

International course

Climate change governance



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Ecosystem Governance

Adaptation and mitigation as institutional change processes

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Changing climate and weather patterns will have severe negative impacts on natural resources and consequently on food production and food security in developing countries. Exposure, sensitivity, and capacity to adapt determine how vulnerable countries or social groups are to climatic changes. Poorer countries are at greatest risk, both in terms of exposure to climatic changes and sensitivity to such changes, and in terms of their capacity to adapt.

To address climate change means **changing the way things are being done today** especially in terms of production and consumption practices. The most important factor influencing the success of climate change governance to date has been engagement by the top political leadership. In situations where political leaders have taken an active interest, matters have moved forward. Increased understanding of climate change and the transmission of sound scientific advice are also essential for good governance.

Climate change governance requires strategic capacity. Human societies are at the beginning of a process of understanding the climate change issue, and of developing institutions and approaches suited to its management. Since climate change is highly complex and uncertain, a **learning oriented approach to climate change governance** is required.

Climate change governance requires action on two fronts: adaptation and mitigation. Adaptation implies the adjustment of society to a changing climate. Mitigation requires shifts in current behaviour to end practices driving further climate change. Climate change adaptation and mitigation activities are part of complex change processes which require the involvement of

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different stakeholders (communities, citizens, farmers, policy makers, extension workers, scientists, media, businesses etc.). These stakeholders have different positions, interests and power levels, while effective adaptation and mitigation will require concerted efforts.



The **capacity to bring stakeholders together in analysing climate change issues** and developing adaptation and mitigation strategies is not sufficient in many developing countries. This course offers conceptual frameworks to understand climate change, vulnerability and adaptation and mitigation options. Upon completion of the course you will:



- be familiar with international and national adaptation and mitigation strategies
- be able to apply social learning techniques and adaptive management in relation to governance and institutional change.
- be able to understand innovative practices for adaptation and mitigation;
- be able to place climate change adaptation and mitigation in the context of sustainable development;
- be able to apply tools for stakeholder engagement, policy influencing, advocacy and negotiation.

The training is **interactive and hands-on**. It gives you an opportunity to 'play an active role' in the governance of climate change processes. The course includes practical field work, case studies and development individual action plans. Both climate change content specialists and change process experts contribute to this course. A mix of participants with different backgrounds yet common interests will provide a good basis for the exchange of experiences.



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The course is intended for **mid-career professionals**, dealing with climate change adaptation and mitigation options in developing countries, working for a research organization, NGO, government or civil society. You will need to have a relevant tertiary education with at least five years of experience in a course-related discipline like agriculture, water management, biodiversity, forestry or natural resources management. Competence in the English language is required.

Further practical information

- **For application**, the procedure is:
 - 1) Apply at CDI, Wageningen UR:** www.wageningenur.nl/cdi You will receive a confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription (f.e. funding, visa) can take some time.
 - 2) If you want to apply also for a NFP Fellowship**, check the eligibility at www.nuffic.nl/nfp. A limited number of scholarships is available. To apply for it, register at this website through Scholarships Online. As this application takes time and requires several documents, we recommend you to **start it as soon as possible**.
- Participants will be granted a **Certificate** of attendance. The programme of the course might change to incorporate new insights
- **For more information** about this course and other courses, see our **website** <http://www.wageningenur.nl/cdi>
- **Fee** includes all course related costs (materials, excursions, administration).
- **Accommodation:** Hof van Wageningen, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For prices, see the cost estimate on our website. **NFP Fellowships include** travel and full board and lodging.
- CDI is unable to assist you in obtaining financial support.

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