



E-LEARNING COURSE ON

Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa

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APPLY BY 22 AUGUST, 2016

ABOUT THE COURSE

The ability of national actors in Africa to incorporate Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) into national policies is key for sustainable development. With the goal of scaling up learning on SCP in the region, UNEP and UNITAR are partnering, under the SWITCH Africa Green Project, to deliver for the first time this interactive e-learning course especially tailored to the regional context of Africa.

Participants will learn about different concepts and facets of the SCP, as well as regional, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities to implement policies for SCP in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda. Additionally, participants will begin to develop basic skills for applying the SCP concept in a real world economic, policy and professional context. The course is offered in parallel in English and French language.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

1. Define the concept of SCP and explain its value for sustainable development and 2030 Development Agenda
2. Distinguish key elements of effective policy planning in support of SCP
3. Identify enabling conditions for mainstreaming and implementing SCP policies
4. Discuss principal challenges and opportunities for advancing SCP in national contexts
5. Summarize the range of global and regional initiatives that support implementation of SCP policies
6. Apply SCP to a real-life policy-making context.

TARGET GROUPS

The course is geared towards high- to mid-level civil servants from Africa, directly involved in the process of developing, implementing and evaluating policies supporting the transition towards SCP.

The target group includes:

- Civil servants in national ministries, provincial departments and local authorities
- Environmental managers in the private sector, e.g. engaged in SWITCH Africa Green projects
- Representatives from civil society organizations
- Academia representatives and researchers
- Other individuals engaged in policy processes.

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).

Total number of learning hours: 32 over 8 week period (4 hours per week), including study time (2 h/week) and participation in online course activities (2 h/week).

During weeks 1–5 the study 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. Weeks 6–8 are reserved for wrap-up and completing course assignments.

FELLOWSHIPS AND REGISTRATION

With support from the EU SWITCH Africa Green project and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), 47 fellowships are available for each of the two editions of the course - in English and in French language, for participants from Africa working in the public sector, academia or NGOs.

UNITAR, working in close collaboration with UNEP, will identify and select the participants to be awarded with a fellowship.

Participation fee for non-eligible candidates is 600 USD.

FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS FROM THE SCP COURSE IN ASIA:

“Very relevant for understanding the SCP thematic and the SCP instruments for policy makers.”

“Extremely important topic for today's day and age, not only for my professional work but also in my personal life...”

100% would most likely use the information acquired during the course

97% stated they would recommend the course to a colleague

95% stated the course met their interests and expectations

REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIPS

To register, click [here](#) or go to the UNITAR course catalogue: www.unitar.org/event

Fellowship application deadline: 24 August 2016

To find out how to apply for a fellowship, contact: scp@unitar.org