



**Asia-Pacific Capacity Development on Gender and Macroeconomic Issues  
2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Intensive Course: July 3-16, 2011**

**at  
National Women’s Education Centre (NWEC), Saitama, Japan**

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In January 2010, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (APRC), with support from the Government of Japan through the UNDP-Japan Partnership Fund, has initiated a new capacity development project on gender and macroeconomic issues. Two key activities of this project are: 1) regional intensive course; and, 2) provision of support to capacity development projects at national level.

The objective of the course is to enhance Asia-Pacific countries’ capacity in gender-responsive policy making, especially on macroeconomic issues such as trade, fiscal and monetary policies, finance, and economic crisis. The interventions will target strengthening capacities of key stakeholders, including government officials, development practitioners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), research institutes, and academia to analyze, design, implement, and advocate for gender-responsive macroeconomic policies that are consistent with the achievement of MDGs.

The course is expected to have 30-40 ‘fellows’ each year. After completion of the course, the fellows would have an opportunity to apply the knowledge for project formulation or implementation at national or community levels. Technical and financial<sup>1</sup> support from the programme will be provided for this. Thus, practitioners involved closely with gender and macroeconomic projects in their countries in Asia and the Pacific region and without formal exposure to gender economics are encouraged to apply.

**Regional intensive course, July 3-16, 2011**

The course is intended for economists/practitioners in government – for example, Ministries of Finance, Industry, Trade, and National Planning Commission, development agencies, CSOs, research institutes, and

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<sup>1</sup> A main priority of the UNDP APRC is to provide UNDP Country Offices and other partners in Asia and the Pacific with easy access to knowledge through high quality advisory services; thus, technical support to all national projects will be provided. Regarding financial support, which will be provided in the form of seed money to a project, some conditions apply.

academia. The intensive course would seek to provide the fellows with knowledge and information on gender and macroeconomic issues as well as tools and application methods for projects designed and executed at national and community levels. It would also provide networking opportunities with experts in and outside of the region.

### ***Eligibility:***

The fellows will be required, at a minimum, to have a master's degree in economics, development studies, or other related areas, or equivalent work experiences. The course will be conducted in English. Up to 40 fellows will be admitted to the course. Full funding will be provided for up to 30 fellows. The funding priority will be given to: a) a citizen of a developing country in Asia and the Pacific in which the UNDP APRC serve<sup>2</sup>; and b) those who are currently working for a gender and macroeconomic project in a developing country in the Asia-Pacific in which the UNDP APRC serves. Self-funded applicants and applicants with sponsorship from their employer or grants from other sources are welcome to apply. Residents in other regions are also welcome to apply on a self-financing basis.

### ***Expected outcomes:***

At the end of the course, the fellows will be equipped with tools and information to analyze, design and implement gender-responsive macroeconomic policies and plans, such as:

- How to design, collect and analyze sex-disaggregated data for national statistics;
- How to design pro-poor tax policies and gender-responsive budget allocation;
- Analysis of the gender differentiated impacts of foreign direct investment and trade liberalization and the policy formulation to mitigate the negative effects; and,
- Designing and implementing gender-responsive economic and social policies.

### ***Components of the course:***

The fellows are expected to complete the full program which consists of the following two components:

- 1) **Self-study:** The fellows will receive a list of readings in advance. The list will introduce the fellows to basic concepts of gender economics as well as gender approaches to macroeconomics and international economics. The fellows are expected to read all the required readings before the start of the course to ensure that all the fellows share a common knowledge at the beginning of the course.
- 2) **Intensive course:** The fellows are expected to participate in the entire program, lasting for a fortnight. The process will be participatory. It will consist of presentations by the instructors, discussion sessions, and presentations by the fellows. The fellows will be expected to make a presentation on their current project or proposed research, advocacy, or teaching-related project.

The fellows will have an opportunity to meet with the instructors individually to discuss their national projects or research, advocacy or teaching strategies and share their knowledge and country experiences with other fellows.

***The course subject*** includes:

- ✓ Introduction to gender economics

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<sup>2</sup> For details, please visit [www.undp.org/asia](http://www.undp.org/asia).

