

SCC 604: Socio-political dimensions of climate change

Introduction

There is now clear scientific evidence that emissions from economic activity, particularly the burning of fossil fuels for energy, are causing changes to the Earth's climate. A sound understanding of the socio-political dimension of climate change is needed in order to underpin an effective global response to this challenge. The socio aspect of Climate Change will be invaluable for all students of whatever background to appreciate the role social and political aspect in climate change issues. While this course **is offered to** the student studying for Master of Science in Climate Change it is may be offered to graduate students studying any other field who wish to gain knowledge in socio-political aspect of climate change for various applications. The course is organized in following areas:

- The Sociology of climate change
- The politics of Climate change
- International policy on Climate change
- The Kenya policy on climate change
- Status of international climate change negotiations
- The regulatory instruments for achieving climate change policy goals
- Voluntary agreements in reducing the impacts of climate change.
- Social change as an Agent in reducing the impacts of climate

Course Objectives

At the end of this course the learner should be able to:

1. Discuss the social aspect of climate change
2. Explain how politics influence the implementation of strategies to compact impacts of climate change
3. Analyze the international policy on Climate change
4. Discuss the effectiveness of the Kenya policy on climate change
5. Describe the status of international climate change negotiations
6. Discuss the regulatory instruments for achieving climate change policy goals
7. Discuss the importance of voluntary agreements in reducing the impacts of climate change.
8. Explain how social change can be an Agent in reducing the impacts of climate