

DISCUSSION GUIDE

LEARN TO LEAD

Going Green for Social Entrepreneurs

Course Description

This course not only provides a basic understanding of climate change, it also provides targeted training teaches you how to strategically develop ways to build enterprises that can benefit from what you learn, and bring it into your community. You can implement a variety of projects to reduce the impact of climate change, from building a green NGO or nonprofit from the ground up, to working with an existing NGO/nonprofit and your local government, to getting your community members on board to implement climate change reduction activities.

Lesson Objectives

1. Understanding the scientific basis for climate change, its impact on Africa, and achievable solutions.
2. Learning how to apply civil society and public management best practices to reduce climate change.
3. Learning basic NGO practices and how they can be used in dealing with climate change.

Discussion Questions

1. What types of NGO's might be created to address climate change and what would their goals be? What types of public and/or private partnerships could be formed between this type of NGO and government and the business sector?
2. What are the skills necessary for a team that's working on climate change mitigation? Outline possible roles and responsibilities for a team within an NGO, starting with the leader and then whatever specialized skills or knowledge needed.
3. Getting a community to support climate change mitigation efforts can run up against challenges related to traditional or practical concerns. How could an NGO partner with a government agency to inform communities of the effects of climate change? What would be the steps that a public-private partnership could take to enroll community members in the effort? How would these steps be implemented?
4. What kind of message might resonate with a community that is resistant to changing their behavior to reduce climate change?

Developmental Action

1. Take and teach another of the Learn to Lead courses!

Lessons included in this course: **Understanding Climate Change: The Basics-The Science of Climate Change**, Understanding Climate Change: The Impacts-How Climate Change Affects Africa, **Understanding Climate Change: The Solutions-Taking Action to Reduce Climate Change**, Creating Your NGO's Strategic Plan, **Initiating a Public-Private Partnership**, Creating and Managing A Team, **Engaging Your Community**. Additional recommended learning: Fundraising for Nonprofit Organizations

