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# Mastering International Climate Negotiations: All You Need to Know

E-Course syllabus



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# Get Ready for COP29: Join Our Interactive Climate Change Negotiations Course!

As we gear up for COP29, the latest round of global climate talks, we're excited to introduce this new e-learning course designed just for you!

## What's It About?

Climate change negotiations at the international level can often be complex and overwhelming to understand due to the nature of the climate crisis, the scientific jargon, and the geopolitics involved. In an effort to simplify the theory behind the thematic areas of negotiations and make it more accessible, particularly to those new to the space, UN CC:Learn and UN Climate Change (UNFCCC), in collaboration with the COP28 UAE Presidency Youth Climate Champion, have created this series of video-based lessons that break down the thematic areas of the UNFCCC process and the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

A central goal of the COP28 Youth Climate Champion strategy has been to empower young people with freely available capacity-building and education opportunities so that all can meaningfully participate in the UNFCCC process on a level playing field. Through this course, with skillfully curated content provided by experts in the UNFCCC Secretariat, you can learn about the key topics, expected activities and outcomes of the COP process – all in an engaging, interactive format!

**"Young people have repeatedly raised that capacity building is a key priority for their meaningful participation during our global youth consultations. This partnership responds to that clearly identified need. COP28, UNFCCC and UNITAR's collaboration on climate education demonstrates our commitment to empower the younger generation and foster their active involvement in tackling the global climate crisis."**

- H.E. Shamma Al Mazrui, COP28 Youth Climate Champion

**"UNFCCC is committed to fostering global climate literacy and empowering people everywhere to participate in climate policymaking and decision-making processes. Developed with the COP28 Presidency and UNITAR, this new the vital role of young people as agents of change in accelerating climate action at a time of spiraling climate harms for people of all ages, and massive climate costs for all economies. The course provides learners with essential knowledge about the intergovernmental climate change process. Join us in helping to nurture the skills and expertise needed to ensure impactful climate action, now and in the future."**

- Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change

## Why Should You Join?

This course is all about empowering young people who are participating in the COP whether as official Party delegates or with civil society, along with anyone who would like to know more on climate policy-making within the UNFCCC. By completing this course, you'll gain the knowledge and skills to understand the process and make informed input into the negotiations.

## Course Highlights

**Interactive and Self-Paced:** Learn at your own speed with 12 fun and interactive lessons.

**In-Depth Insights:** Dive deep into the main provisions, cross-cutting issues, and emerging topics in international climate negotiations.

**Free Access:** Completely free, so everyone can join and learn.

## Target Audience

The course is primarily designed to build capacities of delegates, particularly youth negotiators, youth-led and youth-focused organizations in the climate negotiation space as well as anyone else interested in learning more about the thematic areas in international climate negotiations.

## Learning Objectives

This course features video-based lessons that aim to provide participants with knowledge on the various thematic topics under the UNFCCC climate negotiations, with resource materials to supplement the content for additional reading.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the international climate negotiation process and institutional structure under the UNFCCC;
2. Discuss the rationale, key provisions and activities within the various thematic areas of negotiation under the UNFCCC;
3. Explain expected key issues and activities taking place at COP29<sup>1</sup>;
4. Identify how to engage in climate policymaking processes at national and international levels across different thematic areas;
5. Navigate the UNFCCC website and find information on specific UNFCCC processes.

1- The course will be updated every year to include content relevant to each COP

# Course Structure and Content

This 3.5-hour e-course offers expert insight into the main areas of international climate change negotiations. It provides a detailed perspective of the themes that shape global climate policy and determine the commitments made by countries towards the achievement of the targets set out in the Convention and Paris Agreement.

## Methodology

The course is self-paced and can be completed according to the schedule of the participant. The course combines various learning experiences: absorb (read); interact (activity); and reflect (i.e., relate to one's own reality). The lessons feature engaging content through bit-sized videos coupled with informative text, interactive features, activities and exercises, relevant tools, and links to additional resources.

The course is divided into four main sections with relevant sub-thematic topics as follows:

### Course modules

#### **1. Introduction to the course**

- 1.1. Introduction to climate change and the UNFCCC process
- 1.2. The science behind it all (Research and Science)
- 1.3. Where we stand: the Global Stocktake

#### **2. Mitigation**

- 2.1. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS)
- 2.2. Mitigation Work Programme
- 2.3. Response Measures
- 2.4. Article 6 on Market and Non-market Mechanisms

#### **3. Adaptation**

- 3.1. Global Goal on Adaptation
- 3.2. Least Developed Countries
- 3.3. National Adaptation Plans
- 3.4. Loss and Damage
- 3.5. Local Communities and Indigenous People's Platform

#### **4. Transparency**

- 4.1. From the Measurement, Reporting and Verification system to the Enhanced Transparency Framework
- 4.2. Training programme for expert reviewers
- 4.3. Support to developing countries
- 4.4. Together4Transparency

#### **5. Climate Finance**

#### **6. Technology Mechanism**

#### **7. Capacity Building and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)**

#### **8. Just Transition**

#### **9. Agriculture and Food Security**

#### **10. Gender**

#### **11. The Ocean**

#### **12. In Practice: How to Navigate the UNFCCC Website and App**

#### **13. Conclusion**



## Certification and Evaluation

The course contains knowledge checks within each lesson to strengthen the learner's understanding of the content.

A final assessment will be available at the end of the course. A certificate of completion is awarded to learners who complete:

- All videos, interactive lessons, and activities;
- Final quiz with a 70% or higher score within three attempts;

Once these conditions are met, the certificate will automatically become available for participants to download on the platform in the "certification" tab.

## Course Evaluation

At the start of the course, a short survey measures participants' motivation and "intent-to-use" course knowledge. At the end of the course, learners can complete the course evaluation survey which measures their satisfaction with the course.

Participants in this e-course will have the opportunity to take part in a follow-up survey assessing the concrete application of knowledge as well as in the annual impact surveys UN CC:Learn organizes with UN CC:Learn Alumni.

## Technical Requirements

The course is available solely in an online format. UNITAR recommends the following as minimum hardware and software to take this e-learning course:

- Platform: any modern version of Windows (7/8/10) or Mac OSX (10.9 Mavericks (2013) onwards).
- Browser: any modern version of browsers such as Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Internet Explorer. Java, cookies, and pop-ups must be enabled.