29 APRIL – 21 JUNE, 2019
APPLY BY 17 MARCH, 2019

E-LEARNING COURSE

Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa - Second Edition

ABOUT THE COURSE

To achieve sustainable development, national actors in Africa need to incorporate sustainable consumption and production (SCP) into national policies and planning. With the goal of scaling up learning on SCP in the region, UN Environment and UNITAR are partnering, under the SWITCH Africa Green Programme, to deliver the second edition of this interactive e-learning course, especially tailored to the regional context of Africa.

Participants will learn what is SCP, what are the benefits from SCP to African countries, as well as what are some of the regional, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities to implementing policies for SCP in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda. This e-learning course will equip participants with the basic skills for applying the SCP concept in a real world economic, policy and professional context.

The course is offered both in English and French.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

1. Define the concept of SCP and explain its value in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda
2. Distinguish key elements of effective policy planning in support of SCP
3. Discuss challenges and opportunities for advancing SCP in specific sectors and thematic areas
4. Identify a range of global and regional initiatives that promote SCP
5. Apply SCP to a real-life policy-making context.
6. Understand compliance with the 2015 Paris Agreement and the 2063 Africa Agenda.

TARGET GROUPS

The course is geared towards high- to mid-level civil servants from Africa, directly involved in the process of developing, implementing and evaluating policies supporting the transition towards SCP. The target group includes:

— Representatives from academia and research institutes
— Other individuals engaged in the social, economic and policy transition towards SCP

METHODOLOGY

The course pedagogy is adapted to professionals in full-time work. Participants are provided with the opportunity to learn through various experiences: absorb (read); do (activity); interact (socialize); and reflect (relate to one's own reality).

The total number of learning hours is 32 over 8-weeks period (4 hours per week), including study time (2 h/week) and participation in online course activities (2 h/week).

During weeks 1-5 the main learning materials are complemented by a range of learning activities and experiences that include interactive exercises, discussion forums, and an applied case study. Weeks 6-8 are reserved for wrap-up and completing course assignments.

FEEDBACK FROM THE 1ST EDITION:

"Previously, I had knowledge on sustainability from the supply side. After the course, my understanding has broadened to the demand side factors too."
W. Bahiru, National Planning Commission, Ethiopia

"I am using knowledge from the course to advance projects related to renewable energy production from biomass."
K. Adjekum, Association of Ghana Industries

Six months after the 1st edition,

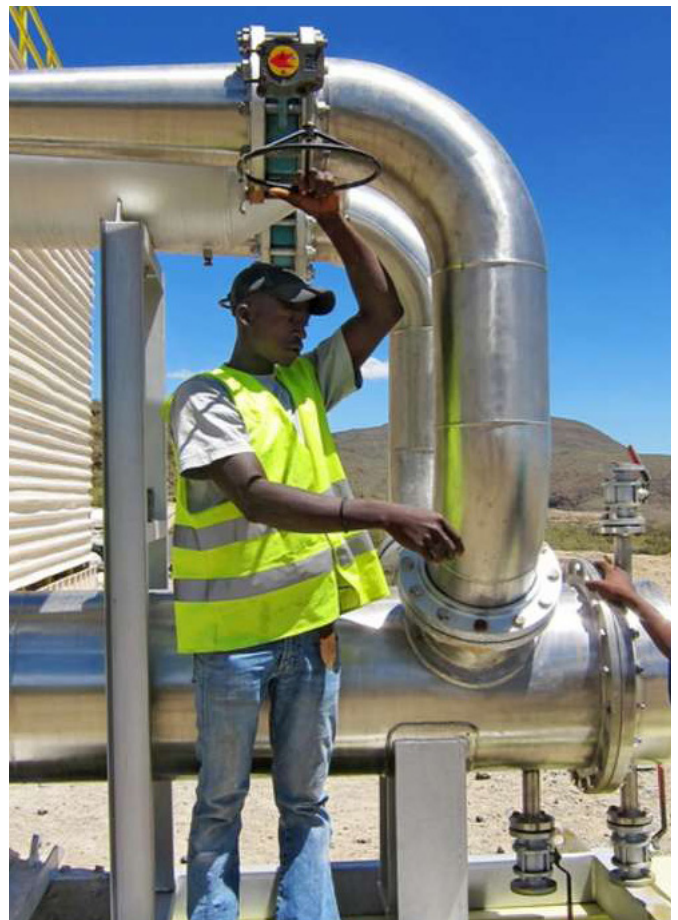**91%** of alumni regularly use SCP knowledge in their profession.

The first edition of the course has triggered diverse measurable actions and impacts in the region.

FELLOWSHIPS AND REGISTRATION

With support from the EU SWITCH Africa Green Programme and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), 40 fellowships are available for both courses (in English and in French), for participants from Africa working in the academia or NGOs.

UNITAR, working in close collaboration with UN Environment, will identify and select the participants to be awarded a fellowship.

Participation fee for non-eligible candidates is 600 USD. Those who participated in the 1st edition do not qualify.

FELLOWSHIPS AND REGISTRATION

To register, go to the UNITAR course catalogue: www.unitar.org/event

Fellowship application deadline: 17 March 2019

To find out how to apply for a fellowship, contact: scp@unitar.org and info@switchafricagreen.org