International Training Course

Urban Climate Change Adaptation for Local Governments

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Objective

The overall objective of this course is to help increase the climate change resilience of cities in the Asia and Pacific Region.

Specific targets

The training will show urban decision-makers and planners how to:

- Conduct climate change vulnerability assessments
- Identify climate change adaptation options
- Prioritize climate change action based on their environmental, economic and social impacts
- Develop climate change action plans

Expected outcomes

By the end of the course, participants will be able to prepare local climate change action plans, addressing the specific needs of their city. The course aims to provide knowledge and skills on the theory and practice of specific tools that elected leaders, urban managers and urban planners need to apply in order to develop local climate change action plans. In particular they will acquire knowledge on how to conduct a vulnerability assessment and a prioritization of climate change actions for adaptation at a city level.

Training methodology

The course will be a blend of lectures, expert’s seminars, participants’ presentations, group exercises and excursions/field visits. Participants will be engaged mainly in group work. Participants will use different excel based tools for vulnerability mapping, climate change action prioritization and an online data base of climate technologies and actions, namely Climate techwiki. Field visits will be organized to the Korea’s eco-city Gangneung and Seoul, being one of the “C40” Cities of the Clinton Climate Change Initiative.

From the onset of the course, participants will apply theory and best practices to actual group work. Local Climate Change Action Plans will be prepared by participants, including a vulnerability assessment, adaptation actions assessment along with concrete plans.
CLIMACT Prio tool

The Climate Actions Prioritization (CLIMACT Prio) tool, developed by IHS, is a climate awareness, decision support and capacity building tool for the prioritization and assessment of climate mitigation and/or adaptation actions at a local level. CLIMACT Prio tool applies a multi-criteria approach to assist decision-makers and urban planners to identify a wide range of decision criteria and set objectives to assess and prioritize climate actions and technologies. Participants will have the chance to apply this tool in group exercises.

Climate TechWiki

ClimateTechWiki offers a platform for a wide range of stakeholders in developed and developing countries who are involved in technology transfer and the wider context of low emission and low vulnerability development. ClimateTechWiki offers detailed information on a broad set of mitigation and adaptation technologies and actions. Participants will also have the chance to use this online database in combination with the CLIMACT Prio tool and the Planning for Climate Change handbook of UN – Habitat.

Participants' presentations

The purpose of preparing presentations to the course is to allow you to better contribute to the course in general (for example in group assignments, case studies and discussions), and, in particular, to exchange views and experiences with your fellow participants. For this reason the most important material is that relating to your own place of work. You will be asked to present a poster of a case study of a project or programme you are involved with. Some of you may also be asked to present your case study in more detail at a relevant point in the course. It is very useful to bring slides or a video illustrating such a case together with background information.
Duration: 8 Days – 7 – 15 October 2011

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Target audience

☑ Senior professionals from local government (senior managers, head of urban planning department, head of strategic development department)

- From the Asia and Pacific Region

This Course is jointly organized by the International Urban Training Centre, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Rotterdam.
How to apply and submit documents

As indicated above participants are asked to prepare a case study and bring relevant data from their respective cities to be used during the training sessions with a view to developing implementation plans. Detailed information in this regard will be provided upon registration.

In order to apply for the course, each applicant is requested to submit:

- an application form
- a scanned passport copy (passport needs to be valid for more than 6 months from the date of entering the Republic of Korea)
- a brief summary of the participant’s case study on sustainable urban infrastructure
- at least one letter of recommendation from your employer

1. Application Deadline: 15 September 2011

Application forms are available from the IUTC website (www.iutc.org) and can be submitted by:

1) Online application: Complete the online application on the IUTC website.
2) Email or Fax: Download the application form and return the completed form and additional documents by mail (iutc@korea.kr, bluesky11301@hotmail.com).

Please ensure that you submit the passport copy, recommendation letter and written summary of your case study with your application!

2. Applicant selection

1) Based upon the selection criteria, each applicant is considered equally for the opportunity to participate in the course. However, participants of courses within the last three years who received a full scholarship are not qualified.

2) Applicants’ written summary of practices/case study is one of the most crucial factors in the selection process.
Timeline

**15 September 2011**
Deadline of Application

**19 September 2011**
Selection result announcement to successful applicants
* Invitation letters for visa process and cooperation request in the Korean Embassy will be sent as requested in the application form.

**26 September 2011**
Submission deadline of full version of case study (basic data and information)
* Submission is strongly requested by the designated date for printing.

**26 September 2011**
Submission of *visa copy* (for e-ticket issue from travel agency)
* Once the flight ticket has been issued, participants on full scholarship are, in the case of cancellation responsible for all flight cancellation charges or full round trip airfare depending upon the regulations stipulated by Airlines.

Scholarships and course fees

1. Fees: Course Fee (USD 300), Meals and accommodation (USD 100 per day)
2. **Full or partial scholarship for participants from non-OECD countries in the Asian and Pacific region, within the bounds of participant quota**
   1) **Full Scholarship (15 participants):** roundtrip airfare, accommodation, meals and course fee
      * Costs incurred in the participant country are not the responsibility of IUTC.
   2) **Partial Scholarship (5 participants):** accommodation, meals and course fee covered
   3) **Others (up to 10 participants):** accommodation and meals covered
   4) Participant quota: **2 people per local government, 4 people per country**
      * This does not apply to self-payers of all fees.

Further Considerations

Other information such as airport transfer in Korea, weather, etc will be posted by email, prior to your departure.