GIS for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Master Geospatial Data Integration for comprehensive climate risk assessment.
2. Develop advanced skills in Remote Sensing Analysis for environmental monitoring and change detection.
3. Utilize GIS for Vulnerability Mapping and identifying climate hotspots.
4. Apply Spatial Modeling Techniques to simulate climate change scenarios and their impacts.
5. Design and implement GIS-based Adaptation Plans for various sectors.
6. Leverage GIS for quantifying and monitoring Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and carbon sequestration.
7. Employ GIS in Renewable Energy Site Selection and sustainable infrastructure planning.
8. Conduct Climate Impact Assessments on natural resources, agriculture, and urban areas.
9. Integrate Climate Model Projections with local geospatial data for refined analysis.
10. Develop Early Warning Systems and Disaster Preparedness strategies using GIS.
11. Implement Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) for climate resilience with GIS support.
12. Facilitate Community Engagement and Participatory GIS (PGIS) for local climate action.
13. Formulate Data-Driven Climate Policies and Adaptive Management frameworks.

Organizational Benefits

- Provides organizations with the spatial intelligence to make informed decisions on climate change strategies, resource allocation, and investment.
- Enables proactive identification and assessment of climate-related risks, leading to more robust mitigation and adaptation plans.
- Facilitates efficient planning and deployment of resources for climate projects, from renewable energy installations to water management.
- Supports accurate data collection, analysis, and visualization for meeting national and international climate reporting requirements.
- Streamlines workflows for environmental impact assessments, vulnerability analyses, and adaptation planning, reducing time and costs.
- Fosters the adoption of cutting-edge geospatial technologies, positioning the organization as a leader in climate action and sustainable development.
- Provides a common spatial platform for collaboration and communication among diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and local communities.
- Equips staff with highly sought-after skills in GIS and climate science, enhancing organizational capacity and attracting top professionals.

Target Audience

1. Environmental Scientists and Climate Researchers
2. Urban Planners and Regional Development Professionals
3. Disaster Risk Management Specialists
4. Government Officials and Policymakers
5. NGO and Development Professionals
6. Agricultural Extension Officers and Land Managers
7. Water Resource Managers and Hydrologists
8. GIS Analysts and Geospatial Professionals

15 Modules with 5 Bullets per Module with Case Studies

Module 1: Foundations of Climate Change and GIS

- Understanding the Science of Climate Change: Causes, Impacts, and Projections.
- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Core Concepts and Applications.
- The Interlinkages: How GIS Facilitates Climate Change Analysis.
- Types of Geospatial Data for Climate Studies: Raster, Vector, and Time-Series.
- **Case Study:** Visualizing Global Temperature Anomalies using historical climate datasets in GIS.

Module 2: Geospatial Data Acquisition and Management for Climate

- Sources of Climate Data: Satellite Imagery, Weather Stations, Climate Models
- Data Collection Techniques: GPS Field Surveys, Mobile GIS, Citizen Science.
- Geodatabase Design and Management for Climate Change Information.
- Data Quality, Metadata Standards, and Projections for Climate Analysis.
- **Case Study:** Building a comprehensive climate data repository for a coastal city facing sea-level rise.

Module 3: Remote Sensing for Climate Monitoring

- Principles of Remote Sensing: Electromagnetic Spectrum, Satellite Sensors.
- Processing and Analysis of Satellite Imagery for Environmental Variables
- Monitoring Land Use/Land Cover Change (LULCC) and Deforestation.
- Applications of Remote Sensing in Drought Monitoring and Glacier Retreat.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing deforestation rates in the Amazon basin using time-series Landsat imagery to assess carbon emissions.

Module 4: Spatial Analysis of Climate Impacts

- Fundamentals of Spatial Statistics: Hotspot Analysis, Interpolation (Kriging).
- Mapping Climate Hazards: Flood Risk, Drought Severity, Heatwaves.
- Overlay Analysis for identifying Vulnerable Populations and Infrastructure.
- Network Analysis for assessing disruption to supply chains and evacuation routes.
- **Case Study:** Identifying urban heat islands in a major metropolitan area and their correlation with socio-economic vulnerability.

Module 5: Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

- Defining Vulnerability, Exposure, and Sensitivity in a Spatial Context.
- Methodologies for Quantifying and Mapping Vulnerability Indicators.
- Integrating Biophysical and Socio-Economic Data for Holistic Assessment.
- Developing Vulnerability Indices and Dashboards.

- **Case Study:** Assessing the vulnerability of smallholder farmers to drought in a semi-arid region of Africa.

