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## **Announcement in Brief**

**Course Type : Online Course**

**Programme Area : Economic Affairs**

**Date : 20th September – 22 October 2021**

**Duration : 5 Weeks**

**Language : Bilingual (French / English)**

**Application Deadline : 10th September 2021**

<sup>1</sup> IDEP strongly encourage and supports the participation of suitably qualified female officials in its capacity development and training programme.

## PROGRAMME RATIONALE

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis pose enormous challenges to economies and societies across Africa, but it must not derail efforts by African countries to limit warming to well-below 2°C. The pandemic is also set to curtail Africa's efforts to build a climate-smart and resilient future. The crisis has claimed over 100,000 African lives and nearly 4 million cases have been recorded so far (UNDP 2021). The effects of the crisis on production and exports is already hindering growth. Real GDP in Africa contracted by 2.1 percent in 2020 (AfDB 2021).

Addressing the health crisis and providing relief to the affected population, businesses and workers are the immediate priorities. However, the post-crisis recovery programmes present an opportunity to many African countries to closely align public policies with climate objectives and limit the risk of pursuing carbon-intensive development (OECD 2020).

Recovering from the COVID-19 crisis will entail among others a training of diverse state and non-state actors on how to build back and build forward better and promote the creation of green economies and jobs so as to address worsening challenge of poverty, unemployment and climate change vulnerability. The new skills are necessary to ensure that COVID-19 recovery programmes can be designed to orientate investments towards sectors and technologies that can accelerate the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient future in Africa.

Against the above background and to respond to member States request, IDEP and MGD are looking for a senior expert in climate change, natural resource management, economics, development studies, or related discipline.

## OBJECTIVES

- To provide background on global and African development agendas and the contestations thereof, including matters surrounding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Sendai Framework, Paris Agreement, New Urban Agenda, Africa Agenda 2063, among others.
- To provide insights into Global and African Union institutional arrangements and global policy addenda setting processes.
- To build knowledge regarding the linkages between COVID-19 and climate change.
- To understand the concepts and policies on low-carbon, just and sustainability transition in the context of COVID-19 and climate change, as well as explore the (dis)advantages thereof for African economies.
- To build capacity for low-carbon and climate negotiations with the view to promote sustainable African growth that is inclusive of the blue (ocean) economy.
- To prepare the African continent and key stakeholders for the global transition to NetZero by 2050.
- To open up avenues for mobilising means of implementation towards low-carbon and climate-resilient African economies.
- To build capacity to analyse, monitor and devalue low-carbon development pathways and trajectories.

## CONTENT

Accordingly, the course aims to provide practitioners, policymakers, officials from civil service and any other interested stakeholder with clear understanding of the following:

- Module 1: Introduction to Global and African Development Agenda-setting and Agendas
- Module 2: Disaster Risk Reduction under Climate Change and Pandemics
- Module 3: Low-carbon, Just and Sustainability Transitions in an African Context
- Module 4: Negotiating Just and Equitable Deals under the NetZero Global Projections
- Module 5: Means of Implementation (Finance, Technology, Capacity Development etc.)
- Module 6: Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluating Africa's Low-Carbon Transition Initiatives

## SKILLS TO BE IMPARTED

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- (a) Holistically understand the linkages between selected global and African development agendas.
- (b) Realise and differentiate between disasters such as the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change within the context of building back and building forward better.
- (c) Grasp the phenomena surrounding the low-carbon, just and sustainability transitions, and apply the knowledge to better prepare their economies for the transitions.
- (d) Comprehend the central role of green energy in low-carbon transition and how this will affect African economies.
- (e) Review and adjust Africa's engagements in climate and other negotiations for the protection and delivery of African interests.
- (f) Clearly advocate for building African capacity to mitigate global inequalities surrounding disaster risk reduction and management, be it climate change or other pandemics.
- (g) Analyse, monitor and evaluate just and low-carbon transition initiatives, including sustainable energy options.

## PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH & MODE OF DELIVERY

The course will be delivered for one month including one week for the final evaluation. The course will be moderated asynchronously on a weekly basis and participants are required to participate in the weekly on-line discussions. The lessons are designed in a way that learners are also able to self-assess their understanding through practical exercises which will be in the form of case studies that will support active learning. Additional resources such as bibliographies, web links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of the course topic.

The course will be delivered in English and French. The course is structured to run over a period of four weeks. The following fifth week will be dedicated to the final evaluation. The pedagogical team will include a Course

Director, a team of moderators and Resource persons with first-hand knowledge of the historical and contemporary issues in Carbon Transition in Africa. They also come with strong comparative insights from other regions of the world. In line with the IDEP pedagogical philosophy, the presentation of the course modules will combine a knowledge-building component with experience-sharing among participants.

## **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by IDEP to all participants who successfully complete the course-related self-assessments presented for each module.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The target participants are as follows:

- Senior experts in climate change and natural resources managers
- Development economists
- Development practitioners
- Academia with interest in disaster risk reduction and management and low-carbon development
- Senior government officials dealing with matters related to disaster risk reduction and management, and climate change, low-carbon transition, green energy and sustainability transitions
- NGOs and CBOs top and middle level managers
- Development financiers and aid agencies
- Senior labour unionists
- Senior Journalists and Editors

## **ACCEPTANCE TO THE COURSE**

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots. Please refer to the paragraph below to see priority target group. Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform at <https://www.unidep.org/?apply>,

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e-Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
  - o Adobe Acrobat Reader
  - o Adobe Flash Player

- Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
- Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher or Firefox 36 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

## IMPORTANT DATES

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- Course Period: 20th September – 22nd October 2021

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