

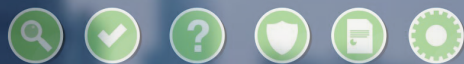
Call for Applications



Online Training

Managing Risks for Post-COVID-19 Recovery

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Announcement in Brief

Type : Short Term Course

Area: Economics and Risk Management

Beginning of the course : 12th September 2022

Duration : 5 Weeks

Language : Bilingual (English / French)

Location : Web Based E-Learning

Application Deadline: 7th September 2022

Fee : Covered by the UNECA

Specific target audience : Technocrat in the fields of Economics and Social Policy

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Context and Rationale

When the pandemic situation surfaced, all of a sudden there was a state of confusion. Business Continuity Plans / Disaster recovery programmes in place could not give clear directions as there was no past experience available for this magnitude of disruption .

The COVID-19 pandemic, while in the first instance a public health crisis, has triggered a disaster with social and economic consequences on an unprecedented global scale. It concretely demonstrates the systemic nature of risk that contemporary societies face, and the potential for cascading negative effects across systems .

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented disruptions to Africa resulting in Social and Economic shocks, reducing earnings and increasing poverty and food insecurity as well as leading the region into its first recession in 25 years .

Although, it began as a health emergency, the COVID-19 pandemic has become a devastating socioeconomic crisis in Africa, reversing hard-won development gains such as poverty and inequality reduction. It is causing serious disruption to progress made in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) .

The crisis has hit at risk-communities, the poorest and most vulnerable hardest and laid bare structural shortcomings such as inadequate health, educational and technological infrastructure, limited social protection, gender inequality, large informal economies, lack of access to basic services, constrained fiscal policy space and a high risk of debt distress in many countries, making them particularly vulnerable to the lasting effects of the pandemic. African countries have realized the need to scale-up social protection programmes and measures to meet the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 crisis as well as to ensure preparedness for other unexpected future events. Thus, they have introduced or adapted over 200 social protection and labour market policies in response to the pandemic .

Governments are now more aware of systemic risk thinking and the need to adopt a multi-hazard, multisector approach to disaster risk reduction. Risk governance, which ensures that public authorities, civil servants, media, the private sector, and civil society coordinate at community, national and regional levels to manage and reduce disasters and related risks will help reduce vulnerability to shocks that are exacerbated by siloed policies and institutional mechanisms.

COVID-19 has underscored the critical but often overlooked importance of risk governance. It is not enough to have a plan or a strategy. Structures, people and processes that surround this plan or strategy must also be linked, engaged and supported by resources to implement it. In this regard, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) worked with diverse partners to share early lessons and develop tools and guidance to support governments and stakeholders to improve their risk governance and preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

Improved risk governance that delivers on risk management strategies that reduce the human, social and economic costs caused by disasters is essential. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed a myriad of these issues which the disaster risk reduction community has been highlighting over many years . Furthermore, the pandemic highlights the need for multi-hazard risk assessments and vulnerability analysis and the importance of considering biological hazards and risks, including epidemics and pandemics in these assessments.

Better risk management to address vulnerability include risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk coping (or, resilience). Increased access to education, health and social protection is an important risk reduction strategy addressing idiosyncratic risks. But individuals and households have needed policy support – in the form of fiscal stimulus – to cope with a covariate risk such as COVID-19 that has had a strong, adverse economic impact in most countries.

The COVID-19 disaster demonstrates that risk is more systemic than ever in a connected globalized world. No country, community or sector is immune, and what was initially presented as a health disaster quickly became a socio-economic disaster with long-term impact, highlighting the urgent need for a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach towards risk-informed recovery. Progress towards risk-informed sustainable development will only be accelerated if the diversity of risk and its systemic nature are reflected in the design of policies and investments across all sectors, at all levels.

Learning Objectives

The overarching objective of the course is to provide middle and senior level officials and decision makers with the necessary skills, tools and mechanisms to understand the interconnected nature of risk in a globalized world; perform risk assessments and analysis, implement effective risk management; respond to the ongoing pandemic by addressing the social impact and economic response and supporting preparedness and recovery efforts.

By the end of the capacity-enhancement training programme, the participants are expected to have acquired:

- **A good understanding of the interconnected nature of risk today with its cascading negative effects across different sectors;**
- **Ability to perform multi-hazard and multi-sector risk assessments and analysis, including biological hazards and risks such as epidemics and pandemics. Decisions taken after appropriate evaluation are instrumental in determining how much harm a risk can ultimately cause;**
- **Develop equitable and inclusive risk management strategies that are linked to coherent planning and financing mechanisms in order to achieve effective implementation;**
- **An improved knowledge of the concepts of Risk, Uncertainty and Vulnerability and the links between them with concrete examples from the COVID-19 pandemic;**
- **Better risk mitigation strategies that can reduce the potential impact of shocks; ensuring preparedness for other unexpected future events and strengthening resilience against future shocks to build forward better post-COVID-19.**

Content and Structure

The course consists of the following key modules:

- **Module 1: Understanding and Identifying Risk**
- **Module 2: Risk Assessment and Analysis**
- **Module 3: Risk, Uncertainty and Vulnerability: Key Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Module 4: Implementing Effective Risk Management**
- **Module 5: Mitigating Risk, Supporting Preparedness and Strengthening Resilience to build forward better Post-COVID-19**

Methodology

This self-paced course will be delivered from 12th September to 13th October 2022. The course will be moderated asynchronously on a weekly basis and participants are required to participate in weekly on-line live sessions. In addition, each module has interactive lessons that provide the core content around the topic for that module.

The lessons are designed in a way that learners are also able to self-assess their understanding through built-in quizzes. Additional resources such as bibliographies, web links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of the course topic.

Target Audience

The target participants are as follows:

- **Middle and senior level policy officials and managers directly connected with or responsible for assessing, analyzing, designing, selecting, and implementing strategies to reduce the adverse consequences associated with risks in their countries;**
- **Officials outside the core planning institutions who play key roles in economic and/or social policy, addressing the social impact and economic response of the ongoing pandemic, supporting preparedness, and building resilience.**

Acceptance to the Course

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots. Please refer to the paragraph below to see priority target group. Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform.

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Certificate of Completion

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by IDEP to all participants who successfully complete the course-related self-assessments presented for each module.

Technical Requirements

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e-Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software :
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader
 - Adobe Flash Player
 - Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
 - Browser: Google chrome, Firefox 36 or higher or Internet Explorer 7 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

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