National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) 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. Learn to integrate climate change adaptation measures into national, sectoral, and sub-national development planning processes.
2. Develop a deep understanding of how to build and strengthen national adaptive capacity and societal resilience to climate risks.
3. Master methodologies for conducting comprehensive climate vulnerability and risk assessments (VRAs) to inform evidence-based planning.
4. Acquire skills to ensure NAPs are country-driven, participatory, and fully gender-responsive, benefiting vulnerable groups and communities.
5. Explore strategies and mechanisms for accessing and mobilizing both domestic and international climate finance, including Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Global Environment Facility (GEF) resources.
6. Create robust M&E and learning frameworks to track the progress and effectiveness of NAP implementation.
7. Identify and promote nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) for long-term climate resilience.
8. Understand the critical link and strategic alignment between National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.
9. Formulate climate-informed and cross-sectoral policies that address climate impacts on key sectors like agriculture, water, health, and infrastructure.
10. Implement effective stakeholder engagement and communication strategies to foster collaboration across government, civil society, and the private sector.
11. Utilize climate data and information services to enhance decision-making and early warning systems for climate risk management.
12. Analyze and integrate principles of climate justice, equity, and human rights into adaptation planning.
13. **Promote South-South Collaboration:** Facilitate knowledge sharing and best practices through South-South and triangular cooperation on adaptation planning.

Organizational Benefits

- Develop a long-term, integrated, and evidence-based approach to managing climate risk, moving beyond reactive measures.
- Strengthen institutional capacity to develop bankable project proposals and successfully access international climate finance.

- Ensure alignment with national and international climate commitments, including the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Foster better coordination and synergy across different government ministries, agencies, and sectors, reducing siloed efforts.
- Embed climate risk analysis into institutional decision-making processes, leading to more resilient investments and policies.
- Position the organization as a leader in proactive and effective climate action, attracting partnerships and investment.

Target Audience

1. Government Officials.
2. Development Practitioners.
3. Climate Change Consultants.
4. Academic Researchers.
5. Private Sector Managers.
6. Local and Sub-National Government Representatives.
7. Community Leaders.
8. International Organization Staff.

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Module 1: Foundations of Climate Adaptation and the NAP Process

- Introduction to the UNFCCC Framework and the Paris Agreement.
- Understanding the NAP mandate and its role in long-term resilience.
- The four elements of the NAP process: a structured approach.
- Key principles: country-driven, gender-responsive, and iterative.
- Case Study: **The Gambia's NAP Process** - How a Least Developed Country (LDC) initiated and launched its NAP, securing political buy-in and laying the groundwork.

Module 2: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (VRA) for NAPs

- Methodologies for assessing climate risks and vulnerabilities.
- Utilizing climate data and climate information services.
- Stakeholder analysis and participatory VRA techniques.
- Tools for identifying vulnerable sectors, communities, and ecosystems.
- Case Study: **Colombia's VRA in the Agriculture Sector** - How a multi-criteria analysis helped prioritize adaptation actions in a key economic sector.

Module 3: Mainstreaming Adaptation into Development Planning

- Integrating NAPs into national development strategies and budgets.
- Cross-sectoral coordination and institutional arrangements.
- Policy coherence and alignment with national laws and regulations.
- Building capacity for mainstreaming across government institutions.
- Case Study: **Nepal's mainstreaming of adaptation** into its national development plan, focusing on governance and institutional coordination.

Module 4: Designing and Prioritizing Adaptation Actions

- Identifying and appraising a portfolio of adaptation options.

- Cost-benefit analysis and other economic appraisal methods.
- The role of nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA).
- Developing an implementation strategy and roadmap.
- Case Study: **Guatemala's Adaptation Plan for its Coffee Sector** - How a tailored strategy using EbA and climate-smart agriculture protects livelihoods.

Module 5: Mobilizing Climate Finance for Implementation

- Mapping the global landscape of adaptation finance.
- Developing proposals for funds like the GCF and Adaptation Fund.
- Leveraging private sector investment and innovative financial instruments.
- Fiscal planning and integrating adaptation into national budgets.
- Case Study: **Uruguay's experience with GCF funding** for its NAP, detailing the proposal development and readiness support process.

Module 6: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Systems

- Designing results-based MEL frameworks for NAPs.
- Defining key performance indicators (KPIs) and data collection methods.
- Ensuring gender-responsive and socially-inclusive MEL.
- Facilitating a "learning-by-doing" approach for iterative improvement.
- Case Study: **Kenya's MEL Framework for its NAP** - A look at how the country is tracking progress and using lessons learned to inform policy.

Module 7: Gender and Social Inclusion in NAPs

- Understanding the differentiated impacts of climate change on vulnerable groups.
- Applying a gender-responsive lens to all stages of the NAP process.
- Engaging women's groups, indigenous communities, and marginalized populations.
- Ensuring equitable benefits and participation in adaptation projects.
- Case Study: **Bangladesh's GCA Project** - How a gender-responsive project empowers women in coastal communities to cope with salinity.

Module 8: Communicating and Reporting on NAPs

- Developing a strategic communication and outreach plan.
- Reporting on NAP progress to the UNFCCC (Adaptation Communications).
- Building public awareness and political will for adaptation.
- Documenting and sharing best practices and lessons learned.
- Case Study: **South Africa's Adaptation Communications** - Analyzing the country's reporting and communication strategy as a model for transparency and accountability.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and experiential learning approach. The methodology includes:

- Hands-on Workshops.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Role-Playing and Simulations.
- Expert-Led Discussions.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning.
- Project-Based Learning.

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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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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