

## **HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE - 2021**

### **Background**

The e-Learning course "Human Rights, Environmental Protection and Climate Change" covers the basic principles and concepts of human rights, the SDGs with emphasis on the goals and targets most relevant to environmental protection, and the relationship between human rights and the environment. In light of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) that is taking place in December 2019, the interdependence between both fields has never been more relevant. The course will notably illustrate how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can and is necessary to environmental protection, considering the recent scientific and legal developments around human rights and environment regimes. It will include as well a section covering the new developments following the COP25.

### **Event objectives**

Participants will learn the bases for the application of human rights to environmental issues and the procedural and substantive obligations relating to the environment. They will deepen their knowledge around Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration, as well as the obligations relating to vulnerable group. Through examples of constitutions that have incorporated a right to a healthy environment, good practices in procedural and substantive environmental protection, as well as good practices in the protection of groups particularly vulnerable to environmental harm, participants will understand how the relationship between human rights and environmental protection takes place in practice.

### **Methodology**

This course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Each module has its own learning objectives, as well as interactive online lessons, which guide participants through the contents. The lessons are also available in PDF format so participants can work offline. Contents and activities are practice-oriented and under a self-assessment approach, so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and case scenarios. This experience will be supported by the UNITAR team, additional resources and material, and visuals such as infographics and videos.