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Migration and Development Series: Course on International Migration Law

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| Location: | New York, United States of America |
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| Duration: | 3 Days |
| Programme Area: | International Law |
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BACKGROUND

Efforts to ensure that migration across international borders takes place in a humane and orderly manner can draw on many conventions at the international and regional levels that apply to those involved in the migration process. However, these instruments are spread across various branches of law (human rights, humanitarian law, migrant workers law, refugee law, law of the sea), and there is no central source where overall information is easily accessible. Also, little attempt is made to understand the interlinkages between these instruments. This dispersion of norms and principles contributes to the widespread belief that there are gaps in the protection of migrants and/or regulation of migration at the international level.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Give a broad description of the body of international law related to migration and specifically the protection of migrants;
- Identify key international treaties and/or multilateral agreements on migration signed, ratified and implemented by their countries and other multilateral agreements, as well as regional and sub-regional agreements on migration issues;
- Appreciate and define the instruments that exist to protect the rights of migrants and how to apply them for in their national context;
- Recognize migrants rights violations.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course spans two and a half days and covers the following topics:

- International migration- terminology, actors and issues;
- International migration law, including the authority and responsibility of States and international conventions on the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and their families;
- Rights and obligations of migrants;
- Irregular migration, smuggling and trafficking;
- Law of the sea;
- Forced migration;
- Developments in international and regional migration cooperation.

METHODOLOGY

As an interactive face-to-face event facilitated jointly by UNITAR and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), this course features experts from IOM, the United Nations system and other international organizations. Participants engage in case studies and group projects and receive reading materials to enhance their holistic understanding of the subject. Following speaker presentations, participants also have an opportunity to share their views and discuss matters of interest to them.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course is open to members of permanent missions to the United Nations in New York who work on issues related to migration and international law. Representatives of governments, international organizations, the United Nations system, civil society and private sector with academic or professional interest on the topic are also encouraged to participate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All participants who successfully complete the course will receive a UNITAR Certificate of Completion.