

International course

Managing risk 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-week intensive course will give you new insights, perspectives and tools to become one of them.

Fee:	3,700 Euro
Deadline subscription:	04 February 2019
Deadline OKP fellowships:	16 October 2018

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, manage disaster risk and improve resilience 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 your needs and issues raised. The course includes:

1. *Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM)*. A general introduction and conceptual foundation to the link between climate change adaptation and disaster risk management.
2. *Integrating CCA and DRM*. You will get 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*. The course 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*. Tools for planning interventions to promote both disaster risk management and climate change adaptation goals are presented.
5. *Influencing Policy for Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management*. The approach to risk communication is discussed and you 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.

Partners

The training programme is organised by Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen UR and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center <https://www.adpc.net/igo/>

Further practical information

Application procedure:

Apply at the website of Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation www.wur.eu/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) Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation is unable to assist you in obtaining financial support, however if you want to apply for a **OKP Fellowship**, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation will provide you with the full instructions and the web address for registration in **ATLAS**. ATLAS is the online application form for an OKP Fellowship. You can check the eligibility at www.nuffic.nl. 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**.

- **Location:** Thailand. For prices, see the cost estimate on our website. **OKP 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.