

A woman with dark hair, wearing a vibrant red and black patterned traditional garment, is focused on weaving on a wooden loom. The loom is strung with colorful threads in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the weaving environment.

# E-LEARNING COURSE ON **Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production in Asia**

15 FEBRUARY – 08 APRIL, 2016

APPLY BY **24 JANUARY, 2016**

## **ABOUT THE COURSE**

The ability of national actors in the Asia region to incorporate SCP into national governance is key for sustainable development, especially in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With the goal of scaling up learning on SCP in the region, UNEP and UNITAR are partnering, under the SWITCH-Asia Programme, to deliver this interactive e-learning course.

Participants will learn about different concepts and facets of the SCP, as well as regional, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities to implement policies for SCP. Additionally, participants will begin to develop basic skills for applying the SCP concept in a real world economic, policy and professional context.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

After completing the course, participants will be able to:

1. Define the concept of SCP and explain its value for sustainable development and 2030 Development Agenda
2. Distinguish key elements of effective policy planning in support of SCP
3. Identify enabling conditions for mainstreaming and implementing SCP policies in national governance
4. Discuss principal challenges and opportunities for advancing SCP in national contexts
5. Summarize the range of global and regional initiatives to support SCP in national governance
6. Apply SCP to a real-life policy-making context.

## TARGET GROUPS

The course is geared towards high- to mid-level civil servants in the Asia-Pacific region, directly involved in the process of developing, implementing and evaluating policies supporting the transition towards SCP.

The target group includes:

- Civil servants in national ministries, provincial departments and local authorities
- Environmental managers in the private sector, e.g. engaged in SWITCH-Asia projects
- Representatives from civil society organizations
- Academia representatives and researchers
- Other individuals engaged in policy processes.

## 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).

Total number of learning hours: 32 over 8 week 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 study of an e-book is 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.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND REGISTRATION

With support from the EU SWITCH-Asia Programme, 45 fellowships are available for participants from the developing countries in Asia working in the public sector, academia or NGOs.

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

Participation fee for non-eligible candidates is 600 USD.

## FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

(2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION, 21 SEPT - 13 NOV 2015)

“Very relevant for understanding the SCP thematic and the SCP policy instruments for decision makers.”

“Extremely relevant topic for today's day and age, not only for my profession but also in my personal life...”

**100%** would most likely use the information acquired during the course

**97%** stated they would recommend the course to a colleague

**95%** stated the course met their interests and expectations

## REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIPS

To register, click [here](#) or go to the UNITAR course catalogue: [www.unitar.org/event](http://www.unitar.org/event)

Fellowship application deadline: 24 January 2016

Registration deadline: 07 February 2016

To find out how to apply for a fellowship, contact:

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