THE CLIMATE CLASSROOM @COP24

The Climate Classroom @ COP24 is an innovative learning experience, designed for anyone interested in getting up to speed on selected climate change topics through 45-minute lessons and open particularly to delegates of countries facing special challenges (African countries, Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States and Landlocked Developing Countries). This is an initiative of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn), in collaboration with UN partners.

ABOUT SDC

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is Switzerland’s international cooperation agency within the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). In operating with other federal offices concerned, SDC is responsible for the overall coordination of development activities and cooperation with Eastern Europe, as well as for the humanitarian aid delivered by the Swiss Confederation.

ABOUT UN CC:LEARN

UN CC:Learn is a partnership of more than 30 multilateral organizations supporting countries to design and implement systematic, recurrent and results-oriented climate change learning. UN CC:Learn contributes to the implementation of Article 6 of the UNFCCC on training, education and public awareness-raising, and the 2012-2020 Doha Work Programme. The Secretariat for UN CC:Learn is provided by UNITAR. Funding for UN CC:Learn is provided by the Swiss Government and UN partners.

ABOUT WMO

As a specialized agency of the United Nations established in 1950, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is dedicated to international cooperation and coordination on the state and behaviour of the Earth’s atmosphere, its interaction with the land and oceans, the weather and climate it produces, and the resulting distribution of water resources.
GET STARTED!

Place the headset comfortably on your head. If you wear glasses or earrings, fix the headset so that you do not feel any discomfort.

Make sure that the microphone does not touch your face or clothes and that it is on the level of your mouth.

To turn on the headset controller press button for 3-4 seconds. You should be able to see the following on the display: speaker icon, headset icon, text “GUEST” and group “12”.

You can control the volume level by pressing the ‘+’ and ‘-’ signs. It is possible that the sound levels may change during the classroom.

If you would like to speak to the instructor and colleagues, please raise your hand and talk by pressing the talk button as long as you need to speak.

If you need any assistance with the equipment, please contact one of the classroom assistants.
ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

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SUMMARY OF THE CLASS

ABOUT

Understanding the relationship between climate and health is fundamental when taking preventative action against climate related health risks. It is a challenge for the health community to access, recognize, understand, interpret and apply available climate information. Likewise, the climate services community often does not fully appreciate all public health concerns and needs, and the role climate services can play to support public health.

The Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) aims to help bridge these gaps. It fosters collaboration to develop reliable health and climate-related tools and services for various time scales – from months to seasons, decades and longer. These services support health priorities such as improving disease surveillance and extending the lead-time to prevent and prepare for climate related outbreaks and emergencies.

Source: GFCS website
REFERENCES FOR FURTHER LEARNING

PUBLICATIONS

USEFUL WEBSITES
— GFCS WEBSITE
— GFCS AND HEALTH WEBSITE

E-LEARNING
UN CC:Learn offers free online courses on climate change. If you want to learn more about health, check out the short course on Human Health and Climate Change. If you want to learn more about the science, consult Module 1 of our Introductory e-Course on Climate Change. To access these courses and explore other e-learning resources on climate change and related topics, go to: www.uncclearn.org. UNITAR and the GFCS Office also offer an e-tutorial for national experts, available at: http://gfcs.wmo.int/node/805.

To access all resources and more visit: https://www.uncclearn.org/climate-classroom-cop24-gfcs-and-health or scan the QR CODE.
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SCHEDULE

If you want to take other classes, please check the complete schedule of climate classroom sessions on our website.

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