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SOUTH AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND COMPLIANCE

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Environmental laws in South Africa are extraordinarily complex and multifaceted. With an intricate web of national, provincial, and local regulations, coupled with international obligations, this system often results in overlapping jurisdictions and potentially conflicting requirements, making it challenging for environmental professionals to navigate the regulatory landscape. Moreover, **non-compliance with South Africa's stringent environmental regulations can lead to severe penalties, including fines of up to R10 million- or 10-years imprisonment for first-time offenders, with even harsher punishments for repeat violations.**

This certified program will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of South Africa's environmental laws, compliance requirements, and enforcement mechanisms. You will delve into a wide array of critical topics including the **environmental impact assessments (EIA), pollution control frameworks, waste management regulations, biodiversity conservation laws, mining and petroleum extraction compliance, and climate change governance.** The program will also explore the role of key regulatory aspects such as duties of care, licensing and enforcement measures ensuring you understand the interplay between national and local environmental governance structures.

Throughout the program, you will learn how to **develop and implement environmental policies, conduct compliance audits, manage environmental risks,** and align your business with South Africa's legislative mandates.

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You will also gain a practical understanding of **licensing procedures, liability frameworks, and enforcement mechanisms to strengthen your ability to navigate environmental law** effectively. Special focus will be given to emerging climate policies, carbon taxation, extended producer responsibility (EPR), and regulatory developments in South Africa's sustainability transition.

By the end of this program, you will gain a comprehensive grasp of South Africa's environmental laws and compliance obligations, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to **develop legally sound environmental management strategies, minimize regulatory risks, and enhance corporate sustainability practices.**

Upon successful completion of the program, you will attain the **Certification in South Africa Environmental Laws and Compliance.** This distinguished certification will amplify your professional qualifications and demonstrate your expertise in South Africa's environmental laws and your ability to create proper compliance frameworks that align with all relevant legislation and policies. Globally demanded and recognized, this industry-recognized certification holds lifelong validity and will offer a testament to your expertise and commitment to excellence in the environmental management field.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**SOUTH AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
NATIONAL AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT**

**CLIMATE CHANGE ACT
ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL COMPLIANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING REGULATIONS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)
MINERALS AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT ACT
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TREATIES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE (PREVENTION AND
REMEDIATION) REGULATIONS
WASTE REGULATIONS
CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT
ISO 14001**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT
SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Melanie Murcott

Highly Distinguished Environmental Law Expert and
Chairperson of the Environmental Law Association

Melanie Jean Murcott is a distinguished leader in environmental law and currently serves as the **Chairperson of the Environmental Law Association of South Africa**. In this capacity, she advocates for environmental justice and robust governance, drawing upon her extensive experience in both legal practice and academia to drive meaningful change. She also holds the position of **Associate Professor at the Institute of Marine and Environmental Law at the University of Cape Town**.

Melanie's legal career began in prominent South African law firms, including Hogan Lovells, where she advanced to the role of Partner. Her practice was characterized by significant litigation and commercial experience, which laid a strong foundation for her transition into academia in 2012.

A prolific researcher and thought leader, Melanie **authored the influential book Transformative Environmental Constitutionalism (Brill, 2022), which offers a pioneering perspective on adjudicating environmental disputes amidst an escalating planetary crisis**. Her work emphasizes that achieving true justice—social, environmental, and interspecies—requires acknowledging the intrinsic interconnections between human rights and ecological well-being.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

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PROGRAM AGENDA

MODULE 1 - FOUNDATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Meaning and Significance of Environmental Law in a Time of Planetary Crisis
Locating Environmental Law within the South African Legal System:

An Introduction to South Africa's Environmental Legislation Framework, the National Environmental Management Act, 1998

MODULE 2 - TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The Significance of Access to Information and Administrative Justice in Environmental Governance

An Introduction to the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000

An Introduction to the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000

MODULE 3 - REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS AND GOVERNANCE TOOLS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

An Overview of Environmental Governance Tools and Role Players in South Africa Under Relevant Legislation

An Introduction to South Africa's Environmental Legislation Framework, the National Environmental Management Act, 1998

MODULE 4 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIA): PROCESS, COMPLIANCE, AND KEY ROLE PLAYERS

When is Environmental Impact Assessment Required under South African Environmental Law?

What is the Process?

Who are the Key Role-Players?

Distinguishing Between a Basic Assessment and a Full-Scoping and Impact Assessment Reporting Process

Relevant Factors to Be Considered:

With reference to the coal-fired power and the proposed Thabametsi project in Limpopo

MODULE 5 - POLLUTION CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE: AIR, WATER, AND INDUSTRIAL REGULATIONS

Pollution Control Tools Under South African Laws:

With a focus on the National Environmental Management Air Quality Act, 2004 and the National Water Act, 1998



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Priority Areas and Minimum Emission Standards
Duties of Care
Licensing
Compliance and Enforcement Measures

MODULE 6 - WASTE MANAGEMENT AND EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) REGULATIONS

Waste Management Under South African Law:
*With a focus on the National Environmental
Management Waste Act, 2008*
Defining and Classifying Wastes
Licenses
Extended Producer Responsibility
Compliance and Enforcement Measures

MODULE 7 - CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT: LIABILITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND REMEDIATION

Regulation of Contaminated Land under the
National Environmental Management Waste Act,
2008
Liability
Compliance and Enforcement

MODULE 8 - ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE IN MINING AND PETROLEUM EXTRACTION

Minerals and Petroleum Extraction Under South
African Law: *Minerals and Petroleum Resources
Development Act, 2002*
Licenses
Compliance and Enforcement

MODULE 9 - BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Biodiversity and Ecosystems Protection:
*Biodiversity and ecosystems protection and
sustainable use under South African laws with a
focus on the National Environmental Management
Biodiversity Act, 2004*
Licenses
Compliance and Enforcement

MODULE 10 - CLIMATE CHANGE LAW, CARBON TAXATION, AND THE JUST TRANSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Climate Change Law and Governance in South
Africa
South Africa's Obligations as a Party to the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
Change, 1992 and the Paris Agreement 2015
An Introduction to the Carbon Tax Act, 2019
An Introduction to the Climate Change Act, 2024
An Overview of the South Africa's Just Transition
Plan

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Globally demanded and recognized, this certification will amplify your professional qualifications and demonstrate your expertise in South Africa environmental laws and your ability to create proper compliance frameworks that align with all relevant legislation and policies. This program is developed by **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications** and the content of this program has been certified by **CPD Certification Service** as adhering to highest standards of continuing professional principles.

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