



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDY VENUE:
THE COURSE WILL BE DELIVERED ENTIRELY ONLINE. THERE WILL BE SOME SYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES ALONG THE COURSE.

PLACES:
40 PARTICIPANTS

START DATE:
APRIL 22, 2013.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2013

COURSE LENGTH:
TEN (10) WEEKS

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:
ENGLISH

COST:
TOTAL TUITION FOR THE COURSE IS USD\$625 HOWEVER, SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GRANTED BY WIN AND UNDP



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Virtual course on

Increasing Transparency, Accountability and Participation in the Water Sector

The Water Integrity Network (WIN), hosted by Transparency International, was formed in 2006 to respond to increasing concerns among water and anti-corruption stakeholders over corruption in the water sector. It combines global advocacy, regional networks and local action, to promote increased transparency and integrity, bringing together parties and members from the public and private sectors, civil society and academia. WIN's mission is to increase integrity levels and reduce corruption in the water sector through a pro-poor and pro-equity focus. To achieve its mission, WIN will continue to raise awareness about the issue of corruption in its different forms and it will share and facilitate the use of water integrity tools, methods and applied research findings and knowledge among water-users and professionals. Capacity development plays a crucial role in enabling anti-corruption principles to be put to practice, and is therefore an important part of WIN's strategy for supporting action in countries.

The UNDP Virtual School in association with the UNDP Bureau for Development Policies designed and delivered a course in Anti-corruption and Human Development in 2009.

Taking into account the success of these initiatives and to generate further knowledge products, UNDP VS and WIN have agreed to jointly develop and deliver a 10-week virtual course on Increasing Transparency, Accountability and Participation in the Water Sector.

We encourage you to take part in this initiative and to join this course via the [UNDP Virtual School](http://www.un.org/virtualschool/).

What is the expected impact?

By the end of this course students will be able to:

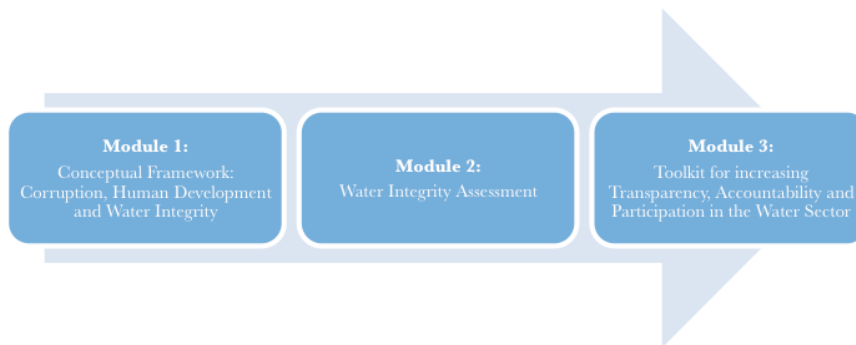
- Understand the general framework for water integrity
- Understand the steps necessary to apply tools proposed.
- Think critically how, when and why use these tools.

Who is this course suitable for?

- Water sector advisors and practitioners interested in deepening their knowledge and sharing their experiences in the area of anticorruption;
- People working on projects/initiatives related to Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Human Development issues in the Water Sector;

How is this course organized?

This 10-week course will be divided into three modules as follows:



What will this course be like?

Since this is an online course, you will be able to learn whenever and wherever you want during the course. In each module, a series of learning activities will be scheduled on a weekly basis. These may be individual as well as collaborative activities. From the enrollment you become the center of the learning process. You will be able to build direct connections between knowledge and your daily practices.

Active interaction among participants will be promoted through different online activities such as webinars, web searches, discussion forums based on case studies, and chats among others.

During this process students will have:

- Highly qualified professors guiding them through the learning process to make it meaningful, enriching and effective.
- Learning guides which will provide instructions for addressing basic and complementary resources.
- Access to learning tools such as databases, multimedia resources and video-conferencing platform, among others.
- Access to the Virtual School library as well as access to JSTOR, an academic-journal database is granted along the course.
- Technical support to assist you all over the course.

Are certificates given upon course completion?

Yes. You will receive a certificate of approval issued by WIN-UNDP Virtual School upon successful completion of the course.

Since scholarships will be granted to selected applicants, successful completion of the course will only be considered with a final mark above 75% and submission of all requested assignments.

In case of not fulfilling the above-mentioned conditions, the student will have to reimburse WIN and the UNDP-VS the full tuition fees.

What do I need to take part in this course?

- Interested candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:
- Be working on projects/initiatives related to Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Human Development issues in the Water Sector.
- Computer availability, Internet access.
- Minimum availability of 10 hours per week to read the compulsory material, discuss in the forums and participate in course activities.

How to register for this course?

1. You must first register in the Virtual School database by completing the online form [here](#).
2. Once you have completed this step, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with your username and password.
3. Visit **www.undpschool.org** and login on the top left of the screen. Once you are logged in, please click on "Course enrollments" under the User Menu.
4. Now you will find the enrollment form. To select the course, click on the title "Course on Increasing Transparency, Accountability and Participation in the Water Sector". Remember, the fields marked with a (*) are mandatory. Once completed, click on "Submit"
5. The system will show a message as follows: You have been successfully registered on the course: "Course on Increasing Transparency, Accountability and Participation in the Water Sector". The message confirms that the registration process is completed.
6. Once you have gone through the registration process on the Virtual School portal you must fill the following [form](#) and send it via email to [Virtual School](mailto:VirtualSchool@undp.org) and [Anna Buzzoni](mailto:Anna.Buzzoni@undp.org) before **March 31st**.

Should you need any assistance during the registration process contact virtual.school@undp.org

Scholarships

Selection criteria

Scholarships will be targeted to students who present a research abstract on one of the following strategic topics. The abstract must not exceed 800 words. This will be further developed into a research project along the course.

This research may be published as a WIN Brief as well as a UNDP knowledge product.

- Gender and Equity – how gender (in)equalities are embedded in and reinforced by water governance
- Water conflicts – conflicts may derive from mis-allocation of water, scarcity, political reasons, vested interests, resource crunch, geo-political causes, compromised regulatory mechanism; amongst others.
- WASH - How lack of integrity affects WASH progress.
- Technology - low cost technology that empowers citizens and give them direct control over the resource.
- Water allocation - Allocation of water is based on non-transparent and non-equal processes and priority needs. Focus on how water is allocated bypassing integrity issues.
- Accountability in the water sector - Enabling environments for effective accountability in the water sector.

Scholarships will be given to students who will present an investigation line linked to a specific situation or country analysis proposed by the student and approved by WIN and UNDP. This research may be published by WIN and/or UNDP.

WIN and UNDP selection criteria will prioritize participants from the following countries:

Latin America

- i. Nicaragua
- ii. Costa Rica
- iii. Guatemala
- iv. Honduras
- v. El Salvador
- vi. Brazil
- vii. Panama
- viii. Colombia
- ix. Mexico

Asia

- i. Nepal
- ii. Bangladesh
- iii. Cambodia
- iv. India
- v. Indonesia
- vi. Laos PDR
- vii. Pakistan
- viii. Vietnam

Africa

- i. Uganda
- ii. Kenya
- iii. Mozambique
- v. Benin
- vi. Senegal
- viii. Cameroon
- ix. Mali
- x. Burkina Faso
- xi. Niger
- xii. Nigeria
- xiii. Ghana

20 Scholarships will be available to **WIN members only**. WIN membership is free and open to both individual and corporate members. To register as a member follow this [link](#). Members are required to accept and always adhere to the [WIN Code of Conduct](#) and to share their water integrity initiatives and material on the platform.