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.

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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.
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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

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SUMMARY OF THE CLASS

ABOUT

We are not on track with the Paris Agreement’s 2°C scenario. The need to change and innovate many aspects of our way of life is pressing, and yet, the responsibility seems to fall on science and technology. We all have the possibility to co-create innovative solutions to climate change that can add value in the lives of the people we serve. Innovation is about a culture of creativity and collaboration. It is not reserved for experts and entrepreneurs working on disruptive technologies or scientific break-throughs. Human Centered Design provides tools and a process that enable any individual or organization to access innovation and create a locally-tailored and meaningful contribution.

KEY TOPICS

- Climate change is not a tame problem and requires a new problem-solving approach
- Innovation is not just about technology and science, it is about “doing things differently”
- All can contribute to the basket of innovative solutions to climate change
- Human Centered Design provides the tools for any individual or organization to solve complex problems
- The key steps are: inspiration, ideation, implementation
- The key principles are: human centered, possibilities driven, options focused, iterative
REFLECTION

- In your view, which aspect of climate change is most difficult to address?
- What aspect(s) of climate change are you, or your organization, working on?
- Is your organization applying the human centered design approach? If yes, in what ways? If not, where would be a good place to start?
- Which element of the Human Centered Design approach do you find most and/or least appealing?

Exercise:

Which of the following attitudes are effective when solving complex problems. Why?

- Empathy
- Iteration
- Uncertainty
- Reflection
- Disagreement
- Collaboration
- Failure
- Diversity
- Logic
REFERENCES FOR FURTHER LEARNING

PUBLICATIONS


USEFUL WEBSITES

— IDEO.org
— UN Innovation Network
— UNHCR Innovation Service
— UNDP Innovation Facility

E-LEARNING

UN CC:Learn offers free online courses on climate change. If you want to learn more about climate change science, adaptation, mitigation or negotiations, check out the Introductory e-Course on Climate Change. To access this course and explore other e-learning resources on climate change and related topics, go to: www.unccelearn.org

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