



2025 Small Private Online Course (SPOC)

A Critical Engagement with Advancing the Development Goals Call for Applications

From 17 November until 19 December 2025 the African Studies Centre Leiden(ASCL) offers a Small Private Online Course (SPOC) for Leiden -Delft- Erasmus (LDE) African Dynamics minor students in collaboration with a group of students from African universities.

Representing multiple disciplines, they explore four key development planning approaches to address wicked sustainable development problems. Through discussions and group assignments, theoretical knowledge is translated into practice from various perspectives. Weekly online discussions are complemented by a network webinar every Wednesday, where participants engage with practitioners working in fields relevant to that week's theme.

The course provides a dynamic learning environment through interactive learning materials, multimedia content, and collaborative group activities that enable participants to translate theoretical knowledge into practical applications from multiple perspectives from global to local scales across cultural boundaries.

Active participation by African-based students is acknowledged through an LDE-endorsed certificate of *participation*. Upon completing the course, African-based students may voluntary collaborate with a LDE student to apply what they have learnt in an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) based on a case study of their choice. Successful completion of the AMP assignment is rewarded with an LDE-endorsed certificate of *completion*.

To include a broad multi-disciplinary cohort, a maximum of 30 senior students from African-based Higher Institutions can be accommodated in this online course.

To apply, complete: [A Critical Engagement with Advancing the Development Agendas](#)

Practical details:

Period: 17 November – 19 December 2025

Workload: 8-10 hours per week

Language: English



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Apply Timeously! There is a limited amount of places, and participants will be accommodated on a first-come-first-serve basis.