

6-24 April 2009

Clingendael Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands
UNESCO-IHE, Delft, The Netherlands

PCCP SHORT COURSE ON "NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION FOR WATER CONFLICT MANAGEMENT"

The short course on "Negotiation and mediation for water conflict management" is jointly offered by UNESCO's "From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential" programme (PCCP) and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

The course will introduce the basic concepts of water cooperation, conflict prevention and mitigation, as well as provide in-depth skills training. Present day issues relating to transboundary water conflicts will also be discussed with guest speakers working in the fields of water governance and conflict resolution.

Course objectives

After completing the module, participants will

- have a good understanding of the potential for both conflict and cooperation when sharing water resources
- be able to design and facilitate inclusive consultation, negotiation, mediation and decision-making processes between a variety of water users, managers, politicians and other decision makers.

Additional information

The course will introduce the basic concepts of negotiation and mediation, determinants of conflict behaviour, conflict situations and handling modes. It will cover methods of effective negotiation, assessments of personal negotiating styles, and emphasize the importance of communication. The role of the negotiator, including the qualities and responsibilities of a good negotiator, will also be highlighted.

Course contents include:

- Introduction to Negotiation Processes
- Water Negotiation Cases
- Internal Negotiations on Water Management
- External Negotiations on Water Management
- Multilateral Interstate Negotiations on Disasters
- Mediation theory and practice
- Alternative dispute resolution techniques
- Role of culture and power
- Implementation of agreements
- Fieldtrip to the Peace Palace and the International Court of Justice
- Case studies of major water and environmental disputes
- Simulation of a local and/or regional conflict

The course provides a good mix of theory and practice, with extensive skills training. Lectures are combined with exercises, simulation games and an excursion. The assignment consists of writing a research paper on a relevant topic.

Target group

The course is designed for current and future water managers, decision makers and others involved in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). Students should have an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject (economics, social sciences, law, engineering, biology, etc.) and preferably several years of relevant working experience.

COURSE DATES

6-24 April 2009; 3 weeks

LOCATION

- Clingendael Institute, The Hague (www.clingendael.nl), The Netherlands
- UNESCO-IHE, Delft (www.unesco-ihe.org), The Netherlands

CREDIT POINTS

5 Credits European Credit Transfer System

COURSE FEE

2,532.50 Euros (includes tuition, examination fee and insurance)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

6 March 2009

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Follow instructions at www.unesco-ihe.org/Education/Short-courses

MORE INFORMATION

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