

# **International Development Organization**

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09:00AM-11:45AM Monday

Room #216

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## **Synopsis**

Since the adoption of **Paris (Climate Change) Agreement** and **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by the UN, it has become more important to better understand the role of international organizations which focuses on those areas. Traditionally, development organizations have been seen as organizations, which focus on developing countries. However, both Paris Agreement and SDGs emphasize the importance of applying norms, rules, and procedures equally to both developed and developing countries. In fact, we started to see some needs of external assistances even among some of the developed countries (as in the case of Greece due to recent financial crisis) while some advanced developing countries such as China and Korea are better off than other countries and started to provide development assistances.

In this context, this course will focus on three major climate change and sustainable development organizations, i.e. Global Green Growth Institute, Green Climate Fund and United Nations Development Program. **Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)** is one of the major global organizations in addressing climate change by realizing low carbon development, being headquartered in Seoul, Korea. **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** as a primary financing entity under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, is supposed to play as the primary financial organization to realize low carbon development. The expected size of the GCF in terms of mobilized funding is to be similar to that of the World Bank. GCF is currently located in Korea. Finally, as a traditional development organization, **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)** has been developing new methodologies and strategies to address climate change and implement SDGs. UNDP has an office in Korea, UNDP Seoul Policy Center, currently located in the campus of Korea University.

## **Grading**

- Summary presentations; 30%
- Group Presentation: 30%
- Class participation: 40%

## **Textbook:**

A reading package is available for the purchase.

## **Class Rules**

1. All the technical inquiries on the class must be addressed to the class T.A.
2. All the materials that students will turn in MUST be submitted through Blackbord. No consideration will be given to the materials which are to be submitted other than through Blackboard.
3. Student presentation material(s), if any, MUST be available in the Blackboard at least a day prior to the scheduled day of presentation.
4. Those who may not attend any class due to his or her own reason(s) MUST turn in any appropriate proof to the instructor to avoid any disadvantage concerning the class attendance. Email or oral notification won't be considered as a proof.
5. No electronic devices including cell phones and computers are not allowed in the classroom unless the instructor says otherwise.

## Schedule<sup>1</sup>

### **I. Introduction**

**Week 1.** (September 4) Course Introduction

### **II. Green Climate Fund**

**Week 2** (September 11) Climate Finance in Theory

*Required:*

- Erik Haites, International climate finance, in International Climate Finance (Erik Haites ed., 2013)
- Barbara Buchner et als., The landscape of climate finance, in International Climate Finance (Erik Haites ed., 2013)

*Recommended:*

- OECD/CPI, Climate Finance in 2013-2014 and the USD 100 billion goal (2015)
- CICERO & CPI, Background Report on Long-term Climate Finance, prepared for the German G7 Presidency 2015 (2015)

**Week 3** (September 18) UNFCCC and Green Climate Fund

*Required:*

- Climate Finance, UNFCCC homepage materials
- Green Climate Fund, GCF homepage materials

**Week 4** (September 25) Role of the Board of GCF

*Required:*

- Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board, GCF/B.17/21, pp.1-22

### **III. Global Green Growth Institute**

**Week 5** (October 2) Low Carbon Development to Address Climate Change

*Required:*

- Suh-Yong Chung, “Post 2020 climate change regime building: an advanced developing country’s perspective,” in Post 2020 Climate Change Regime Formation (Suh-Yong Chung ed., 2013)
- Christa Clapp, Gregory Briner and Kaitia Karousakis (OECD), Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS): Technical, Institutional and Policy Lessons (2010)
- McKinsey&Company, Impact of the financial crisis on carbon economics, version 2.1. of the Global Greenhouse Gas Abatement Cost Curve (2010).

**Week 6** (October 9) National Holiday

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<sup>1</sup> More details to be provided in the class meeting.

**Week 7** (October 16) GGGI's Strategy and Governance

*Required:*

- Global Green Growth Institute, GGGI Strategic Plan 2015-2020, Accelerating the Transition to a New Model of Growth (2014)
- Documents of Fifth Session of the Assembly and Ninth Session of the Council

*Recommended:*

- Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute
- Rules of Procedure of the Assembly
- Rules of Procedure of the Council

**Week 8** (October 23) Mid-term Week

**Week 9** (October 30) Guest Speaker's Lecture

**IV. UNDP**

**Week 10** (November 6) UNDP and Sustainable Development Goals

*Required:*

- UNDP, Looking Forward: Building partnerships for a better future (2016)
- UN, Transforming our world, The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, A/RES/70/1.

*Recommended:*

- Wikipedia, Sustainable Development Goals

**Week 11** (November 13) Practices of UNDP

*Required:*

- UNDP and ADB, 100% Electricity Generation through Renewable Energy by 2050: Assessment of Sri Lanka's Power Sector (2017).
- Government of Mongolia, UN Conference on Sustainable Development and UNDP, Mongolia's Sustainable Development Agenda: Progresses, Bottlenecks and Vision for the Future.

**Week 12** (November 20) Guest Speaker's Lecture

**V. Group Presentations**

**Week 13** (November 27) Group presentations

**Week 14** (December 4) Group Presentations

**Week 15** (December 11) Wrap-up

**Week 16** (December 18) Final Week