The Politics of Climate Finance Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

- Deconstruct the global climate finance architecture and its key actors.
- Analyze the political economy of climate finance, including power dynamics and interests.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of multilateral climate funds like the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Adaptation Fund.
- Identify and strategize for scaling up private sector engagement in climate finance.
- Comprehend the role of public financial institutions and green budgeting.
- Navigate the intricacies of climate risk disclosure and sustainable finance regulations.
- Master the process of mobilizing resources for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Develop skills in blended finance to leverage private capital for public good.
- Assess the political dimensions of debt relief and Just Transition mechanisms.
- Examine the role of carbon pricing mechanisms and carbon markets.
- Evaluate the political challenges of ensuring equity and gender-responsive climate finance.
- Formulate effective strategies for stakeholder engagement and coalition-building.
- Apply a political economy analysis (PEA) framework to real-world climate projects.

Organizational Benefits

- Teams will develop a sophisticated understanding of the political landscape, enabling them to design more effective and politically feasible climate finance strategies.
- Organizations will be better equipped to access and leverage both public and private capital for their climate projects by understanding the political drivers of funding decisions.
- The training will enhance the ability to identify and manage **political risk**, **regulatory risk**, and **reputational risk** associated with climate investments and policy engagement.
- Participants will gain the knowledge and language to engage credibly with policymakers, donors, and private investors, strengthening the organization?ÇÖs position as a key player in the climate space.
- By exploring **blended finance** and innovative financial instruments, the organization can unlock new sources of funding and pioneer new approaches to green investment.
- The course fosters an understanding of diverse stakeholder interests, leading to more productive partnerships and a stronger ability to build influential coalitions.

Target Audience

1. Government Officials.
2. Development Professionals.
3. Private Sector Executives.
4. NGO and Civil Society Leaders.
5. Academics and Researchers.
6. Diplomats and Negotiators.
7. Impact Investors.
8. Project Developers.

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Module 1: The Global Climate Finance Landscape

- Defining climate finance and its political dimensions.
- Overview of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement's financial mechanisms.
- Mapping key actors: public, private, and philanthropic funders.
- Analyzing the flow of finance from developed to developing countries
- **Case Study**: The **political negotiations** and controversies behind the **$100 billion climate finance pledge**.

Module 2: The Political Economy of Climate Funds

- Examining the governance structures of major climate funds
- Understanding the decision-making processes and country-ownership principles.
- Exploring the challenges of accessing finance for vulnerable nations and the politics of readiness programs.
- Analyzing the influence of different stakeholders on fund priorities.
- **Case Study**: The **GCF's investment framework** and a **real-world project that faced political delays** or success.

Module 3: Public and Private Financial Levers

- The role of national governments: green budgeting and fiscal policy.
- Mobilizing the private sector: incentives, regulations, and risk mitigation.
- An introduction to blended finance and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).
- Navigating sustainable finance regulations and ESG reporting.
- **Case Study**: A successful **blended finance project** for a large-scale renewable energy project in a developing country, highlighting the political hurdles and solutions.

Module 4: Carbon Markets and Pricing Mechanisms

- The politics of carbon pricing: taxes vs. cap-and-trade systems.
- Understanding Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and the rules for international carbon markets.
- Debates around carbon offsetting and potential for greenwashing.
- Analyzing the political economy of carbon credits and equitable benefit-sharing.
- **Case Study**: The implementation of a national carbon tax or an **international carbon credit project** that faced challenges over equity or community benefits.

Module 5: The Politics of Just Transition

- Defining a Just Transition and its financial implications for workers and communities.

- The political challenge of decommissioning fossil fuel assets and financing the shift to clean energy.
- Exploring financial mechanisms to support vulnerable sectors and workers.
- Assessing the role of finance in addressing loss and damage from climate impacts.
- **Case Study**: A **Just Transition** initiative in a coal-dependent region, highlighting the political compromises and financing models used.

Module 6: Adaptation, Resilience, and Equity

- The political disparity between funding for mitigation vs. adaptation.
- Navigating the politics of climate-resilient development and infrastructure.
- Analyzing the role of finance in addressing vulnerability and climate justice.
- Mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion in climate finance projects.
- **Case Study**: A community-led **adaptation project** that successfully secured funding by politically demonstrating its direct impact on vulnerable populations.

Module 7: Climate Finance in Practice

- Developing a political economy analysis (PEA) for climate projects.
- Crafting a compelling project proposal for a climate fund.
- Mastering stakeholder mapping and engagement strategies.
- Understanding the political and technical aspects of monitoring and reporting.
- **Case Study**: A workshop on developing a project proposal, using a hypothetical scenario and applying the PEA framework to anticipate political risks.

Module 8: The Future of Climate Finance

- The role of central banks and financial regulators in steering capital.
- Assessing the political momentum for a new global financial architecture.
- Discussing the impact of geopolitical shifts and global crises on climate finance flows.
- Exploring emerging trends: nature-based solutions finance and biodiversity finance.
- **Case Study**: Analyzing a recent high-level political declaration or agreement, such as from a **G7 or COP meeting**, and its potential implications for the future of climate finance.

Training Methodology

The course employs a highly interactive and practical methodology designed for adult learners.

- Interactive Lectures.
- Political Economy Analysis (PEA) Workshops.
- Case Studies.
- Group Discussions and Peer Learning.
- Guest Speakers.
- Role-Playing and Simulations.

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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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