

Capacity-building for Policymakers: The Design and Delivery of an E-learning Programme on Sustainable Development Practices

To meet the challenges of sustainable development, policymakers must have a basic understanding of the science, economics and social aspects of the issue, as well as a strong understanding of cross-sectoral linkages.^[1] This joint project helped foster the systematic development of core competencies in sustainable development practice among development practitioners and policymakers in the Asia-Pacific region.

Through the project, sustainable development practitioners were given easy access to convenient, quality-controlled and relevant learning opportunities through a unique combination of modern web-based technologies and the pooled resources of a network of experts. Project efforts were also directed towards the development of an online post-graduate diploma programme on sustainable development practices in public policy.

Launched in August 2008, this project was led by TERI University in New Delhi with the objective of developing regional sustainable development campaigners among ProSPER.Net universities and of developing open access learning resources relevant to sustainable development problem-solving in the Asia-Pacific region.

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^[1] Report from the International Commission on Education for Sustainable Development Practice, 2008.