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Announcement in Brief

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS [1]

Course Type	:	Online Course
Programme Area	:	Climate Change
Date	:	06th September – 08th October 2021
Duration	:	5 Weeks
Language	:	Bilingual (French / English)
Application Deadline	:	20th August 2021

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PROGRAMME RATIONALE

The African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) in collaboration with the Africa Climate Policy Centre at the Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division (TCND) of the ECA, is organizing this course as a contribution to the enhancement of skills in the production, packaging, dissemination, uptake and use of climate information in the region.

ACPC, in collaboration with its partners, has been at the forefront of efforts to promote climate information learning. In 2016 for example, the ACPC convened a training of trainers (ToT) event on "Mainstreaming Climate Information and Services into legislation, development policies and plans", which was attended by legislators and youth groups drawn from across the continent. In tandem with this activity, the Centre, under its then DFID-funded Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) programme commissioned a collaboration with the UN CC: Learn Partnership to co-develop a self-paced online learning module on "Climate information and services".

The provision of climate information services involves collating, analysing, packaging-up and distributing climate data on variables such as temperature, rainfall, wind, soil moisture, ocean conditions and extreme weather indicators. With high-quality data tailored to their needs, farmers can plan what to plant and when; armed with accurate data and analyses, policymakers have the information they need to make properly informed decisions. Meanwhile, governments are much more likely to integrate climate polices incorporating demand-led, evidence-based information into economic and development planning. In most parts of the continent, the level of skills and awareness of climate information services remains inadequate to respond to the widespread impacts of extreme weather events, such as droughts, hurricanes and heat strokes.

OBJECTIVES

The course will introduce the fundamentals of Mainstreaming Climate Information Service and how this process will build resilience, efficiency and productivity in sectoral policies. The course will as well equip stakeholders with skills to be able to cope better with increased variability and improve livelihoods across the continent.

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 Understanding Climate Information (CI) and Climate Services (CS)
- Module 2 Types and Status of Climate Information in Africa

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- Module 3 Communication of Climate Information in Africa
- Module 4 Role of CI and CS in Development Planning and Policy
- Module 5 Governance and Mainstreaming of CI & CS into Sectoral Development

SKILLS TO BE IMPARTED

At the end of the course, participants will have:

1. Good knowledge of Climate Change, Climate Information and Climate Service

2. Understand the main traditional and modern ways of communicating CI/S to main consumers

3. Good knowledge of CI/S for Effective Development Planning and Policy

4. Skills to assess the role of Climate Information and Services in Development Planning

5. Role of CI in domesticating international climate agreements

6. Skills for mainstreaming CI & CS in Policy, Legislation and Developmen

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 three weeks. The following fourth 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 Climate Change 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.

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TARGET AUDIENCE

The target participants are as follows:

- Middle and senior level policy officials and, practitioners directly connected with climate information and change as well as environmental issues, development and policy planners, socio-economic researchers, statisticians, etc.
- Officials of national and para governmental agencies and non-state actors with a professional interest in Climate Information Services related issues.

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

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