

NOTICE

The [United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#) and the [Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction \(PEDRR\)](#), is announcing their new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): [Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience](#), hosted on the [SDG Academy/edX platform](#); in support from the European Union. It will be officially launched on 22 January 2021 at three launch events. Please see brochure for more information.

The YouTube link is: <https://youtu.be/zNhyWXduN4>

This is issued as per the directions of the Vice Chancellor.

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To

Dean, SBCNR

Dept HOD/HoD(I/C) for dissemination among students

Dr. Jyotiska Datta with a request to upload in the University website

Dr. Mahesh Panda with a request to upload in the social media

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N.B. Please note that on social media, please use the hashtag:
#NatureforResilience



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WHAT'S A MOOC AND WHY IS IT RELEVANT?

UNEP is excited to be launching a Massive Online Outreach Course (MOOC) on the topic of 'Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience'. This free online course will help train young people, teachers, policy makers, practitioners, businesses, and engineers in understanding the true value of Nature-based Solutions. The MOOC will be offered in seven different languages. This will help broaden our messaging and reach to greater audiences for supporting applications of nature-based solutions. The course has been designed especially to provide guidance on how to implement these solutions in various contexts. Despite this being an environmental-based course, participants do not need to have a scientific background to participate. The course is freely available to everyone!

WHY NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS?

Nature-based solutions to disasters and climate change contribute to supporting the guidelines set out by many important international framework agreements, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). But for nature-based solutions to be successful, stakeholders, and particularly local authorities and communities need to be engaged hand-in-hand. The key to engaging local stakeholders is through knowledge sharing and communications. Nature-based Solutions can reduce disaster and climate risks at different scales and in different settings, but need to be adapted to the local context.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ROLE?

The success of this initiative is founded on support from people like you. You can join us in spreading the message of Nature-based solutions among critical masses from different walks of life. Given your background, we would love to get you involved in supporting the MOOC through your social media channels and for helping mobilize our future participants.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- 1 Send in a short video message of greeting highlighting our key messages. Scripts will be provided to you; and you can improvise or adapt accordingly.
- 2 Publish social media posts for promoting the MOOC. All content, handles, messages and creatives will be provided by us. We just need your consent to use your profile to help build momentum, especially for the course registrations.
- 3 If you're feeling up for a challenge, we would like to invite you to join us in an open discussion with our target audience. UNEP will help moderate the open discussion session and will provide experts to support you. This is just a way to help brainstorm solutions.

JOIN US!

We would like to thank you in-advance for being an environmental advocate. During these critical times, we find it extremely important to get as many people involved and engaged in supporting nature-based solutions. Given the scale of this initiative, we would appreciate your support in helping spread our key messages to our target audience. We understand that you may have many obligations but we are hoping to have your support at some capacity, even if it's a simple social media post. [Click here to Join](#)

