CLIMA-LEAD

The Climate Leadership Executive Adaptation Diploma

Turning climate-risk evidence into institutional action in Lebanon

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

A six-month executive programme equipping professionals to lead climate adaptation within their institutions through expert learning and practical collaboration.

CLIMA-LEAD – the Climate Leadership Executive Adaptation Diploma – is launched by the Ministry of Environment and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). It is implemented by the University of Balamand (UOB) and the Health and Environment Response Agency (HERA), with academic collaboration from the CLIMA Center at the University of Southern California (USC).

Fully Funded

8 Modules

12 Academic Credits

Starts 11 January 2027

For mid - to Senior Level Public Officials

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

By the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Interpret climate risks and use evidence to inform institutional decisions.
- Strengthen coordination and integrate adaptation into sectoral planning.
- Identify climate finance opportunities and develop adaptation project ideas.
- Apply leadership and communication skills to advance institutional action.

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WHO CAN APPLY?

Mid- to senior-level public sector professionals working in adaptation, environment, resilience, disaster risk reduction or sustainable development. Selection considers relevance, leadership, motivation and institutional commitment, while encouraging balanced representation.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

Expert-led sessions, field visits and practical work, culminating in a group capstone addressing an institutional adaptation challenge.

1. Climate adaptation in national development
2. Climate risk and evidence-based decisions
3. Risk governance and institutional coordination
4. Climate adaptation finance
5. Adaptation across priority sectors
6. Gender and social inclusion
7. Adaptive leadership and communication
8. Capstone project and peer exchange

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

20 selected professionals

50 hours of in-person and live online sessions, and 100 hours of applied work and self-study

Blended delivery: University of Balamand, Dekwaneh campus, and live online sessions.

Arabic and English

Participants who attend at least **80%** of scheduled sessions and successfully complete the required activities and capstone project will receive a certificate equivalent to 12 academic credits.

KEY DATES AND APPLICATION

Scan the QR code to apply.

Applications open: 13 November 2026
Deadline: 27 November 2026
Selection announced: Early December 2026

Applicants must submit a CV, a motivation statement and a nomination/endorsement letter from their institution with the online application.

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