

Emerging Policymakers Program

Sustainable Development within Planetary Constraints



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Certificate Program in Sustainable Development Within Planetary Constraints

Successfully meeting the global climate challenge requires the full participation and ownership of emerging and developing economies as well as a strengthening of their capacity to prepare for and respond to climate change. The Emerging Policymakers Program is a fully-funded, 3-month executive training course on sustainable development and climate policy aimed at building capacity of early-career rising star government officials of emerging and developing economies from ministries involved with infrastructure and climate policy, notably the Ministry of Finance.

Program Overview

The Emerging Policymakers Program is a collaboration between Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management (Tsinghua SEM), the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and the Leadership Academy for Development (LAD), a project of the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, part of Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, with teaching and training support from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). This program is designed to equip participants with the latest academic and practical knowledge on the global fight against climate change. After the completion of the program, participants will also be able to apply for secondment opportunities at AIIB, under the Bank's existing secondment program.





Why Tsinghua



Tsinghua University

founded in 1911, is a comprehensive university connecting China and the world, ancient and modern society, and the arts and sciences.



Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management (Tsinghua SEM)

is dedicated to cultivating outstanding industry leaders and management elites, being the first business school accredited by AACSB and EQUIS in mainland China.



Institute for Global Development (IGD), Tsinghua University

provides policymakers with recommendations on resolving pressing development issues, including economic development, poverty, international financial governance, and global climate change.

What We Are Looking For

We seek leaders in government or public service in developing countries who are driven and ambitious to contribute to a sustainable world, reflecting the diversity, vibrancy, and promise of the future global community.



Program Values



Sustainable development in a complex world with environmental and social constraints is fundamental for emerging and developing economies. Sharing and discussing country experiences is crucial.



Sustainable development involves integrating responses to global challenges into the development approach, providing scientific knowledge, best practices, and concrete solutions.



Global governance is key to efficient solutions for sustainable development and addressing global challenges. Awareness and clear vision of global governance are important for officials from emerging and developing economies.



The net zero transition necessitates major investments in building state capacity, including through capacity building of officials in government agencies overseeing climate policy.



Highlights and Key Outcomes

The impact of the program will be visible in successive cohorts of government officials from emerging and developing economies that are:



embedded in key climate policy positions in their home countries



equipped with the latest knowledge on climate policies, financing options, transition pathways and investment opportunities



able to influence domestic policy actions to address climate change



more effectively able to lead interactions with external stakeholders, including global for climate action, MDBs, IFIs, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, and



part of a greater collaboration among countries in the Global South on knowledge sharing and coalition building on key issues related to the global climate transition.

The outcomes will be visible in the form of strengthened capacity for climate-resilient investment, advanced policy formulation and implementation skills, increased investment in climate resilience and adaptation, and enhanced global collaboration on climate action.



Admissions

Modalities

Online Component:

Two months of theoretical concepts and applications, with live and recorded sessions.

Physical Component in China:

One month of in-person discussions, case studies, seminars, and field visits.

Dates

Virtual Modules

Date TBD, 2026

In-Person Modules

Date TBD, 2026

Language

All sessions are in English, with simultaneous translation for Chinese sessions.

Tuition Fees

Full scholarships cover tuition, accommodation, and travel within China, excluding international airfare.

Course Study Certificate

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be awarded a Course Study Certificate.

Admissions Criteria

- 1 **Belong to a low or middle-income country**
- 2 **Work on climate-related issues in government ministries involved with infrastructure and climate policy, notably the Ministry of Finance**
- 3 **Have 10 years of work experience**
- 4 **Hold at least an undergraduate degree**
- 5 **Be proficient in English**

Application Process

Submit the application form to exedglobal@sem.tsinghua.edu.cn before 20th February 2026.

Candidates will undergo an online personal interview with the Tsinghua admissions team.

The Admissions Committee will evaluate all applications, and admission decisions will be communicated to candidates.

After being admitted, Tsinghua SEM will assist participants with visa processing and accommodation arrangements.

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Mission

To Advance Knowledge and Cultivate Leaders for China and the World.

Aspiration

To Be a World-Class School of Economics and Management.

Core Values

Integrity Dedication Respect

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