



Week of February 05-11, 2024

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

UPEACE HOSTED IMPORTANT SEMINAR ON THE PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS



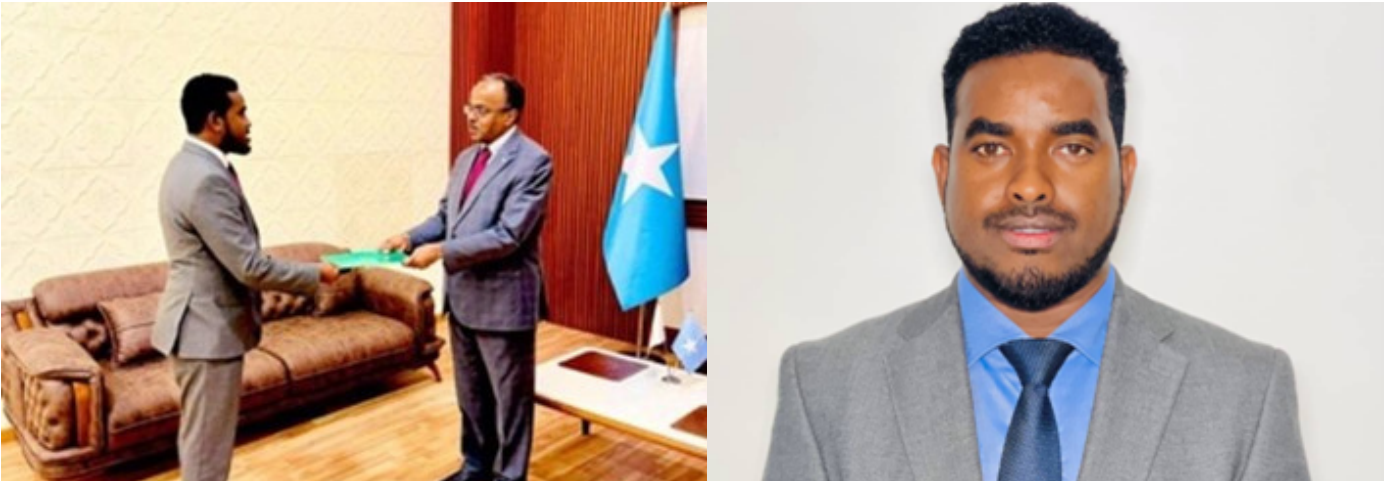
Last week, UPEACE hosted the event "The Protection of Environmental Defenders in Latin America: The Promise of the Escazu Agreement", led by Dr. Marjolein Schaap, Professor in our Department of International Law and attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps in Costa Rica, including the Ambassador of the Netherlands, H.E. Christine Pirenne and the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Daniel Kriener. Panelists Patricia Madrigal Cordero, Irene Murillo Ruin, Natalia Castro Niño, and Andrés Romero Méndez shared a range of perspectives on this important agreement and the role of environmental advocates.

UPEACE PERMANENT OBSERVER TO UN GENEVA, DAVID FERNANDEZ-PUYANA, HELD IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN ABU DHABI



UPEACE Representative and Permanent Observer to the United Nations in Geneva, Amb. David Fernandez-Puyana, met with H.E. Francisco Chacon, Ambassador of Costa Rica and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and H.E. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Ambassador of Mexico and first President of the United Nations Human Rights Council, during his recent trip to Abu Dabhi, in order to identify common interests with UPEACE.

MOHAMUD ABDI AHMED, CURRENT UPEACE SOMALIA PH.D. STUDENT, APPOINTED AS IGAD HEAD OF MISSION TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA



The appointment of Mr. Mohamud Abdi Ahmed, who is currently finalizing his final year as a Ph.D. student at UPEACE Somalia, has been appointed IGAD Head of Mission to the Federal Republic of Somalia, a significant milestone. This decision, made by IGAD Executive Secretary Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, not only highlights Mr. Ahmed's exemplary capabilities, but also underscores UPEACE's dedication to nurturing influential diplomats who make substantial contributions to the diplomatic sphere in the Horn of Africa.

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STUDENTS IN OUR ON-CAMPUS SPANISH M.A. PROGRAM VISITED THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS



Last week, students of our Master's program in Spanish in Conflict Resolution, Peace and Development, attended the hearing of the Capriles VS. Venezuela case at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights as part of the course "Fundamentals of International Human Rights Law" and the course "Promoting Peace from the Perspective of Public-Private Partnerships: Role of Private Enterprise". They were accompanied by our Vice Rector, Dr. Juan Carlos Sainz Borgo, and the Coordinator of our Department of Regional Studies, Karen Acosta, both Venezuelans themselves.