Climate Change: From Learning to Action

E-Course

Syllabus

Context

The first edition of the UN CC: Learn Introductory course on Climate Change was launched in Spring 2014 in English. It features six interactive modules and six quizzes. Completion time was 12 hours. Since its launch, the course has been one the flagship training resource on the UN CC:Learn platform, generating more than 100 000 registration and over 15 000 certificates issued.

The new course on Climate change aims to build and improve the original in several dimensions:
- ✓ New and up to date information!
- ✓ Improved design and usability!
- ✓ More engagement and practical use for learners!

Target Audience

The ultimate goal of the course is to upscale global climate literacy by providing general understanding about climate change to a large number of potential change agents.

The course should be of particular interest to the following individuals:

- Public officials
- Environmental managers in the private and NGO sector
- Students, teachers and academic staff
- Anyone who wants to take climate action!.

Overall Objectives

THINK CLIMATE!

Overall, the course aims to help anybody to understand climate change and what it means for them and the world. After completing the course, participants will be able to:

- Explain what climate change is
- Describe how we plan to adapt to the negative impacts of climate change
- Identify opportunities for low carbon development
- Identify ways to plan and finance climate actions
- Explain how climate negotiations work
- Formulate a climate pledge, project or policy.

Structure and Key Characteristics

	VERSION 2
LENGTH	5 THEMATIC BLOCKS
EFFORT	1,5 HOURS PER BLOCK
PRICE	FREE
SUBJECT	CLIMATE CHANGE
LEVEL	INTRODUCTORY
LANGUAGE	ENGLISH
PLATFORM	UN CC: E-LEARN
COMPLETION CRITERIA	1 FINAL QUIZ (70% MIN) + INTERACTION + CLIMATE PLEDGE OR PROJECT

CERTIFICATION	YES

Methodology

Thematic blocks and learning units

The course is self-paced and not moderated. It is divided into 5 thematic blocks. Each thematic block features a different number of learning units which answer specific questions (e.g. What is climate change?). The thematic blocks, as well as each of the learning units within them, are self-standing and can be accessed in random order. Learning units take 15 - 20 minutes to complete.

Learning tools

Each learning unit features a mix of learning tools which deliver key content and engage the learners. These include:

- Video lectures from renown experts in each thematic field
- Interactive lessons that provide additional information beyond the video lecture
- Short practical activities that may include knowledge checks, reflection points, discussion boards, polls.

Learning path

All learning units have a similar and easily recognizable structure. This allows participants to construct a personalized learning path, depending on their interests and time availability. The level of abilities acquired from the course will correspond to the time and effort participants invest.

Three learning paths can be identified:

- ✓ Level 1: Know climate change - *Participants have watched all the video lectures and completed all quizzes*
- ✓ Level 2: Teach climate change – *Participants have completed all the vidoes, lessons, and quizzes*
- ✓ Level 3: Act for climate change – *Particpanst have completed all videos, lessons, activities and quizzes.*

Accessibility

The fact that content is broken down into smaller chunks makes its lighter and more easily accessible to learners (less likely to experience downtime).

Completion and Certification

Each of the 5 thematic blocks features a quiz summative assessment of 10 multiple choice questions. In addition, throughout the course, learners will be prompted to share and reflect on their personal role and commitment towards tackling climate change, via exercises, reflection points, knowledge cheches and polls.

A certificate of completion is awarded to learners who complete the following:

- Five assessments are complete with 70% or higher score
- All expert videos are marked as complete
- Overall, 70% of all course activities are marked as complete.

Certificate will be available upon completion of the course. Once you have completed 70% of the activities (including quizzes, video lectures and exercises), you will receive a certificate of completion.