



Climate Change Diplomacy

4 October - 26 November 2010

Background

Climate change is one of the most controversial issues of the 21st century. Furthermore, it is not just a scientific concern but also a legal, economic, development and geopolitical issue. This course brings together these cross-cutting themes in the context of diplomacy by introducing this challenge from a scientific understanding, by examining the international policy framework of the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, and by analysing the most important climate change considerations for diplomats and negotiators working in this field.

Course Objectives

This online course aims to facilitate international negotiations, public sector work, and diplomatic engagement in relation to climate change through an enhanced understanding of its science, international policy framework, and the key negotiation issues pertinent to a post 2012 agreement.

Expected Results

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

- Comprehend climate change science and the observed and projected climate change impacts
- Explain the international climate change policy framework, including the climate change negotiations to date
- Define both climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Appreciate international considerations for climate change decision-making
- Appraise the key issues in the ongoing international climate change negotiations, and recognize and analyse the next steps for COP16 and beyond

Target Audience

The course targets mid to senior-level government officers in line ministries preparing for and/or taking part in conferences as well as staff of intergovernmental / nongovernmental organizations. It also targets entry-level and mid-career diplomats working in a multilateral setting. Private sector specialists and students whose work or studies are related to this subject are also encouraged to apply.

Organization and Methodology

The course will be conducted in English over a eight-week period, each week consisting of a module focusing on a different topic. The course will be delivered via UNITAR's e-Learning platform. This pedagogical tool will help the student meet the course's learning objectives through a self-paced study routine supported by multimedia, optional and required readings, discussion forums, assessment quizzes, and a wealth of other

Registration and Course Fees

A fee of 800 USD is applicable to participate in this course. Participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Please consult the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme website for more details.

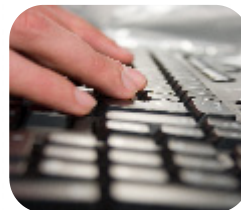
You may register [here](#).

Registration deadline: 28 September 2010

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