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Introduction to a Green Economy - Concepts and Applications, 6th Edition

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Location:	Web-based
Date:	27 Oct 2014 to 19 Dec 2014
Duration:	8 Weeks
Programme Area:	Environment, , Environmental Governance and Law, , Public Finance and Trade
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/egg
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Event Focal Point Email:	envgov@unitar.org
Partnership:	UNEP, ILO, UNIDO, UNDP

BACKGROUND

The concept of a green economy is receiving increasing international attention, as countries explore new patterns of development that take into account economic, social and environmental sustainability considerations. The ability of national actors to act on the green economy is key for effective policy making and achieving tangible results. To address this challenge, United Nations Institute

for Training and Research (UNITAR) is working closely with UNEP, ILO, UNIDO, and UNDP, in a new Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), with a focus on national capacity development. In order to provide interested stakeholders from government, business, civil society and academia with an introduction to the green economy concept UNITAR, together with PAGE partners, is delivering an interactive e-learning course from 27 October - 19 December 2014.

The course has been reviewed by independent experts in the sphere of e-learning and adult education and awarded the ECB Check Certification, an internationally recognized standard on quality of e-learning education.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

Participants will learn about different concepts and facets of the green economy, as well as global, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities to advance low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive development. Additionally, participants will begin to develop basic skills for applying the green economy concept in a real world economic, policy and/or personal context.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

- Define the concept of a green economy and explain its value
- Distinguish relevant planning processes in support of a green transformation
- Identify enabling conditions for greening national economies
- Discuss principal challenges and opportunities to advance a green economy
- Recognize the range of international and regional green initiatives and support services to foster green development
- Apply the green economy concept to a real world economic, policy and/or personal context

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course is composed of 5 modules:

- Module 1: Introduction to a Green Economy: Rationale, Concepts and Principles

- Module 2: Enabling Conditions for Advancing a Green Economy
- Module 3: Greening the Economy: Sectors and Strategies
- Module 4: Developing a Balanced and Inclusive Green Economy
- Module 5: International Developments and Support to Advance a Green Economy

METHODOLOGY

The course is adapted to professionals in full-time work. Each module takes 5-7 hours to complete. Participants are provided with the opportunity to learn through various experiences: absorb (read); do (activity); interact (socialize); and reflect (relate to one's own reality). The reading of an e-book is complemented by a range of learning activities and experiences that include interactive exercises, discussion forums, and an applied case study.

- Assessment tests appraise the comprehension of the key facts and concepts at the end of each module.
- Discussion forums foster interaction and reflection on a specific issue selected either by the course moderator or participants.
- An applied case study provides participants with the opportunity to apply the green economy concept in the framework of a real world situation. Participants will identify the problem context, relevant issues, define appropriate measures, and develop a green action plan for a particular setting. Each case study is peer-reviewed by a group of course participants.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course targets groups and individuals that are interested in obtaining a general understanding about the green economy concept and latest developments. They include:

- Civil servants in national Ministries, provincial departments and local authorities
- Diplomats from Permanent Missions and Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- Environmental managers in private sector and civil society organizations
- Faculty, researchers and students Interested citizens

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certificate of Completion

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by UNITAR to all participants who complete the course-related assignments and assessments successfully.

Technical Requirements

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. UNITAR recommends the following as a minimum in hardware and software to take our e-Learning courses. 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; MacOS 9 or MacOS X; Linux
 - Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
 - Software: Adobe Acrobat Reader, Adobe Flash Player, Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
 - Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher or Firefox 3.6 or higher Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled.