

Introductory Course to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

During recent years, scientists have been able to collect evidence of changes in temperature, rainfall and other weather variables. This data suggests that over the period 1880 to 2012 the average world temperature increased by 0.85° Celsius. The data also demonstrates an increase in the quantity of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, in the atmosphere due to human activity.

This course introduces you to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol, which constitute the legally binding framework in the fight against climate change by addressing both the mitigation of emissions of greenhouse gases and the adaptation to climate change.

At the end of the this course, you will be able to:

1. Explain the causes and effect of climate change
2. Describe the key provisions, commitments and mechanisms established by the Convention and the Protocol

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 4 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you less than 2 hours approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

Assessment and certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress.

You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Unit 1 - Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is climate change? 2. The Climate Change Convention Regime 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summarize the causes and effects of climate change 2. Describe the origins and negotiation process the UNFCCC
Unit 2 - The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objective and guiding principles 2. Commitments 3. Institutional Arrangements 4. Means of Implementation 5. Compliance and Dispute Settlement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recall the objective and guiding principles for the Convention 2. Describe key provisions of and commitments under the Convention 3. Name the arrangements established by the Parties to provide financial support for the implementation of the Convention
Unit 3 –The Kyoto Protocol	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The negotiations 2. Commitments 3. Flexible Mechanisms 4. LULUCF 5. Reporting 6. Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol 7. Compliance Committee 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recall the negotiation process and amendments of the Kyoto Protocol 2. Define the commitments set to Annex B Parties 3. Describe the 3 flexible mechanisms established to facilitate the implementation of the commitments 4. Explain other key provisions of the Protocol
Unit 4 -Negotiations towards a 2015 climate change agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the milestones and progress achieved along the negotiation process of a 2015 climate change agreement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the milestones and progress achieved along the negotiation process of a 2015 climate change agreement



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