



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH AND
INNOVATIONS (MUCCRI)

Short Course: Climate Change Coverage and Reporting for Media Practitioners

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovations (MUCCRI), a unit of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), Makerere University, is pleased to invite applications for a specialized short course titled: "*Climate Change Coverage and Reporting for Media Practitioners*".

Why This Course?

Climate change is increasingly shaping national development, public policy, livelihoods, and global flows of finance. Yet reporting on climate change issues, particularly climate risk, vulnerability, loss and damage, adaptation, mitigation, and climate finance, requires specialized knowledge and practical skills.

This course is designed for communicators who seek to strengthen their ability to interpret, communicate, and critically analyse climate change issues accurately, compellingly, and impactfully.

Participants in the training will gain the capacity to:

- Understand climate science and policy processes
- Report accurately on climate finance and climate governance
- Translate technical climate change concepts into clear, compelling stories
- Integrate equity, gender, and justice dimensions into reporting
- Hold institutions accountable through evidence-based reporting/journalism.

Course Format

- **Mode:** The course is designed for communicators and is **online, self-paced, and engaging** (with animated modules, interactive content, and practical assignments).
- **Duration:** Cohort 1 will run from mid-March to May 2026. Cohort 2: July to August 2026.
- **Certification:** Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate.

Fees and Funding

The tuition fees for this short course are **UGX 600,000**. These fees are subsidized by the Climate Smart Jobs Programme to make the training more accessible to media and communication professionals.

Eligibility

a) Applicants must:

- Hold at least a Diploma in journalism, communication, media, or related fields from a recognized institution.
- Be a practicing communicator, e.g., a journalist, editor, media manager, content creator, communication officer, public relations officer, or freelance reporter, and media trainers interested in climate reporting.

b) Applicants with demonstrated interest or experience in climate, environment, development, or public policy reporting are especially encouraged to apply.

c) Applicants are required to **showcase competence for this training** by presenting/uploading **one example of their environment and/or climate-related work** (e.g., article, video, podcast, social media content, blog post).

Application Procedure

Interested applicants should complete the online application form available at:

www.muccri.mak.ac.ug

(Under the Menu Training, then Apply Now)

Applicants must upload:

- Copies of academic qualifications
- Job/Institutional Identity Card
- National ID
- An **example of environment and/or climate-related work** (e.g., article, video, podcast, social media content, blog post).

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is **15th March 2026**. Early application is strongly encouraged.

To register for the short course, please fill out an online application/registration form found at www.muccri.mak.ac.ug and upload the following documents: (i) copies of your academic qualification; (ii) a job/institutional identity card, and (iii) national ID.