United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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Climate Change Diplomacy

Multilateral Diplomacy

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	3 Aug 2020 to 16 Aug 2020
Duration:	2 Weeks
Thematic Area:	Environment, , Climate Change, , Multilateral Diplomacy
Website:	http://learnatunitar.org
Price:	$0.00
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BACKGROUND

Climate Change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Understanding the climate change problem is a work in progress for the scientific community, governments, private sector and society; however the risks that it already poses to global societies mean that mitigation and adaptation efforts commands the expertise of economists, development agencies and policy makers alike. The breadth of the range of challenges posed by climate change on a global scale has meant that it has become an international and interdisciplinary concern, and the subject of multilateral negotiations and geopolitical debate.

This course aims to provide a broad and concise training for participants from a variety of backgrounds and professions, in order to develop their understanding and appreciation of the collective action problem of climate change, the risks and opportunities it poses, as well as the multilateral negotiation process and the framework of international climate change law and compliance mechanisms. The course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and capacities to make important decisions and represent the interests of their respective Parties considering climate change commitments, strategy or policy developments.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of this training programme is to support the capacities of the UK Cabinet Office UNFCCC negotiations team to prepare effectively for the UNFCCC COP26. The programme will aim to provide participants with training on climate change diplomacy, the structure and functioning of the UNFCCC, the key outcomes of negotiations to-date, and will build practical and in-depth understanding of negotiation skills and dynamics in the context of United Nations conferences and the UNFCCC process. The programme will also cover the skills and knowledge needed to effectively support the COP President and work with the UNFCCC Secretariat, including how to build consensus and overcome negotiation deadlocks.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of this training programme is to support the capacities of the UK Cabinet Office UNFCCC negotiations team to prepare effectively for the UNFCCC COP26.

At the end of the course participants should be able to:

- Understand key elements of the international climate change negotiation process, including the structure and functioning of the UNFCCC, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement;
- Recognise and recall the high-level outcomes of UNFCCC negotiations to-date;
- Analyse and appraise key issues to be negotiated at COP26.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Module 1: Introduction to the UNFCCC and the road to the Paris Agreement

1.1. What is Climate Change?

1.2. The UNFCCC

1.3. Key milestones of the UNFCCC process

1.4. Paris Agreement

Module 2: COP25 outcomes and the roadmap to COP26

2.1. Overview main decisions taken at COP25

2.2. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

METHODOLOGY

The course will take place online, consisting of approximately 3hrs self-paced study each week. The course will include 2 modules covering the UNFCCC negotiation process, structure and conference outcomes to-date, and will be an important precursor to the e-workshop.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The online course will be designed for up to 35 participants from the UK Cabinet Office COP26 negotiations team.