



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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### I. Applying for Admission

#### **I do not work in a financial institution. Am I still eligible for the course?**

Possibly; the Climate Change (CC) Online Course was developed specifically for FI representatives. However, we do accept a limited number of representatives from other sectors including non-governmental organisations, academia, and government agencies provided their work is clearly related to the fields of climate change and its effects on companies and financial institutions.

#### **What are the technical requirements to participate in the course?**

All you need is daily access to a computer with a broad-band internet connection, whether in the office or at home.

#### **What language skills do I need to participate in the course?**

You have to be fluent in English. The course involves readings which you will have to be able to understand fully, written assignments, as well as the interactive participation in discussion boards.

#### **Where can I apply for the course?**

Please apply online on our website: [http://www.unepfi.org/training/climate\\_change/index.html](http://www.unepfi.org/training/climate_change/index.html)

### II. About the Courses

#### **How does the course work? How demanding is it of one's time?**

The Online Course consists of four modules, each of which will take place over a one-week period (total of 3 weeks), with modules 3 and 4 taking place during the final week.

Time commitment is approximately two to three hours per day, five days per week (10-15 hours per week). Students must stick to the weekly study schedule, meaning that they should use each week of the course to undertake all activities allotted to that corresponding week, including (i) reading the background materials for the corresponding week; (ii) developing, if applicable, the case study exercise for the corresponding week; (iii) participating in the online discussion board(s) of the corresponding week; and (iv) taking the quiz of the corresponding week.

Within each week, however, the timetable is fully flexible; participants are able to set their own study and activity times as they please, both on weekdays and/or weekends.

**Are there deliverables which students are required to submit? Is there an exam?**

Each week, students are required to:

- Read the lessons ('reading materials') that correspond to the respective week.
- Read a case study and do the exercise which corresponds to the respective week.
- Participate in the discussion boards that correspond to the respective week.
- Take the online quiz that corresponds to the respective week.

**What's the track record of the course and has it been well received?**

UNEP FI launched the Online Course on Climate Change in June 2007 (in English), and has taken place 9 times. Since its inception, nearly 700 finance executives have been trained on the risks and opportunities of climate change.

We have received excellent feedback from our alumni regarding the high quality of the course materials, the expertise and skills of our course mentors, the learning environment, and the course's interactive approach that enables constant exchanges between participants and course mentors.

**What are the Tutors' backgrounds?**

All of our tutors are very experienced on the topics of climate change, financial institutions, and the links between them. More specifically, all of them are renowned expert specialists in the study areas they oversee.

**How will I access the course?**

The course is hosted by GIZ's online platform, Global Campus 21 (GC21). You will be provided with the link to the website as well as personal access codes shortly before the beginning of your course.

**What is the cost of the course?**

The course fee is 900 USD for consultants and representatives of financial institutions who are not UNEP FI members; and 700 USD for UNEP FI members, and representatives of non-governmental, governmental, and academic institutions.

**How is my successful participation in the online course acknowledged?**

UNEP Finance Initiative will issue a Certificate of Completion to participants who have successfully completed the course. Successful completion of this course requires getting a final mark equal to or higher than, 5/10.

The final mark will be determined by the grades given to a student, for (i) the quality of his or her participation in the discussion boards; (ii) for the completed weekly quiz tests; and (iii) the quality of his or her case study exercise submissions. Furthermore, it is compulsory to complete and submit the Evaluation Form.