During the second half of the twentieth century, widespread increases in globalisation and population patterns also necessarily suggest rises in all forms of human activity which in turn result in more incidents of waste generation. Though a given form of waste may not per se be dangerous, it could become hazardous in the face of being inadequately and improperly managed, thereby threatening the very existence of the ecological base and human health. Wastes must thus be managed efficiently to prevent the occurrence of such disasters. Wastes have also been sometimes transported from one country’s territorial jurisdiction to another, without due regard to sound principles of environmental management such as the preventive and precautionary principles, eventually posing a threat to the territory of the importing country.

The Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes (1989) and other international conventions have therefore been established to enable countries regulate the importation and exportation of hazardous waste, and manage the waste which is generated within the municipal setting. This is through these countries’ establishment of sound national policies after they ratify such treaties. However, in many countries of the Middle East, North Africa and other parts of the developing world, wastes continue to be carelessly disposed of.

Consequently, the aim of this workshop is to empower and train leaders within all sectors of societyacademic institutions, ministries, non-governmental organisations, municipalities and local communities, with adequate skills to promote appropriate policies in waste management at the municipal and local levels.

PROGRAMME

The Programme will cover the following areas: Leadership, Environmental Governance and Waste Management, The International Environmental Regulatory Regime and Waste Management, Local Level Governance and Waste Management in Jordan, The Role of Women in Managing Waste in Senegal and Case studies of various waste management practices in Ghana, Palestine, Sweden, Germany, Qatar and Egypt. Various sessions will be dedicated to Iraq.

The workshop will comprise a series of site visits as well as lectures and discussions with international experts.
The Course will be held at the UNU-ILI New Building, Amman, Jordan from 27th - 31st August 2006. Applicants for the course should submit applications to Dr. Yvonne Asamani, E-mail: asamani@la.unu.edu or Ms. Mira Haddad at: intern7@la.unu.edu, telephone: 962 6 533 7075/fax: 962 6 535 6099.


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