Module 6: GIS for Climate Change Adaptation Planning

- Principles of Climate Change Adaptation: Incremental vs. Transformative.
- Spatial Planning for Resilient Infrastructure and Land Use.
- Identifying and Prioritizing Adaptation Measures using Multi-Criteria Analysis.
- Designing Climate-Smart Agriculture and Water Management Strategies.
- **Case Study:** Developing an adaptation plan for a delta region prone to saltwater intrusion, including GIS-based site selection for freshwater storage.

Module 7: GIS for Climate Change Mitigation Strategies

- Understanding Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Carbon Cycles.
- Mapping GHG Emission Sources (e.g., industrial, transportation, agriculture).
- GIS for Carbon Sequestration Monitoring and Forest Carbon Projects.
- Optimizing Renewable Energy Site Selection (Solar, Wind, Hydro).
- **Case Study:** Using GIS to identify optimal locations for a new solar farm, considering solar insolation, land availability, and grid connectivity.

Module 8: Integrating Climate Models with GIS

- Introduction to Global Climate Models (GCMs) and Regional Climate Models
- Downscaling Techniques for Localized Climate Projections.
- Importing and Analyzing Climate Model Outputs in GIS Environments.
- Generating Future Climate Scenarios for Impact Assessment.
- **Case Study:** Visualizing projected changes in rainfall patterns and their impact on agricultural zones by 2050 using downscaled climate model data.

Module 9: Disaster Risk Reduction and Early Warning Systems with GIS

- GIS for Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment (Floods, Landslides, Wildfires).
- Developing Real-time Early Warning Systems using Sensor Data and GIS.
- GIS in Emergency Response Planning and Damage Assessment.
- Community-Based Disaster Preparedness and Evacuation Routes.
- **Case Study:** Designing a GIS-based early warning system for flood-prone communities along a major river basin.

Module 10: Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and GIS

- Understanding Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Adaptation and Mitigation.
- Mapping Ecosystem Services (e.g., water regulation, biodiversity habitats).
- GIS for Identifying and Prioritizing Sites for Ecosystem Restoration.
- Quantifying the Co-Benefits of NBS using Geospatial Analysis.
- **Case Study:** Mapping potential areas for mangrove restoration along a vulnerable coastline to enhance storm surge protection and carbon sequestration.

Module 11: Participatory GIS (PGIS) and Community Engagement

- Principles of Participatory GIS and its Role in Climate Action.
- Tools and Techniques for Community Mapping and Data Collection.
- Facilitating Stakeholder Workshops for Collaborative Spatial Planning.
- Bridging Traditional Knowledge with Scientific Data using GIS.

- **Case Study:** Using PGIS to involve local communities in identifying climate risks and developing adaptation measures for their villages.

Module 12: GIS for Policy and Governance in Climate Change

- Translating Geospatial Insights into Actionable Climate Policy.
- GIS for Monitoring and Evaluating the Effectiveness of Climate Interventions.
- Spatial Planning for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Reporting.
- Communicating Climate Risks and Solutions Effectively through Maps and Dashboards.
- **Case Study:** Using GIS dashboards to track progress on a national climate adaptation plan, showing spatial distribution of implemented projects and their impacts.

Module 13: Emerging Trends in Geospatial Technology for Climate Action

- **Geospatial Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI)** and Machine Learning for Climate Prediction.
- Integration of **Internet of Things (IoT)** with GIS for Real-time Monitoring.
- **Cloud-Based GIS Platforms** and Big Data Analytics for Scalable Solutions.
- **3D GIS and Digital Twins** for Urban Climate Resilience.
- **Case Study:** Exploring the use of GeoAI for predicting localized extreme weather events and their urban impacts.

Module 14: Practical Project: Climate Change Scenario Development

- Defining a Project Scope and Data Requirements.
- Applying Learned GIS Techniques to a Chosen Climate Challenge.
- Developing and Visualizing Climate Change Scenarios.
- Presenting Spatial Analysis Results and Recommendations.
- **Case Study:** Participants work in groups to develop a climate change impact and adaptation scenario for a selected geographic area (e.g., a specific river basin, a vulnerable city district).

Module 15: Future Directions and Career Paths in GIS for Climate Change

- Review of Key Learning Outcomes and Skill Consolidation.
- Exploring Career Opportunities in Geospatial Climate Action.
- Networking and Collaboration in the GIS and Climate Change Community.
- Continuous Learning Resources and Professional Development.
- **Case Study:** Discussion of successful real-world GIS for climate change projects and the roles of geospatial professionals involved.

Training Methodology

- Interactive Lectures
- Software Demonstrations
- Practical Labs.
- Case Studies Analysis.
- Group Discussions
- Project-Based Learning.
- Expert-Led Mentorship.

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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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