

International course

# Managing risk and hazards in the face of climate change



## Integrating Climate Change Adaptation (CCA and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) to promote resilience



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Rapid and unplanned urbanization, the growing number and magnitude of disasters globally, and the uncertainty over climatic variations are factors which increase the exposure and vulnerability of communities, their livelihoods, physical infrastructure and economic networks.

Reducing vulnerabilities and exposure to natural hazards is critical to achieving sustainable development.

Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) promote resilience in the face of hazards. They are both concerned with reducing communities vulnerabilities and increasing risk resilience. However most countries treat the two policy fields separately with different departments taking up the responsibility for either DRM or CCA but using overlapping methods and tools to monitor, analyse and address disaster and climate change risks.

In the face of these challenges, improved coordination of DRM and CCA activities and integrated mainstreaming of disaster and climate risks into development planning are needed. At the same time, to reduce exposure and manage climate risks, institutional arrangements have to be strengthened and societal capacities enhanced. Every organization, whether government or business or civic, needs a **forward-thinking manager who can anticipate and prepare for risks**. This two weeks intensive course will give you new insights, perspectives and tools to become one of them.

Fee:	See website
Deadline subscription:	09 February 2015
Deadline NFP fellowships:	<b>21 October 2014</b>



Would you like to support communities, governments, businesses to prepare and manage climate or disaster impacts?

If so, then you should attend this course. It will give you the opportunity to explore trends in disaster risk, the related factors contributing to the complexity of the planning environment, and the uncertainty of climate change. Your capacity to support adaptation to changing climate-related hazards and improved resilience and disaster preparedness will be enhanced.



Resource persons from different disciplines will expose you to a broad range of domains. The course will use a mix of lectures, discussions, group work and field trips to offer background, theoretical aspects, as well as practical approaches. You will **exchange your own experiences and learn mutually from working actively together** in various groups. The programme is flexible to suit participants' needs and the issues they raise. The course is divided into 5 modules:

1. *Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM)*. The module is a general introduction and conceptual foundation to the link between climate change adaptation and disaster risk management.
2. *Integrating CCA and DRM*. This module provides the participants with the opportunity to examine first-hand a social problem, and to explore how resilience might be characterized/achieved against climate change challenges and current disaster risks.
3. *'Framing' the Problem*. This module highlights tools for examining the perspectives of different stakeholders over the priority given for disaster risk and climate change, the range of acceptable actions to manage risk, and other important aspects of decision making.
4. *'Framing' the Possible Solutions*. This module presents tools for planning interventions to promote both disaster risk management and climate change adaptation goals.
5. *Influencing Policy for Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management*. This module discusses the approach to risk communication and participants can practice communicating intervention strategies to a variety of stakeholders with differing perspectives, and getting their 'agreement' to adopt their proposed strategies.

**We expect you to have a BSc** or equivalent and at least 3 years relevant professional experience in some of the topics to be addressed. Preferably you have a working understanding of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and/or Disaster Risk Management (DRM). Proficiency in English is required.

This training programme is designed for managers, policy makers, specialists and researchers who are professionally involved in the management of risks and

climate change. They may work in public and civic society sectors, for universities, national research or development programmes, for government organisations or NGOs. It is expected that the group will comprise a mix of technically, academically, and policy oriented participants from different countries, with the aim of promoting active participation, with ample interaction and generation of new ideas.

## Further practical information

- **Application**, the procedure is:
  - 1) **Apply at the website of CDI, Wageningen**  
**UR:** [www.wageningenur.nl/cdi](http://www.wageningenur.nl/cdi) You will receive a confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription (f.e. funding, visa) can take some time.
  - 2) **CDI is unable to assist you in obtaining financial support**, however if you want to apply for a **NFP/MENA Fellowship**, CDI will provide you with the full instructions and the web address for registration in **ATLAS**. You can check the eligibility at [www.nuffic.nl/nfp](http://www.nuffic.nl/nfp) or [www.nuffic.nl/mena](http://www.nuffic.nl/mena). A limited number of scholarships is available. As this application process takes time and requires several documents, we recommend that you **start as soon as possible**.
- **Accommodation:** Hof van Wageningen, Wageningen, The Netherlands. For prices, see the cost estimate on our website. **NFP Fellowships include** travel and full board and lodging.
- **Fee** includes all course related costs (materials, excursions, administration).
- Participants will be awarded with a **Certificate** of attendance. The programme of the course might be changed to incorporate new insights.

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