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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, non-governmental organisations, academia and government agencies provided their work is clearly related to the sustainable finance agenda.

What are the technical requirements to participate in a CC 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 a CC course?

You have to be fluent in English. The course involves readings, which you will have to be able to understand fully, and assignments such as interactive forum sessions and quizzes.

How can I apply for the course?

Please apply online on our website: 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 is comprised 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 two hours per day on average from Monday to Friday and the timetable is flexible. Participants are able to set their own study times.

I have two days during this period when I am unavailable/travelling so can I, for example, complete the average 10 hrs per week within three days that week as opposed to having the hours split across 5 days, or is the idea to participate on daily basis?

In general we advise the participants to dedicate 2 hours on average per day (from Monday to Friday). However, the course is very flexible and participants set their own study times. The idea is that participants read the readings, participate in the Discussion Boards and answer the quizzes during the week, but they can organise themselves as they wish, knowing that they will need around 10 hours (from Monday to Friday) to do the tasks related to that week. If, for instance, a participant prefers to do 4 or 5 hours on a specific day and nothing the next day, there isn't any inconvenience at all.

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

Every week, participants should:

- Read lessons that correspond 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 since then it has taken place 7 times. Since its inception nearly 600 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 via discussion boards.

What are the Tutors' backgrounds?

All of our tutors have many years of experience on the topics of climate change, financial institutions, and the links between them. They are also experienced trainers.

How will I access the course?

The courses are hosted by GIZ's online platform, Global Campus 21 (GC21). You will be provided with personal access codes shortly before the beginning of your course.

What is the cost of the course?

The course fee is 1,400 USD for Financial Institutions that are Non UNEP Finance Initiative Members and Consultants and 700 USD for UNEP FI Members, NGOs, Academics and Government representatives.

How can I obtain a UNEP FI certificate?

UNEP Finance Initiative will issue a Certificate to participants who have successfully completed the course. Successful completion of this course requires getting a final mark equal or higher than 5/10; the final mark is the result of the average between the "final mark of the discussion boards" and the "final mark of 3 highest grades obtained in the quizzes". It is also compulsory to complete and submit the Evaluation Form.