
Online course for the Member States of CARICOM and Parties of the Treaty of Tlatelolco

“The Nuclear Challenge”

1. Background:

- Resolution of OPANAL CG/Res.479 (XIX/05) "Education for Peace, Disarmament and Nuclear Non-Proliferation", adopted in Santiago de Chile, which urges the States Parties to implement the recommendations of The United Nations Study on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Education and to continue the efforts to disseminate the Treaty of Tlatelolco, and to promote the educational activities that contributes to education for peace, disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation among the Member States.
- Resolution of OPANAL CG/Res.518 (XXI/09) "Education for Peace, Disarmament and Nuclear Non-Proliferation", adopted in Mexico City, which welcomes with satisfaction the work in the field of education for disarmament performed by the Council and the General Secretariat of OPANAL; calls the Secretary General to continue the work of dissemination of the Treaty of Tlatelolco among civil society and academic institutions and to promote educational activities that contributes to education for peace, disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation among the Member States.
- Presencial course in Mexico City on “The Nuclear Issues”, made by OPANAL (February-April 2009) and two online; the first one from September to November 2009, and the second one from June to August 2010.

2. Objectives:

- To provide a general overview of the current nuclear issues.
- To review regional and multilateral efforts that addressed the threat of nuclear weapons and its proliferation.
- To address the issue of peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to examine the possibility of the reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons through an international instrument.

- To emphasis on existing treaties, particularly the Treaty of Tlatelolco and other agreements that establish nuclear weapons free zones.
- To qualify those responsible on such issues in different sectors of society.
- To create conscience among the participants with specialized knowledge in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues that contributes to the decision-making process at a national and regional level.
- To contribute to the promotion of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, its purposes and the objective of global nuclear disarmament.

3. General Information:

- The academic coordination will contact each participant to inform them the bibliographical contents of each module as well as other instruments that might be pertinent for academic evaluation.
- The course will be in English.

4. Academic Coordinator:

- Ambassador Miguel Marin Bosh will coordinate the course.

5. Candidates:

- Government officials, political advisors, legislators, representatives of armed forces, academic institutions, journalists and media of all English speaking Member States (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago) and Haiti.

6. Requirements

Specific:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Recent identification card photo
- Letter of postulation from the belonging institution addressed to the Secretary General of OPANAL
- Personal motivation letter
- Availability of 6 hours a week
- Reading and comprehension of the English language

The course does not have any cost; the acceptance will be subject of evaluation.

Technical:

- Access to Internet; to have at least one e-mail account
- To fulfill the informatics ability requirements
- To have a minimum computer skills as web searching, instant messaging, access to chat communications and Internet video.

7. Method of Evaluation:

The academic coordination will make the reading controls and will establish the other instruments for evaluation.

- There will be obligatory readings for discussion, and optative readings.
- The academic coordination will inform about the evaluation form.
- The General Secretariat will request a paper of 5-7 pages on a specific subject related to the contents of the course.
- At the end of the course, participants who have fulfilled 80% of the requirements of the course satisfactory will receive an assistance certificate.

Online modality:

- The course will be by Internet.
- OPANAL will give written material available in electronic format (Word or adobe Acrobat Reader), that will be send throw Internet. All the bibliographic information, readings for classes and complementary readings will be located in OPANALs site.
- The academic coordination will organize weekly meetings of optional reading assignment, throw the specified chat on the days timely indicated.

8. Participants and Schedule

- Number of participants: 25 (max.)
- Starting date: Monday 07 November 2011.
- Duration: 10 weeks. (Christmas break from December 16 to January 8, 2012.)

9. Closing date for applications:

- Tuesday 1st November 2011.

Send all the information by email: cursoenlinea@opanal.org