

# Introductory Course to the Convention on Wetlands



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Convention on Wetlands  
Convention sur les zones humides  
Convención sobre los Humedales

## Course Syllabus

### Learning Objectives

This course presents all the necessary information to understand what is the Convention and how it works in a synthesized manner, and when the Course has been taken, the person will be able to tell exactly why is the Convention necessary, what does it do and how exactly it does it.

Because wetlands are important for maintaining key ecological processes, for their rich flora and fauna and for the benefits they provide to local communities and to human society in general, the objectives of the Convention are to ensure their conservation and wise use.

Half a century after the Convention on Wetlands was adopted, its mission is more urgent than ever. Continuing to benefit from the services wetlands provide while awarding them the protection they need requires global cooperation. In this course, you will learn the key role the Convention plays as a global forum for negotiation and consensus building on the management of wetlands.

### Content & Duration

This online course is composed of 5 lessons which are organized in interactive modules and combine course theory with exercises and interactions to facilitate the learning process. The core content of the lessons is complemented with numerous references to primary sources and additional resources.

It will take you approximately 2 hours to complete the full course, excluding additional materials. This is a self-paced course that allows you to manage your time as you wish. You can navigate the lessons at your convenience and retake them whenever you wish.

## Completion Certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress. You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new courses and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

## Course Outline & Content

### Lesson 1: Introduction

Gaining general knowledge on wetland ecosystems, gaining insight on their multiple values, threats and current trends and status of the world's wetlands.

### Lesson 2: The Convention on Wetlands

Informing on the origins of the Convention, the commitments countries take when joining it, and its key functions and current relevance.

### Lesson 3: The Bodies of the Convention

Explaining how the Convention is structured, which bodies compose it and what are their main responsibilities and functioning, as well as their activities and work towards achieving the goals of the Convention.

### Lesson 4: The Wise Use of Wetlands

Explaining the wise use concept and its implementation on the Convention, how Wetlands of International Importance are protected through the Convention, and the links they have to other Conventions and international processes.

### Lesson 5: Giving Visibility to Wetlands

Explaining relevant awareness raising activities, awards and materials that the Convention provides.

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