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Strengthening Capacities of Individuals through Knowledge Sharing and Learning

UNITAR services to address climate change challenges



“Ultimately it is the knowledge, skills and leadership of individuals which foster a climate friendly transformation of economies and societies”

CARLOS LOPES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNITAR

Environmental law, governance and stakeholder participation



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Strengthening environmental legislation, governance and stakeholder participation are important factors in fostering climate friendly and resilient transformations of societies and economies. UNITAR offers methodologies, supports research and conducts training to strengthen capacities of individuals and institutions related to climate change governance and law. Examples include the distance learning Diploma Course in International Environmental Law and country-based projects to strengthen participatory environmental governance. Through the Hiroshima Office, specialized courses are offered that address the interface of climate change, protection of World Heritage Sites, and ocean security.

Knowledge sharing through city-to-city collaboration

Through 10 local training centers (CIFAL) based in cities around the world, UNITAR's Local Development Programme (LDP) supports quality workshops covering a diverse range of climate change topics relevant for local actors. Learning activities feature a variety of knowledge management and capacity building techniques. Sharing of experience across cities, creation of networks and partnership development are receiving particular attention. Participants originate from local authorities, international organizations, the private sector and civil society. In 2008/09, the CIFAL network organized activities relevant to climate change involving delegates from over 100 cities around the world.



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Supporting regional centers of excellence



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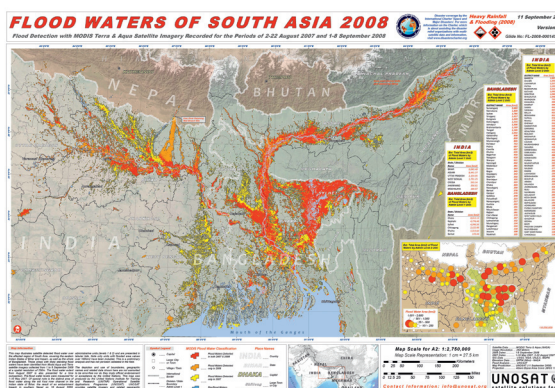
The Climate Change Capacity Development (C3D) initiative brings together regional centers of excellence in Asia, Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean. Supported through UNITAR's Climate Change Programme (CCP), the network pools and facilitates sharing of expertise and develops tools relevant for diverse areas of climate change learning in developing countries.

“Being part of C3D is about partnerships with like-minded people and organizations in the developing world... and transferring knowledge in ways that decision makers and communities can understand and deploy.”

LAWRENCE FLINT, ENDA, SENEGAL C3D PARTNER

Creating knowledge for planning and emergency response

Effective planning at the territorial level that integrates climate change and climate related emergencies requires a sound information and knowledge base. UNOSAT, the Operational Satellite Applications Programme of UNITAR delivers satellite solutions for development and relief organizations within and outside the UN system, as well as to Member States. UNOSAT makes satellite images and geographic information easily accessible to experts worldwide who work on preventing and reducing the impact of crises and disasters, including those triggered by climate change. Future activities will specifically address the interplay of climate change, humanitarian relief and human rights.



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Scaling-up technology-based learning



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New and exciting opportunities are emerging to foster technology-based learning on climate change. UNITAR's new e-learning platform seeks to reap these potentials. Using the Institute's online training experience and pedagogical approach, UNEP and UNITAR conduct, for example, yearly four-week e-learning courses on Climate Change: Risks and Responsibilities for the Finance Sector. Some 175 institutions, including banks, insurers and fund managers, have benefited from the training to date. A specialized e-learning course on the UNFCCC is planned for 2010, as part of a series of e-learning courses on multilateral environmental agreements.

Capacity development of diplomats and negotiators

Enhancing the knowledge and skills of climate change negotiators is important for creating equitable and effective international negotiation processes. At UN locations across the world, UNITAR offers a range of services for the international community on effective multilateral negotiation, policy analysis and coordination. In 2009, 150 diplomats benefited at the UN Headquarters in New York from climate change negotiation training, of which 40 participated in specialized training on Climate Change Diplomacy. In addition, courses are offered on topics such as decision-making, chairing, debate, formal and informal contexts and group dynamics.



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- E-learning courses
- Blended learning
- Conferences and lectures
- Capacity assessments
- Technical support
- Country projects
- Knowledge sharing

UN CC:LEARN

The One UN Training Service Platform on Climate Change (UN CC:Learn) seeks to foster knowledge sharing and strengthening of climate change learning and skills development in Member States, through One UN collaboration. UNITAR provides the secretariat for CC:Learn.

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