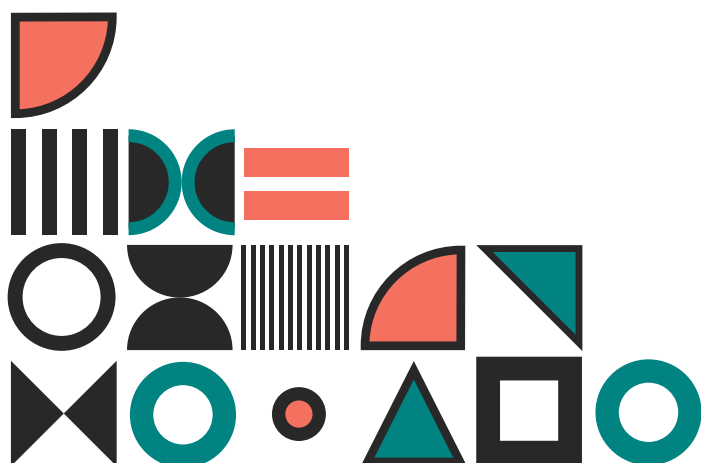


AFRICA-EUROPE COOPERATION FOR THE GREEN TRANSITION

Advancing mutually beneficial African
and European action for our future





The Imperative for the Green Transition

Climate change is one of the greatest human and environmental crises of the 21st century, with global catastrophic consequences, felt most acutely in Africa. Climate change is a cross-cutting issue that impacts and endangers all dimensions of sustainable development.

The need for urgent action dominates policy debates, with recognition that all countries must act to accelerate and intensify actions and investments needed to make the 'green transition' to a sustainable low carbon future and to adapt to the increasing impacts of climate change while developing.

Africa is the region most directly threatened by climate change and is also impacted by the implications of emerging global imperatives on climate and trade. The continent requires investment and support to chart a sustainable and climate-resilient pathway forward.

New pathways for transformative change must be forged. International cooperation is essential to respond to the global threats and disruptions of climate change and to advance the transition; well aligned cooperation is needed to realise potential related co-benefits and shared development gains. Meeting the climate action and development targets requires significant financing and extensive coordination - between countries, and between the public and private sector. It is critical that Africa and Europe, with their shared and differing needs and obligations, harness opportunities for cooperation and coordination to advance climate resilient development.

The **Africa-Europe Cooperation for the Green Transition** course equips practitioners from all over the world to shape Afro-European developmental cooperation and advance Africa's structural transformation.



Course overview

This course will enable you to:

- Analyse the intersection of climate change and sustainable development in Africa, identifying strategic opportunities for structural transformation through 'green' industrialisation and a just energy transition.
- Interrogate policy debates on mitigation and adaptation responses and sustainable development in Africa, and
- Consider a range of innovative strategies to advance climate justice and climate-resilient development.

You will critically engage climate policies and adaptation strategies in major economies, especially in terms of their impact on Africa and explore opportunities to advance equitable and just outcomes for the continent through Africa-EU cooperation.

Policy actors and private sector players alike will be equipped to respond to the impacts of climate change, identify new opportunities for sustainable development in Africa, grapple with the geopolitics of responses to climate change, and make a meaningful impact in policy processes like the COP conferences.

Core thematic focus areas engaged include:

- Just energy transitions and renewable energy in Africa
- Green industrialisation in Africa
- Regional integration and supply chains
- Critical mineral supply and renewable technologies
- Technological innovation for climate-resilient development

Outcomes

By the end of the programme, you will be able to:

- Identify the levers of transformative change toward sustainability and Africa's green structural transformation, whether driven by technology, public policy, market innovation, or citizen engagement
- Draw on Africa-Europe relations to advance the green transition
- Design and implement public policies or business strategies that place sustainability and equitable development at their core
- Design or scale structurally transformative practices within participants' organizations and professional environment
- Communicate effectively and advocate for sustainability, the just transition and development
- Understand Africa's most pressing development and sustainability challenges and generate fit for purpose solutions to address them



Curriculum Overview

	Module	Description
0	Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory learning materials• Presentation of overarching themes, course structure and assessment• Introductions
1	Navigating climate and development challenges in Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African Sustainable Development - narratives, perspectives• Climate compatible structural transformation in Africa
2	Climate change and Africa's green structural transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geopolitical and economic framing of Africa's structural transformation challenge• Green policy spillovers
3	Energy transitions and security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governing energy transitions: geopolitics, regulation and policy• Renewables and just transition: pathways and case studies
4	The climate-trade nexus & negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship between economic development and trade• Impact of climate change on trade in Africa
5	Managing climate impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adapting projects and institutions to a changing climate• Advancing the green transition agenda: innovation and ecosystem-based strategies
6	Financing green structural transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global financial architecture• Financing and the Role of African Development Finance Institutions (DFIs)
7	African regional integration and climate resilient development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The AfCFTA and regional green structural transformation• African green sector opportunities and challenges
8	Africa and Europe: channels of cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• European regional integration and policy frameworks• Dynamics of Africa-Europe relations: cooperation and challenges
9	Negotiating Africa's green future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An introduction to negotiation, and Africa-Europe negotiations with respect to development, trade, and climate action• Real world negotiation simulation
10	Consolidation and conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidation of core course learning and application of insights to participant contexts• Assessment





Inspired by the Pan-African worldview and leadership legacies of Nelson Mandela and other great African leaders, the **Nelson Mandela School** strives to build inclusive, developmental, entrepreneurial and effective democratic African public institutions and strengthen ethical leadership for social change and sustainable development, in partnership with government, private sector and civil society.