- ✓ Gender-aware macroeconomic analysis
  - Statistics (e.g., employment, wages, time-use survey)
  - Fiscal policy (e.g., gender responsive budget)
  - Finance and monetary policy (e.g., assets, savings, investment)
  - Macromodeling
  - International trade and gender
- ✓ (Unpaid) Care work
- ✓ Migration and gender

The last year's programme is available from the UNDP APRC website, [http://asia-pacific.undp.org/practices/poverty\\_reduction/regional\\_initiatives.html](http://asia-pacific.undp.org/practices/poverty_reduction/regional_initiatives.html)

***Application due date:***

Application is due on **February 21, 2011, 5pm, Bangkok time** (UTC/GMT +7 hours). Application form and other required documents should be sent by email at [2011APcourse@undp.org](mailto:2011APcourse@undp.org). Only applications completed with **all** required documents will be considered for selection. Please see below for application requirements and application form.

***Selection procedure:***

A selection committee will review eligibility and assess application forms and supporting documents submitted for admission to the course and award of travel funding.

***Cost of attendance and funding:***

Up to 30 fellows will be funded, with priority given above. For the fellows who are fully funded by the program, the following will be provided: economy round trip air travel, accommodation at the [NWEC](#), and terminal fees, meals, and daily allowance during the course according to the UN rules.

Fellows who are self-funded need to cover the cost of their travel (including airfare to Tokyo, Japan, and domestic travel such as transportation costs between the int'l airport and metro Tokyo/ NWEC), the costs of accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenditure. Single room at the NWEC is available from 2,400 Japanese Yen (JPN) (1 US Dollar = approx. 82 JPN as of January 2011) per night during the course. In addition, all the participants are expected to stay at least two nights in metro Tokyo, which accommodation can cost around 10,000 JPN. The total costs of accommodation, meals, and domestic travel during the course period is estimated about 120,000 JPN. However, please note that price is subject to change without prior notice. In addition, airfare to Tokyo, Japan, and other daily needs must to be borne by participants. The program can assist self-funded fellows to make accommodation bookings.

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- a) The completed application form
- b) A Curriculum Vitae in English
- c) For those whose main language of instruction during their education was not English, some proof of English proficiency is required. Please see item #11 below.
- d) For applicants who are currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program, a copy of their transcripts in the Ph.D. or the M.A. program.
- e) A letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with the applicant's current work or research. An applicant should request him/her to send a letter of recommendation directly to [2011APcourse@undp.org](mailto:2011APcourse@undp.org).

1	Full legal name	
2	Current place of employment or university and program at which you are enrolled	
	Mailing address of the affiliation	
	Telephone no.	
	Email address	
3	Date of birth (dd/mm/year)	
4	Place of birth (country)	
5	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Woman <input type="checkbox"/> Man
6	Country of citizenship	
7	Country of residence	
8	Highest degree achieved / major	
9	Name and place of university	
10	Native language(s)	
11	If English is not native language, please provide one of the followings:	<input type="checkbox"/> Educated in English-speaking country (please state degree/diploma, school, country in your CV)

	A. Proof of English as a medium of instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Certification of university medium of instruction is attached or faxed.
	B. Proof of English language proficiency, standardized English Exam (e.g., TOEFL, GRE (analytical writing test), CET 4, ARC, and CU-TEP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scanned copy of English proficiency test score is attached or faxed. Test: Score and year taken: (An official test score is valid only for 2 years)
	C. A sample of written work	<input type="checkbox"/> A sample of written work is attached or faxed.
12	A personal statement which should include: a) a description of the applicant's background and current work in the area of macroeconomics, international economics, gender, and/or development; b) motivation for taking the course, c) the topics of your interest, and d) how s/he plans to use the knowledge gained in the course in the near future. This statement should not exceed 750 words.	
13	Name, title, affiliation, and contact details of person who will write your recommendation letter.	Name: Title: Affiliation: Tel: Email:
14	Funding for attendance (please check where applicable.) <b>Note: After the selection process is completed, switching the funding request between a, b, and c will not be accepted.</b>	a. <input type="checkbox"/> I do <u>not</u> need funding – my employer or university will provide full funding; or I have scholarship/ grant to attend the training. I will commute to the venue. b. <input type="checkbox"/> I will need <u>partial</u> funding – my employer or university, or I will provide partial funding. Please specify the amount or the nature of funding (e.g., travel or accommodation, or an amount in USD equivalent) <b>here</b> [ _____ ] c. <input type="checkbox"/> I will need full funding
15	Please indicate if you want us to send a copy of the acceptance letter to your employer, in addition to you.	Name: Email address:
16	How did you hear about this course?	
17	Any other information you would like to communicate with us?	