FORMULATING PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR LOW CARBON CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT: Designing Green Climate Fund (GCF) Projects

An international course for the public and private sectors on clean energy access, environment and climate change projects. 23 February – 23 June 2017

INTRODUCTION
The aim of the course is to develop participants’ skills in preparing proposals for low carbon climate resilient development in areas such as clean energy access, energy efficiency and adaptation to climate change so that they can mobilise climate finance, particularly from the Green Climate Fund, and catalyse the deployment of climate change solutions in developing countries.

TARGET GROUP
Participants from backgrounds related to energy, environment and climate change, such as: staff from National Designated Authorities (NDAs), staff from Accredited entities or those seeking accreditation, entrepreneurs, consultants, project developers, government officials, policy advisors, and staff of utility companies and (I)NGOs.

OBJECTIVES
After completion of this introductory course participants will have gained knowledge and experience related to:
- Current international policy concerning climate change and clean energy
- Funding options for low carbon climate resilient development (e.g. clean energy access, adaptation options, technologies for and promoting of energy efficiency)
- Identifying project opportunities for low carbon climate resilient development
- Assessing sustainable development impacts
- Developing implementation strategies
- Writing bankable and fundable proposals

ORGANIZATION
The course is divided into two parts. Part 1 is an online course of eight modules spread over 16 weeks in which participants, in their own time, undertake reading assignments, watch videos, listen to presentations and complete questions and written assignments. A webinar is held every two weeks to introduce a module and give feedback on the previous module. The assignments include developing a draft concept note for a Green Climate Fund proposal ready for feedback during the residential course. It is estimated that to complete the material participants will need 8 hours per week. All modules of Part 1 must be successfully completed before the start of Part 2 – the two week residential course. Part 2 consists of lectures, including guest lectures from leading specialists, presentations, case studies, discussions, and a site visit. During the course participants work, individually or in pairs, on their draft concept note which will be presented and discussed with feedback on possible areas for improvement.

HISTORY OF THE COURSE
The University of Twente has been offering the International Course on Rural Energy Planning (ICREP) since 1983. Since 2005, the focus has been on proposal writing and financing schemes for projects related to energy, environment and climate change mitigation. In 2016 we substantially revised the delivery of the programme including an element of the teaching through online modules spread over an 16-week period followed by a 2-week residential programme.

CONTENTS
Module 1: Introduction to climate, the Green Climate Fund
Module 2: Introduction to project formulation
Module 3: Barrier analysis & market assessment
Module 4: Technology assessment & strategy development
Module 5: Developing the project logic
Module 6: Emissions and financial analysis
Module 7: Country ownership and stakeholder engagement
Module 8: Developing a GCF concept note
GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue – 16 weeks online through The University of Twente’s Website; 2 weeks residential in Enschede, the Netherlands.

Entrance Requirements – BSc, MSc or equivalent from a recognized university, at least two years of professional experience, and a basic understanding of engineering and economics is necessary. The language requirement is IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent). For the online component participants must have access to an appropriate internet connection.

Tuition fees – 3000 Euro

Living expenses – Estimated total costs for two weeks are 1150 Euro which covers accommodation, food, out-of-pocket expenses, and Insurance (Medical and Third Party Liability).

Accommodation – The course organizers will arrange accommodation for the residential part of the course.

Insurance requirements – Attendees must be covered by Health, Accident and Third Party Liability Insurance from the date of arrival in the Netherlands. The course organizers will make the necessary arrangements.

Facilities – During the residential part of the course, participants will have access to the UT library and an internet connection. Course materials are provided electronically. Participants are expected to bring their own laptop.

Fellowships – Our short courses have been approved by the Nuffic NFP short course list. If you are admitted to our course you can apply for an NFP fellowship at www.nuffic.nl/nfp
The NFP fellowship application deadline for this course is 26 October 2016.

Cancellations – An administration fee of 500 Euro will be charged for all cancellations not notified at least 30 days prior to the course start date.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY

Online application form: www.utwente.nl/bms/cstm/education/icrep

Online tool for Nuffic scholarships is open from 1 September until 30 October 2016.

Deadline for applications by candidates with own funding is 27 January 2017. Payment must be received before 10 February 2017.

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

University of Twente, Department of Governance and Technology for Sustainability provides education at Bachelors and Masters level on problems related to the role of technology in the development of the South.

www.utwente.nl/bms/cstm

UNEP DTU PARTNERSHIP

The UNEP DTU Partnership, Risø, Denmark supports the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in its aim to incorporate environmental aspects into energy planning and policy worldwide with a special emphasis to assist developing countries.

www.unepdtu.org

E Co. DEEPER THINKING

E Co. is a consultancy specialising in the formulation of sustainable energy and climate change projects. Eco has formulated $180m of project proposals for EBRD, IFC, World Bank, UNIDO, UNDP, and AfDB, including GEF and the GCF.

www.ecoltdgroup.com

ICREP is the Dutch nomination for the 2016 UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development.

QUOTES FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS:
Participant evaluation for 2016: in answer to the question ‘would you recommend ICREP to a colleague?’ gave a resounding ‘yes!’ (score of 4.9 out 5).

“ICREP presented me with the opportunity to network among colleagues from different background and countries”

“After returning, I established a Carbon Finance Unit in my NGO. Now I have a team of 5 staff. We have initiated the project ‘Efficient Fuel Wood Cooking Stoves Project in Foothils and Plains of Central Development Region of Nepal’. Nepal attendee