The Nelson Mandela School works to foster critical thinking and engagement between theory and practice to build leadership and capacity at individual, institutional and societal levels.

For a century and a half, **Sciences Po** has been nurturing leaders who possess both an innovative vision and a pragmatic approach, and, no matter their trajectory, those who are conscious of the greater good. This commitment manifests itself in each of the programmes delivered by Sciences Po Executive Education to support the professional development of managers and leaders around the world.

Their mission is to provide the foundations for critical understanding, to enable you to consider contemporary issues from multiple perspectives, to position you at the forefront of change within your industries and organisations.

Faculty

Learn from worldclass faculty and leading practitioners as you apply your learning and skills in interactive engagement with policy experts.

Prof Carlos Lopes is an Honorary Professor at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, Visiting Professor at Sciences Po, Paris, and Associate Fellow at Chatham House, London. He is an Honorary Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences and Lifetime Member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences, and serves on many notable boards and global panels.

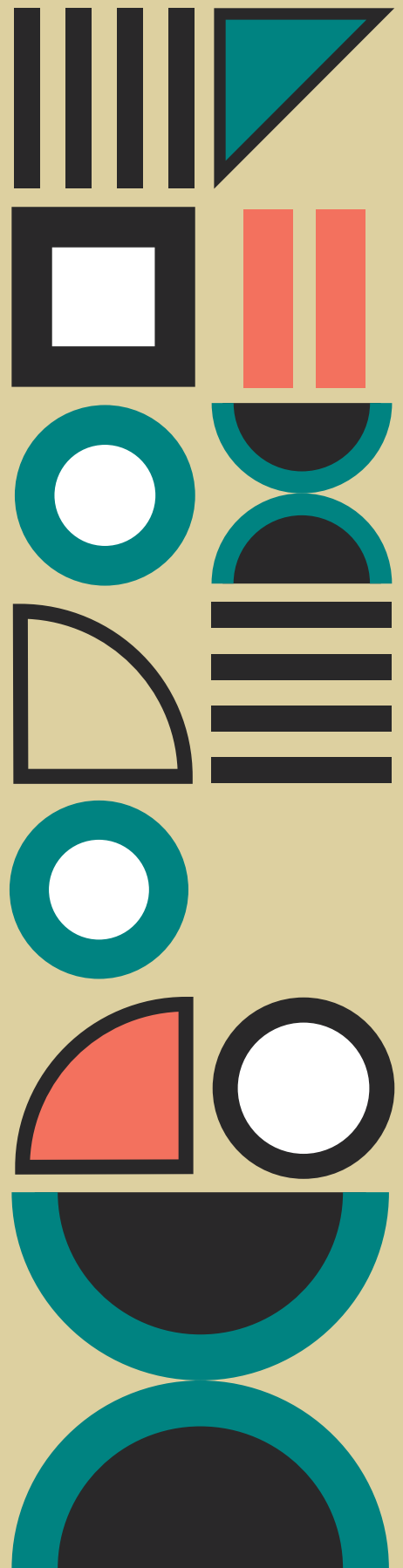
He has occupied several leadership positions across the UN system, is a member of the African Union reform team led by President of Rwanda Paul Kagame and doubles as the organisation High Representative for Partnerships with Europe as well as a member of the Global Commission for Economy and Climate.

Dr Charlotte Halpern is Senior research fellow with tenure and Adjunct professor at Sciences Po, in Paris. She has done extensive teaching and research on comparative public policy processes and climate governance in Europe, South America and Asia. Her current research focuses on the governing of ecological transitions.

She is the co-director of the environmental public policy evaluation research group (LIEPP) and the director of the executive master programme "Regional governance and urban development."

Dr Nimrod Zalk is Chief Research Officer: Climate and Development at the Nelson Mandela School.

He is a development economist focused on green industrialisation and development finance in Africa with over 20 years' experience in trade and industrial development research; policy formulation and implementation; and development finance.





LANGUAGE

English

FORMAT

Fully Online.

Each module will follow a similar learning rhythm, over the course of a week. A typical module will include independent learning, compulsory synchronous sessions, peer interaction, and opportunities to apply your knowledge. Participants should commit approximately 8 hours per week, half of which will be synchronous: participants will be required to attend one live 3-hour masterclass and one 1-hour seminar/workshop each week.

Focus will be placed on exploring sectors of interest and real world case studies. Participants will take part in a structured series of independent and collaborative learning activities, and will have the opportunity to work collaboratively in a negotiation simulation.

DURATION AND TIMING

The course is 12 weeks long, and will begin in September 2026.

TUITION FEES

ZAR 82 300

JOINT OFFERING

This certificate short course is jointly offered by the **Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance** at the University of Cape Town and **Sciences Po Executive Education**.

CERTIFICATE

Successful participants will receive a course certificate cobranded by both the University of Cape Town and Sciences Po.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/HexSVS6NqTkLGZ6C7> or express your interest in attending to Hannah.diaz@uct.ac.za



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