Mastering National Adaptation Plans - from Start to Finish

Course Syllabus
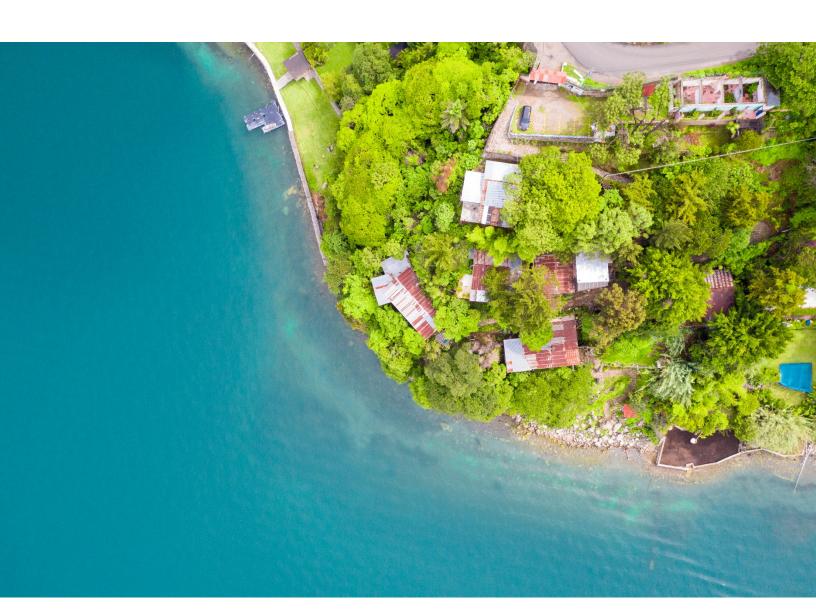
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Background

The adverse impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly more acute, particularly for developing countries. This further exacerbates the wellbeing of the poorest and most vulnerable, meaning adaptation is now crucial to their survival and protection. Successful national adaptation planning requires detailed knowledge and practical skills in order to effectively and efficiently tackle current and future threats.

The National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) process was established under the Cancun Adaptation Framework (2010) in order to prepare countries for addressing climate risk in the medium term. The main objectives of the NAPs are to reduce vulnerability to climate change, and to mainstream climate change adaptation in all levels of planning. NAPs require building a stronger evidence base, improving skills and capacity. Additionally, they need to be country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory and use transparent approaches.

This course **"Mastering National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) - from Start to Finish"** course will introduce learners to several important aspects of the NAP process. It is aimed at enhancing knowledge of the NAP process elements, relevant issues such as gender and climate information in NAP Formulation and Implementation; and financing NAP processes.   This interactive self-paced course will guide learners through various aspects of the NAP journey. The course consists of three interlinked modules each taking an average of 1 hour to complete:
- Module 1: Exploring and Developing a NAP.
- Module 2: Implementing and Reviewing a NAP.
- Module 3: Financing the NAP process.

Who should take this course

The course will provide clear, concise, and up-to-date information for anybody interested in exploring the important aspects of the NAP process. It should be of particular interest to the following audiences:
- Policymakers and government officials from LDCs and other developing countries working on NAPs wanting to increase their understanding on the steps involved in national adaptation planning, and the challenges that may arise along the way
- Technical experts in climate-sensitive sectors with an interest in better understanding the cross-sectoral linkages between climate change and their sectors
- Policymakers and technical specialists with an interest in understanding climate adaptation finance
- Academic and wider public stakeholders interested in enhancing their knowledge on the process of adaptation

Learning Objectives

By completing the course, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of inclusion of various stakeholders and institutions in the NAP process.
2. List some examples of important climate data and information necessary for the NAP process, as well as discuss their possible sources locally and internationally.
3. Explain how climate change adaptation planning could be integrated across different climate sensitive socio-economic sectors.
4. Discuss common national and international sources of climate adaptation finance relevant for the NAPs.

This e-course is a learning initiative of the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn) and part of the National Adaptation Plan Global Support Programme (NAP-GSP). The NAP-GSP is a joint programme, implemented by UNDP and UN Environment, in collaboration with other UN Agencies to assist countries with their NAP processes. The programme is funded through the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Methodology, Certification and Feedback

The course is self-paced and not moderated. It has been divided into three modules and includes an intent to use survey. We recommend that you take the intent to use survey before starting the course and view the modules sequentially for the best learning experience. Starting with Module 1, this module focuses on the formulation and planning phases of the NAP process; Module 2 focuses on the implementation and review phases of the NAP process and ends with Module 3 which focuses on financing the NAP process.

Each module contains interactive content and a non-summative assessment to check your understanding. Each module takes around 1 hour to complete and has a wealth of links to other resources on issues discussed, but these are meant for extra reading if of interest. The extra reading will not be part of the final quiz at the end of each Module.

Each Module has a final 10 question quiz to assess the achievement of the learning objectives. After passing each Module's final assessment with at least 70% within 3 attempts, the participant automatically unlocks a badge per module. After obtaining all 3 badges, the participant can automatically download a UN Certificate of Completion from the 'Certification' tab.

Participants are encouraged to provide feedback on the course by filling a feedback form, which can be accessed in the 'Certification' tab on the course page.

Technical requirements

Please verify that your web browser and flash player are up to date.

If you continue having technical issues, please verify the following requirements:

Browser:

- The course works best with Firefox 3.6 or higher (download for free).
- The course is also compatible with Google Chrome (download for free).
- For technical reasons, it is not recommended to use Internet Explorer.
- Note JavaScript & Cookies must be enabled.

Software:

- Adobe Acrobat Reader (download for free).
- Adobe Flash Player (download for free).
- Microsoft Office (Windows or Apple version) or Libre Office (download for free).