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Introduction to a Green Economy: Concepts and Applications

UNITAR/UNEP E-Learning Course, 2nd Edition

8 October – 30 November 2012



An introductory e-learning course to equip sustainable development practitioners with the concepts and tools to advance low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive development.

Registration deadline: 30 September 2012
Course fee: 600 USD

Register at: www.unitar.org/event

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 recent UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), June 2012, reaffirmed the role of a green economy in achieving sustainable development.

In order to provide interested stakeholders from government, business, civil society and academia with an introduction to the green economy concept the United Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are offering an interactive e-learning course.

Target Groups

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

"I thank the organizers for putting it all in one simple place to review, get the links, and explore so many ideas."

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Learning 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.

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

- Define the concept of a green economy and explain its value
- Describe social, environmental and economic benefits of advancing a green economy
- Identify enabling conditions for greening national economies
- Provide examples of successful green economy investments, initiatives and projects
- Identify principal challenges and opportunities for greening key economic sectors
- Describe national planning processes in support of a green transformation
- 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

Methodology

The course pedagogy is adapted to professionals in full-time work. 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. The estimated average workload is 7 hours per week over a 5 week period. 3 additional weeks are provided for completing the case study exercise.

"I appreciated the extremely flexible course format, allowing participants to adjust the amount and timing of work to their needs, whilst still following a systematic process. The materials, quizzes, website and other course elements were quick and easy to use, well structured and enabled very efficient learning."

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Course Fee and Registration

The course participation fee is 600 USD. A small number of full/partial fellowships are available for participants from developing countries working in the public sector, academia or non-profit organizations. Priority for fellowships will be given to applicants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs). For details please contact the UNITAR Environmental Governance Programme at envgov@unitar.org

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