

MISSION REPORT			
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	INSTITUTION(S) OR MEETING(S) and VENUE(S): Fudan Nordic Centre of the Fudan University in Shanghai		
TN: 17349	MAIN PERSON(S) CONTACTED: Colleagues of UNEP (DELC), staff of the University of Eastern Finland and the Nordic Centre		
	OBJECTIVE(S): Make a presentation to the course participants of "REDD+ and forests in the Paris Agreement.		

BRIEF SUMMARY:

Since 2004, the University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and UNEP have been jointly organizing a two-week course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy. This year's course took place in Shanghai, China. The course was organized in co-operation with the Law School of the Fudan University and the UNEP-Tongji University Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development. The course on MEA seeks to transfer past experiences in the field of international environmental law-making and diplomacy to current and future negotiators of multilateral environmental agreements. The course also provides a forum to foster North-South cooperation and to take stock of developments related to MEA negotiations and implementation. The focus of the 2015 course was preparing for the COP21 in Paris.

The course is intended for experienced government officials engaged in international environmental negotiations. Other stakeholders, such as representatives of the academia, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, are also eligible to apply. Up to 30 participants can be admitted, with balanced distribution of participants from the North and South, also taking into account gender balance. The selection process ensures that highly qualified participants (21 in the Shanghai course), the majority still young, attend.

My presentation went well. I received very few questions (one on the role of carbon rights in REDD+).

RECOMMENDATION(S)/ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

 I had updated an existing REDD+ Academy presentation. After COP21, some of the latest information (including on INDCs) should be incorporated into REDD+ Academy presentations and Learning Journals.

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