
Course manager and facilitators

Mr. Henrik Borgtoft Pedersen (Ph.D. Biology) has been active in training activities throughout his professional career. His positions at Danish and Ecuadorian universities and as advisor in the Environmental Sector Support Programme in Bolivia have included general capacity building, course organisation and teaching. He has 20 years of experience working with environment, development and climate change issues in Asia, Africa and Latin America.



Main facilitators

Mr. Lars Møller (M.Sc. Natural Science) has an in-depth knowledge of environmental and climatic issues. From working more than 10 years in tropical areas, mainly in Southern Africa and South East Asia, he has a solid understanding of the environmental and climatic challenges facing vulnerable communities. Since 2003 he has worked for the Red Cross managing risk reduction programmes in Indonesia, including works with new crops, adapting to new conditions and afforestation.

Ms. Sine Skov (M.Sc. Geography) has wide knowledge on general climate change mitigation and adaptation issues. She has proven skills as a trainer on these subjects and she has acted as a facilitator on study tours and training activities since 2005. Her current focus as a consultant is on emissions trading, i.e. JI and CDM projects. This has made her well versed in procedures and opportunities within this field of the Kyoto Protocol.

Danida Fellowship Centre and NIRAS in brief

Danida Fellowship Centre has contracted NIRAS to develop and manage the course: "Climate Change in Development Assistance".

What is Danida Fellowship Centre?

Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) manages and implements the Danida supported Fellowship Programme, which supplies training in support of capacity development in Danida's programmes and projects worldwide. DFC is responsible for the educational, administrative and practical aspects of the training in Denmark. Further information is available at www.dfcentre.com.

What is NIRAS?

NIRAS is one of the largest consulting engineering companies in Denmark and has over 1,200 employees. The company provides consulting services within the fields of agriculture, environment, energy and climate, building and industry, civil works, management, social sciences and transport. NIRAS has ongoing activities in more than 40 countries. Further information is available at www.niras.com.

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FELLOWSHIP COURSE
3 MAY – 21 MAY
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ADDRESSING CLIMATE
CHANGE IN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The Danida Fellowship Centre course "Addressing Climate Change in Development Assistance" is a three week course taking place 3 May – 21 May 2010 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Why this course?

For years, green house gas emission has been larger than what the natural sinks (soils, oceans and forests) can absorb. Experts in the International Panel on Climate Change and others agree, beyond reasonable doubt, that the increasing amount of gasses in the atmosphere is closely linked with changes to global climate. It is also generally agreed that the problem is created by humans and should be solved by humans.

The impact will affect all countries through more extreme weather conditions, such as longer periods of drought, floods, or storms. As many people in developing countries are highly dependent on natural resources, they are very vulnerable to the effects of climatic changes.

There is a need for local and global action through two parallel tracks: adaptation and mitigation. Adaptation because some effects of climate change can no longer be avoided and solutions such as new agricultural techniques and adequate infrastructure need to be identified. Mitigation because we urgently need to reduce emission of green house gases in order to keep the maximum temperature rise below two degrees Celsius as agreed in the Copenhagen Accord.

This course highlights the background of climate changes, global and local effects, and looks to the future. The course will introduce common and individual responsibilities and opportunities and present tools for adaptation and mitigation actions in development cooperation at organisational and individual level.

This course will enable the participants to:

- understand the background for climate changes globally and in their own countries
- identify links between climate change and poverty
- identify good practices through case studies
- explore own job functions and role in relation to climate issues and find ways of actions

Learning approach

The learning process will require active involvement of all participants. The course is based on three learning approaches: Class activities (lectures, exercises, and excursions), case based group work and individual Climate Change Action Plans. This will promote an environment for acquiring, analysing and actively use knowledge of climate changes to plan and implement concrete actions. The activities will run simultaneously to create variation and synergies. The class activities will lay the foundation through an introduction to the newest knowledge. The excursions will expose the participants to Danish examples of climate change challenges and solutions. In the case based group work the participants will work with

real-life cases. The groups will seek additional information of the cases and suggest solutions to problems appearing in the cases. As the third learning approach, the participants shall prepare a brief Action Plan with ideas on how to integrate climate change issues in their home organisation.

Course content

The course is divided into seven modules. The work with the individual Climate Change Action Plan is organised as a parallel activity to all modules.

Course modules

1. Introduction to the course (study place, participants, management and tutors)
2. Introduction to climate change
3. Our carbon footprint
4. Climate change screening
5. Climate change mitigation
6. Climate change adaptation
7. International framework for addressing climate change

Application criteria

The course does not only target people working directly with climate change. The aim is to create awareness and knowledge of current changes in climate among practitioners working in sectors affected by these changes and to present practical tools and ideas for action. The participants will come from different organisations and can be policy- and decision makers or civil servants in ministries. They may work for NGOs or private companies or directly in a donor funded project. A condition is a relation to Danida development cooperation activities. Good working knowledge of English is needed.

Application procedure

Application procedures must follow the procedures stipulated in "Guidelines for Danida Fellowships". The Guidelines and the Fellowship



Form are available at the local Danish Embassy or can be downloaded from the DFC website www.dfccentre.com. The Application Form is to be filled in by the applicant and endorsed by the Danida programme/project and the Embassy Desk Officer in order to ensure that the training is within the framework of national sector plans for capacity development. The embassy will forward the application forms to DFC. **Deadline for submitting the forms to a Danish Embassy is 1 March 2010.** Selection of participants will be carried out by DFC and the Course Management. A course certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course.

Course fee

The course is co-funded by the Danida Fellowship Programme. Programmes/projects will be charged DKK 2,500 per participant per study week.

The funding needed for this course is DKK 7,500 per participant. The fee is all inclusive covering study fees, return air-ticket, accommodation, personal allowances, insurances etc.

Further information about the course

For questions regarding the course content and implementation please contact the Course Manager, Mr. Henrik Borgtoft Pedersen: hbp@niras.dk