



# Global Governance

## Overview and Learning Objectives

### Overview

Designed specifically for LEAD International, this module explores the theory, practice and political dynamics of global governance processes. During the following 2 days, Associates will examine the substance, practice and political dynamics of global governance processes. It will provide a substantive overview of international environmental law, introducing its fundamental principles, law making processes, political developments and trends in the international environmental diplomacy arena.

The module will also explore and uncover: the nature of conflict in international environmental diplomacy; the special characteristics of negotiations in the multilateral setting; and some of the pre-negotiation challenges and the problems of inducing parties to negotiate. In addition the group will be looking at negotiation dynamics, the roles of culture and power, and the strategy and tactics of international negotiation.

### Method

The module has three elements. On the first day Associates will be actively involved in a combination of interactive presentations and discussions sessions. These will alternate with a series of drafting and mini-simulation exercises. On the second day the group will be taking part in a full-day negotiation simulation exercise that has been designed to address the challenges of global governance in the context of sustainable forestry (see Session 6, Day 3).

The four interactive presentations and discussion sessions will address the following topics:

1. Global governance concepts, challenges and reform initiatives;
2. The process and phases of multilateral negotiations;
3. Political challenges in the ongoing UN forestry negotiations;
4. Multilateral negotiation strategic tactics and techniques.

The drafting and mini-simulation exercises are designed to prepare LEAD Associates for the full-day negotiation exercise. Each mini-simulation exercise has been designed to prepare Associates for the distinct phases of the full-day mock negotiation, which include a combination of plenary, working group and informal “friends of the Chair” style negotiation sessions.

The three mini-simulations will involve:

1. Preparation of negotiation bloc statements and general comments to negotiation text
2. Preparation of amendments to negotiation text
3. Preparation of counter-proposals and negotiation strategies

### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of the module Associates will be able to:

- Describe the fundamental principles and evolving concepts of global governance;
- List some of the main concepts, principles, actors and institutions of international environmental law;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the key political developments and substantive trends in international environmental diplomacy;
- Identify the constraints in international environmental governance systems and the options for reform currently under discussion in the international arena;
- Give two examples of the complexities of applying global governance principles to the practical context of specific environmental problems;
- Describe the key characteristics of multilateral negotiations and the institutional context in which they take place;
- Describe and apply some of the key skills, tools and resources required to engage effectively in multilateral negotiations; and
- Assess their skills and abilities as a negotiator and write a personal development plan to help themselves build on their strengths and develop the areas that they want to improve.

### **Indicative Skills Content**

- Facilitating collective and inclusive decision-making
- Listening and questioning skills
- Analyzing, synthesising, prioritising and communicating complex information
- Consensus-building
- Promoting teamwork

# Schedule

Day 2



## Tuesday 19 June

IUCN, Gland

TIME	EVENT	CONTENT
7:30	Transport Geneva to Gland	
8:30	Check-in	
9:00	<b>Session 5</b> Global Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction Overview of module - objectives and content</li><li>• Presentation 1 Global governance concepts, challenges and reform initiatives</li></ul>
10:15	Coffee Break	
10:45	<b>Session 5</b> Global Governance (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation 2 The process and phases of multilateral negotiations</li><li>• Mini-Simulation 1 Preparation of negotiation bloc statements and general comments to negotiation text</li></ul>
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	<b>Session 5</b> Global Governance (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation 3 Political challenges in the ongoing UN forestry negotiations</li><li>• Presentation 4 Multilateral negotiation strategic tactics and techniques</li></ul>
15:15	Coffee Break	
15:45	<b>Session 5</b> Global Governance (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mini-Simulation 2 Preparation of amendments to negotiation text</li><li>• Mini-Simulation 3 Preparation of counter-proposals and negotiation strategies</li></ul>
18:15	Debrief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning Logs</li><li>• Review of Day</li></ul>
18:45	Free Evening	



## Briefing Pack

### Global Governance Module

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO NEGOTIATORS

The following steps will help you prepare for the Global Governance module:

##### Step One

Read the following background briefs on MEA Negotiation Processes and MEA Negotiation Strategies (two further briefings will be provided as handouts). The material contained in these briefs will form the basis of the four interactive presentations that will be delivered on the first day of the module.

##### Step Two

Refer to the 'List of Member States' on page 65 to see which country has been designated to you for the full-day mock negotiation. Because there are several Associates with shared national backgrounds, the fairest way to ensure a level playing field is to give everyone a country profile that is different from their real-life national identity. In advance of the module be sure to familiarise yourself with the documents of the United Nations Framework Convention on Forests (pages 67-91).

Specifically research your new government's priorities regarding the key issues in Article 3 and Article 4 (pages 77

and 78) of the draft negotiation text under section 3 of the UNFCF documents (these are the two articles that will be under negotiation in the full-day simulation exercise). The most helpful source of background information on country positions is the UN Intergovernmental Forum on Forests official website ([www.un.iff.org](http://www.un.iff.org))

##### Step Three

The multi-lateral negotiation simulation will take place between negotiation blocs, as opposed to individual countries. Therefore, refer back to the List of Member States to see which bloc you belong to (i.e. European Union, JUSCANZ, G-77). Liaise with your bloc colleagues in advance of the module to exchange initial preliminary views.

##### Step Four

Prepare in advance for the mini-simulation exercises that will take place on Day One of the global governance module. These exercises will include: (i) preparation of opening statements; (ii) preparation of draft amendments to the negotiation text; (iii) preparation of counter-proposals and negotiation strategies. You will need to acknowledge what you know about your new government's priorities on sustainable forestry as well as the areas of agreement and disagreement within your negotiating bloc regarding the key issues to be negotiated in Articles 3 and 4.