CLIMATEXCHANGE ON-LINE EDUCATION

Certificate Course on
'E-GOVERNMENT, SUSTAINABLE URBAN GOVERNANCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE'

Overview

While efforts to avert serious climate change seem to have run out of steam, it has become visibly apparent that the effects of climate change on a global scale can no longer be reverted or even controlled. This has been widely recognised in the wake of the United Nations Climate Change Conferences in Copenhagen (Denmark) in December 2009 and in Cancun (Mexico) in November 2010; the human race must accept climate change and learn to live with it as best as it can.

Like climate change, urban development is not evenly distributed among cities, regions or countries and often not stable over time. Following the Copenhagen accord it was proposed that $100 billion per year should be given from rich to poor countries by 2020 to be equally invested in climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. In addition to their cash, rich countries are also expected to share their knowledge and experience regarding sustainable urban governance policies and practices, development plans and technological know-how for implementing them effectively.

The course addresses the key question of how can e-government be used by national and municipal governments, cadastral organisations, private and non-government organisations and citizens to adapt and mitigate to the effects of climate change and to contribute to sustainable urban governance?

The course is of interest to representatives of global, national and regional organisations, universities, politicians, officers and practitioners from local authorities, national and regional development agencies, social partners, non-governmental organisations, private sector. Successful applicants of the course will be invited to identify future research directions, possibly leading to joint research projects with the course tutors and contributors.

Structure

6 lectures + 4 hours of on-line interactive sessions.

Study Materials

How you study in this course

Attendance is not a requirement of this programme, this is an on-line certificate course. You will study from the lectures' guidebook, reader and during the on-line interactive sessions.

Time commitment

We estimate that you will need to spend no more than 14-18 hours in total studying to complete the course as a whole (excluding assessment).

How we support you

We provide a range of support, including:

- Online study materials (including a lectures' guidebook and a reader).
- Ongoing online support via email. You will be assigned an online tutor who you will communicate with, and receive feedback from (maximum 4 hours in total).

Fees

Application fee	£ 15
Registration fee	£ 25
Examination fee	£ 50
Course tuition (including study materials)	£ 150
Total	£ 240

Assessment

The examination takes place with a written assessment (a business and/or project plan in an area relevant for the learning objectives of the certificate course) and an oral exam. These are both managed on-line with all candidates that are not based in London and arranged between the student and the tutor.

Requirements

In order to satisfy the entrance requirements for the course you must:

- be aged 18 or above
- satisfy English language proficiency requirements for the course