

# Introductory Course to the International Legal Framework on Ozone Depletion

## *Course Syllabus*



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## Learning objectives

This course provides an overview of the international legal framework in the fight against ozone depletion. First, it describes the threats posed to the ozone layer by the use of ozone-depleting substances and analyzes the main obligations under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol. A brief analysis of main achievements and challenges illustrates the success in reducing the Ozone layer and the need to continue working globally to find substitutes with low global warming potential to ozone-depleting substances.

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

1. Describe the process that depletes the ozone layer and its threats to humankind and the environment
2. Recognize key milestone of the international legal framework regarding ozone depletion
3. Identify the main obligations and mechanism of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol
4. Recall the main achievements and challenges in the fight against ozone depletion

## Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 5 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you 1 hour approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

## Assessment and 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 course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Unit 1 - Introduction to Ozone Depletion	1..What is the Ozone Layer? 2. Which are the effects of ozone molecules on us? 3. The Ozone Hole 4. The Artic and the Ozone Layer	1. Describe the process depleting the ozone layer and the threats to the environment and humankind
Unit 2 - The Vienna Convention for the protection of the Ozone Layer	1. Background 2. Main Obligations 3. Institutions	1. Describe the negotiation process 2. Explain the main obligations and development of the Vienna Convention
Unit 3 - The Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the Ozone Layer	1. Background 2. Main obligations 3. Amendments to the Montreal Protocol 4. Adjustment to accelerate phase-out of HCFCs 5. Current issues under discussion 6. Non-compliance Procedure 7. Meeting of the Parties and Secretariat 8. The Multilateral Fund 9. Assessment panels	1. Explain the Montreal Protocol main provisions, phase-out schedule of ozone-depleting substances, amendments and non-compliance procedure.
Unit 4 - Achievements and challenges	1. Achievements 2. Challenges	1. Recount of the most prominent achievements of the Convention and Protocol to date and the biggest challenges laying ahead.



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