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# OLA/UNITAR Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice

*Added session on Environmental Treaty Law in the context of Rio+20*

United Nations Headquarters, New York  
Conference Room E (NLB)  
10-11 May 2012

## PROGRAMME

### Thursday, 10 May 2012

- 10:00 am Registration
- 10:20 am **Opening Remarks**  
*Ms. Yvonne Lodico, Head, UNITAR New York Office*
- 10:35am **Introduction**  
*Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs*
- 10:45am **Introduction to the International Treaty Law System**  
► Introduce the basic concepts in treaty law and the evolution of the treaty law system.  
*Ms. Arancha Hinojal-Oyarbide, Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section*
- 11:15 am Coffee Break
- 11:30 am **Participation in Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the UN Secretary-General**  
*Ms. Muriel Djella Ogandaga, Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section*
- 1:00 pm Lunch Break



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- 3:00 pm **Panel on Environmental Treaty Law: Understanding what is at Stake in Rio+20**  
*The panel will be composed of a UN expert, an academic and an experienced practitioner.*
- 5:15 pm End of Day 1

## Friday, 11 May 2012

- 10:00 am **Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter and Practice Exercise on Registration**  
*Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto, Associate Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section*  
▶ Explain the mandate of Article 102 of the UN Charter and enumerate the registration procedures for Member States.
- 11:15 am Coffee Break
- 11:30 am **Overview of online resources – UN Treaty Collection website at <http://treaties.un.org>**  
*Mr. Andrei Kolomoets, Information Management Officer, OLA Treaty Section*  
*Mr. Rustam Nazirboboev, Associate Information Systems Officer, OLA Treaty Section*  
▶ Be able to locate and navigate treaty-related information online.
- 12:30 am Lunch Break
- 3:00 pm **Reservations and Declarations**  
*Ms. Dina Hamdy, Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section*  
▶ Distinguish between reservations and declarations and articulate the functions and limits of reservations.
- 4:00 pm **Coffee break**
- 4:15 pm **Final Clauses of Multilateral Treaties**  
*Ms. Arancha Hinojal-Oyarbide, Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section*  
▶ Explain the concept of “final causes” and their legal effects.
- 5:15 pm **Evaluation & Presentation of Certificates**  
*Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Chief, OLA Treaty Section*  
*Ms. Yvonne Lodico, Head, UNITAR New York Office*
- 5:30 pm **End of Seminar**