steady increase of the world's population, urbanization and environmental degradation, the competing demands of States and water users (mining, industries, and agricultural sectors) will continue to grow and amplify the risk of tensions and conflicts.

Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) of the Agenda 2030 aims to «ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all» and to «implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation». Instruments and norms of international water law are paramount to the achievement of the SDG 6 which will become crucial in coming years.

Legal knowledge and skills are required by professionals to negotiate and implement legal and institutional frameworks on transboundary water resources. The strengthening of capacities is essential for efficient and effective water cooperation and the sustainable management of water resources and the maintenance of peace and global security.



## Learning Objectives

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

- Interpret and apply the legal instruments, principles and norms of international water law for an efficient and effective transboundary water cooperation and the sustainable management of water resources.
- Identify adequate legal means to prevent and settle conflicts related to the use and sharing of water resources.
- Explain how the legal instruments, principles and norms of international water law can contribute to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Identify the linkages between international water law and international economic law, humanitarian law and human rights law.

## Course Content

The course includes 6 thematic modules (lasting between 1 or 2 weeks) and a last module consisting in the resolution of a case study.

Module 1: The Sources and Concepts of International Water Law

Module 2: The Evolution of International Regulation on Transboundary Water Resources

Module 3: The Principles of the Law on Transboundary Water Resources, Part I

Module 4: The Principles of the Law on Transboundary Water Resources, Part II

Module 5: The Law of Transboundary Aquifers

Module 6: Water and International Economic Law

More information is available at: [www.unige.ch/formcont/cours/water-law](http://www.unige.ch/formcont/cours/water-law)

## Duration and Workload

This course is specially designed for professionals working on a full time basis and lasts 10 weeks. On average participants have a workload of 10 hours per week for an approximate total of 120 learning hours.

The course is organized around asynchronous activities, participants have great flexibility to go through the course, accessing contents and learning materials at any time. However, some group and assessment activities are time-bound and should be completed in accordance with the course syllabus.

## Methodology

The course presents interactive lessons and additional resources, such as links to complementary information (legal instruments, specialised articles and videos) as a primary learning method.

Webinars and videos, discussing specific issues and facilitated/presented by international legal experts, are a secondary important component.

This learning approach is complemented by practical collaborative activities, such as scenario based exercises in which participants have to analyse concrete situations and apply the freshly acquired knowledge, guided research assignments, online self-assessments and discussion forums.

Throughout the course, participants learn from each other and interact actively with the tutor who supports their learning process.

Participants who successfully complete this course will receive an attestation of completion issued by the University of Geneva and receive 4 ECTS credits.