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.

1 March – 25 June 2021

INTRODUCTION

The aim of the course is to develop participants’ skills in preparing proposals for low carbon and climate resilient projects 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 IFIs and (I)NGOs.

OBJECTIVES

After completion of this introductory course participants will have gained knowledge and experience related to:

- Climate finance landscape and international policies concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation
- GCF funding options and operating modalities to support low carbon climate resilient development
- Identifying project opportunities for low carbon climate resilient development
- 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. The updated course now covers both adaptation and mitigation.

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: Estimating base-lines and co-benefits
Module 7: Project finance, country ownership and stakeholder engagement
Module 8: Project rationale, sensitivity and risk analysis

Residential component
Developing a GCF concept note
GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue – 15 weeks online through The University of Twente’s Website (start 1 March 2021); 2 weeks in Enschede, the Netherlands residential (45-25 June 2020).

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 500 Euro which covers food, out-of-pocket expenses.

Accommodation – The course organizers will arrange accommodation for the residential part of the course. More information: www.utwente.nl/bms/cstm/education/icrep/

Insurance requirements – Attendees must be covered by Health, Accident and Third Party Liability Insurance from the date of arrival in the Netherlands. This is a legal requirement. Participants needs to arrange this themselves.

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, tablet, smart phone etc.

Fellowships – Due to national COVID-19 measures, the NUFFIC programme’s partner and funder the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has asked NUFFIC to temporarily stop granting any scholarships until further notice.

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 scholarship is temporarily closed until further notice.

Deadline for applications by candidates with own funding is 1 February 2021. Payment must be received before 14 February 2021.

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

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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, Copenhagen, 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. 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

In 2016, ICREP was 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 Foothills and Plains of Central Development Region of Nepal’.