One UN Training Service Platform on Climate Change: UN CC:Learn

Strengthening Human Resources, Learning and Skills Development to Address Climate Change with Support of UN CC:Learn

(www.uncclearn.org)

Submission by UNITAR on behalf of UN CC:Learn Partners

UN CC:Learn - the *One UN Training Service Platform on Climate Change* (UN) - was initiated in 2009 through collaboration of 22 UN agencies, as a contribution to the implementation of the training and skills development provisions of Article 6 of the UNFCCC. One of the main goals of CC:Learn is to support design and implementation of country-driven, results-oriented climate change learning strategies and action through partnerships of Member States, UN agencies and interested development partners. The initiative is embedded within the capacity building pillar of the climate change action framework of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for which UNDP and UNEP serve as convening agencies.¹ UNITAR provides the secretariat for CC:Learn.

The CC: Learn concept includes three Programme Areas that build on and complement each other. They include: (I) Knowledge Management and Networking, (II) Development of a One UN Training Package, and (III) Human Resource, Learning and Skills Development in Partner Countries. Together with information available through CC I:Net, Programme Areas I and II provide an input to planned country-based pilot projects which seek to foster a strategic and results-oriented approach to climate change learning in partner countries that is owned and driven by national institutions (Programme Area III).

The CC:Learn pilot project methodology has been designed so that it compatible with and supports implementation of Article 6 of the UNFCCC, the UNFCCC Capacity Development Framework, and the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. Relevant activities at the country level will be closely coordinated with UN Country Teams and efforts of other development partners engaged in climate change capacity development. The pilot project concept was introduced and discussed at UNFCCC Article 6 regional workshops in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa during the course of 2009 and 2010. As a follow-up, a significant number of developing countries have expressed an interest to participate as a CC:Learn pilot country.

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¹ CC:Learn Partners include to date CEB, EMG, GEF Secretariat, IFAD, ILO, OCHA, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNFPA, UNHABITAT, UNIFEM, UNISDR, UNITAR, UNSSC, UNWTO, WFP, WHO, WMO, World Bank

Seed resources for UN CC:Learn have been provided by UNITAR, UNDP and UNPFA, with the UNFCCC Secretariat contributing to design and outreach. Other UN partners provided in-kind contributions through participation in the CC:Learn Steering Group and sharing their climate change learning materials. During the last quarter of 2010, a fund-raising strategy has been initiated to support the CC:Learning Pilot Implementation Phase, 2010-2012 including implementation of 4-5 pilot projects.

While CC:Learn was conceptualized as a UN initiative, CC:Learn partners are open and interested to explore cooperation with bilateral and other development cooperation agencies active in the area of climate change learning and capacity development. For further information, please contact uncclearn@unitar.org or visit www.cclearn.org.