

## Fundamentals on REDD+ e-course

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#### **IMPORTANT: Please register directly on the course website: <http://uncclearn.org/>**

The REDD+ Academy is a coordinated REDD+ capacity development initiative led by the UN-REDD Programme and the UNEP Environmental Education and Training Unit, which seeks to match the scale of the global climate change mitigation challenge and enable systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground.

The development of the REDD+ Academy responds to needs expressed by UN-REDD Programme partner countries for a regionally focused education initiative for those involved in national REDD+ programmes.

The REDD+ e-Academy comprises two e-courses which aim to ensure the material developed for the REDD+ Academy is accessible to all. The two courses are Fundamentals on REDD+ and Advancing on REDD+. While the first course provides the basis for a good understanding of REDD+ principles, the second provides content for a deeper understanding of how countries can benefit from applying REDD+ at a national level. Overall, the two courses provide an overview of key REDD+ issues with the aim of empowering participants to contribute to a well-informed national REDD+ process.

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- Explain the role of deforestation and forest degradation in the process of climate change;
- Define REDD+ aspects in the context of the UNFCCC;
- Explain the importance of analysing and prioritizing direct and indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation;
- Explain the relationship between policies and measures (PAMs) and the five REDD+ activities;
- Describe the process of developing a National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan;
- Identify the variety of perceptions of REDD+ finance in each of the three REDD+ phases.

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The course on Fundamentals on REDD+ is structured around six modules. The first three modules present a general introduction on the topic. The last three modules present various REDD+ elements which are required under the UNFCCC and how to prepare and implement REDD+ at the national level, including what financial resources are available.

1. Climate Change and the Role of Forests;
2. Understanding REDD+ and the UNFCCC;
3. Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation;
4. Policies and Measures for REDD+ Implementation;
5. National Strategies and Action Plans;
6. REDD+ Finance.

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The course is self-paced and adapted to the schedule of full-time working professionals. Participants are provided with the opportunity to learn through various experiences: absorb (read); interact (activity), and reflect (relate to one's own reality).

The six modules of the course are self-standing and can be completed in any order. However, it is recommended that learners complete the modules in chronological order if they do not have pre-existing knowledge of all the topics.

The successful completion of each module rewards learners with a badge. Users who receive all six badges, associated with the six modules of the course, will receive a certificate of completion of the course.

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The REDD+ e-Academy aims to train REDD+ decision-makers in economic and policy areas - essential for the success of Results-based Actions - in sectors such as agriculture, energy, mining, finance and development planning.

Other REDD+ stakeholders, such as civil society and academia, will also find useful information in the two courses.

The course on Fundamentals on REDD+ is directed at the above-mentioned individuals, who are at the beginning of their REDD+ journey and who do not have pre-existing knowledge of the principles of REDD+.

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the UNEP Environmental Education and Training Unit, which seeks to match the scale of the global climate change mitigation challenge and enable systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground. The REDD+ Academy is a comprehensive response to capacity building needs identified by the countries receiving support from the UN-REDD Programme. The main aim of the REDD+ Academy is to empower potential “REDD+ champions” with the requisite knowledge and skills to promote the implementation of national REDD+ activities.

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