The Political Economy of Climate Change Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Environmental Management and Conservation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Deconstruct the core concepts of climate justice and intergenerational equity.
2. Analyze the political dynamics and power structures that shape climate policy.
3. Evaluate the economic costs and benefits of climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.
4. Examine the role of climate finance, carbon pricing, and green bonds in driving a low-carbon transition.
5. Critically assess the effectiveness of international climate agreements and multilateral governance.
6. Understand the influence of corporate lobbying and fossil fuel interests on environmental policy.
7. Explore the relationship between climate security, migration, and resource conflicts.
8. Formulate policy interventions that address both climate change and sustainable development goals (SDGs).
9. Apply political economy analysis (PEA) to real-world climate challenges.
10. Discuss the ethical implications and governance challenges of geoengineering and emerging technologies.
11. Identify strategies for building multi-stakeholder coalitions and public support for climate action.
12. Analyze the role of sub-national and local governments in climate governance and resilience planning.
13. Develop an understanding of green economic growth and the concept of a just transition.

Organizational Benefits

- Equip teams with the knowledge to anticipate and respond to evolving climate policy, regulations, and market risks.
- Enable leaders to make politically informed and economically sound decisions on sustainability and investment strategies.
- Foster cross-functional understanding between technical, policy, and business units on climate-related issues.
- Build capacity to navigate complex stakeholder landscapes, from government officials and NGOs to private sector actors and local communities.

- Position your organization as a leader in climate governance, attracting talent, and demonstrating commitment to responsible business practices.

Target Audience

1. Policy-makers and Government Officials.
2. Private Sector Leaders.
3. Development Practitioners.
4. Academics and Researchers.
5. Financial Sector Professionals.
6. Journalists and Communicators.
7. Civil Society and Community Leaders.
8. Project Managers.

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Climate Change and Political Economy

- The scientific consensus and its political contestation.
- Understanding climate change as a collective action problem.
- The concepts of political economy, power, and interests in environmental governance.
- The relationship between climate change, economic systems, and historical development.
- **Case Study:** The Paris Agreement and the political dynamics of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Module 2: Economic Tools for Climate Action

- Cost-benefit analysis of climate policies: The Stern Review and its critiques.
- Market-based instruments: Carbon taxes, emissions trading schemes, and their political feasibility.
- Innovative financing mechanisms: Green bonds, sustainable finance, and private sector mobilization.
- The political economy of fossil fuel subsidies and green industrial policy.
- **Case Study:** The European Union's Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) and its evolution.

Module 3: International Climate Governance

- The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the negotiation process.
- The role of global institutions: The Green Climate Fund, World Bank, and IMF.
- Climate diplomacy and the geopolitics of energy transition.
- The political economy of climate debt and loss and damage.
- **Case Study:** The political battles over climate finance at COP summits.

Module 4: Domestic and Sub-National Politics

- Drivers and barriers to domestic climate policy adoption.
- The influence of public opinion, social movements, and climate denialism.
- Federalism and the role of sub-national actors in climate governance.
- Lobbying, special interests, and the political power of carbon-intensive industries.
- **Case Study:** The political economy of renewable energy adoption in Germany or Denmark.

Module 5: Climate Justice and Equity

- The disproportionate impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations.

- Concepts of distributive and procedural justice in climate policy.
- The political economy of a just transition for fossil fuel workers and communities.
- Gender, indigenous rights, and human rights in climate governance.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing the Green New Deal in the United States from a political economy and justice perspective.

Module 6: Adaptation and Resilience

- The political economy of climate adaptation and resilience planning.
- Integrating climate risk into national and sectoral policies.
- Urban climate governance and the role of city networks.
- Funding adaptation: Challenges and opportunities for public and private finance.
- **Case Study:** The political and economic challenges of building climate-resilient infrastructure in small island developing states.

Module 7: The Future of Climate Governance

- Technological solutions: The political economy of carbon capture, geoengineering, and negative emissions technologies.
- The rise of climate security and its implications for foreign policy.
- The role of citizen engagement, advocacy, and climate litigation.
- Aligning climate action with post-2030 development frameworks.
- **Case Study:** The political and ethical debate surrounding solar geoengineering research.

Module 8: Putting Theory into Practice

- Developing a political economy analysis framework for a specific climate challenge.
- Designing politically feasible and effective climate policies.
- Strategic communication and narrative framing for climate action.
- Action planning for participants' own organizational and policy contexts.
- **Case Study:** A collaborative workshop to develop a "politically smart" climate policy for a specific country or sector.

Training Methodology

This course employs an **experiential and participatory learning** approach. The methodology is designed to be highly interactive and practical, moving beyond traditional lecture-based formats. Key components include:

- Interactive Workshops.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Hands-on Activities.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning.
- Guest Speaker Sessions.
- Mentorship and Coaching.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

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.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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