



Rights-Based Climate Adaptation in Armenia and Georgia

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This call invites public sector professionals working in areas relating to climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, human rights and gender equality to apply to join an innovative Lund University certificate course examining rights-based climate adaptation in Armenia and Georgia. The course is supported by the Swedish Institute.

The Paris Agreement on Climate Change declares that:

Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.

Rights-Based Climate Adaptation in Armenia and Georgia is designed to support participants in operationalizing this ambition.

Integrating human rights and gender equality into action to address climate change starts with a foundational understanding across the public sector of how these fields of knowledge and practice intersect. The certificate course brings together public sector

professionals working across multiple sectors and in neighbouring countries to exchange knowledge. Consisting of three workshops, self-directed study, and four online learning exchanges, the course uses the [Framework for Integrating Rights and Equality \(FIRE\)](#) to structure the exchange of knowledge and insights between course participants.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is designed as a blended learning programme, with independent learning complemented by live discussion sessions in large and small group formats. Course participants develop individual learning contracts that connect the overall structure of the course with the individual and institutional priorities.

The course will involve individual and group-based work to identify practical measures that can be taken within and across sectors to enhance adaptive capacity in priority areas identified by course participants. All work contributes to the development of a Country Profile, including a description of priority areas where rights-based climate change adaptation work can transform conditions of exposure and vulnerability. These Country Profiles will be launched at a final event convening international donors invited to discuss ideas for transforming words into action.

TARGET GROUP

Teams consisting of 3-4 people from each country should apply but individual applications are also welcome. The target groups for the training programme are public sector professionals in local and national government with operational, policy and/or legislative responsibility for climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, human rights and gender equality. Climate change is an issue that cuts across sectors, so we encourage professionals from across the public sector to apply. The programme will be open to professional staff of relevant civil society organisations as one member of the team.

TEACHING AND COORDINATING STAFF

The programme is a collaboration between the Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety at Lund University and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) (affiliated with the Law Faculty at Lund University and with a country office in Armenia). The programme is to be delivered with the support of Lund University Commissioned Education (LUCE), the department at the university focusing on professional development and capacity building programmes.

TIMELINE

Programme dates: 31 May 2024- 5 August 2025

- May-September 2024: Pre-module. Online orientation
- September 2024: Inception workshop in Armenia
- October 2024: Problem descriptions and learning plans
- November 2024: Online Module 1 - Differential exposure, vulnerability and capabilities: Understanding social norms and context
- December 2024: Online Module 2 and interaction – Fundamental rights 1
- January 2025: Online Module 3 and interaction – Fundamental rights 2
- February 2025: Online Module 4 and interaction – Governance systems and structures
- March 2025: Mid-term event in Georgia
- April-May 2025: Individual and group work contributing to the country profile in line with learning contracts
- June-July 2025: Compilation of country profiles
- August 2025: Final events in Armenia and Georgia

APPLICATION

Requirements:

Work experience of at least five years. Participants should be approximately 30-55 years of age and fluent in English. The teams should consist of a mix of men and women. Applications must be endorsed by the applicant's organisation.

Deadline for application: 21 April 2024

Number of participants: 26

Language of Instruction: English

Costs: Participation in this programme is free of charge. It includes travel to and from the inception workshop in Armenia, the mid-term event in Georgia, and the final events in Armenia and Georgia. Meals and accommodation during all onsite events are also covered.

Apply here: dinkurs.se/91082

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