Human Health and Climate Change

BACKGROUND

IMPORTANT: Please register directly on the course website: http://unccelearn.org/

This specialised module introduces the theme of climate change and human health. Human health is directly affected by the weather, climate variability and climate change. The module will explain how mitigation and adaptation policies and measures in health and related sectors can benefit the human health. Moreover, the module will present tools to assess and integrate health within climate change policies and strategies and vice versa. Several examples of how countries are responding to the health challenges posed by climate change, including taking advantage of the opportunities, are presented.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing this specialised module, participants will be able to:

- Explain how weather, climate variability and climate change can affect human health.
- Describe the health benefits of mitigation and adaptation policies and measures in health and related sectors.
- Identify a variety of tools to assess and integrate health within climate change policies and strategies, and integrate climate change within health policies and strategies.
- Provide examples of how countries are responding to the health challenges posed by climate change,
including taking advantage of the opportunities.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course is structured around three modules:

1. Climate Change and Human Health
2. Adaptation: Building Health Systems’ Resilience to Climate Change
3. The Mutual Benefits of Climate Change Mitigation and Health Policies

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The course should be of particular interest to the following audiences:

- Civil servants in national ministries, provincial departments and local authorities;
- Environmental managers in private sector and civil society organizations;
- Faculty, researchers and students; and
- Interested citizens.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UN CC:Learn is a partnership of more than 30 multilateral organizations supporting countries to design and implement systematic, recurrent and results-oriented climate change learning. At the global level, the partnership supports knowledge-sharing, promotes the development of common climate change learning materials, and coordinates learning interventions through a collaboration of UN agencies and other partners. At the national level, UN CC:Learn supports countries in developing and implementing national climate change learning strategies. Through its engagement at the national and global levels, UN CC:Learn contributes to the implementation of Article 6 of the UNFCCC on training, education and public awareness-raising, and the 2012-2020 Doha Work Programme. Funding for UN CC:Learn is provided by the Swiss Government and UN partners. The Secretariat for UN CC:Learn is hosted by the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).