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This course will provide course participants with an overview of the most significant global environmental, social and economic challenges that face humankind, and an insight into the solutions suggested by the universal commitment to sustainable development. Course participants will be able to recognise, understand and apply the divergent interpretations of sustainable development that currently exist.

The main themes will include:

- Review of the most important environmental problems, such as climate change, waste and pollution, biodiversity destruction and the general contradiction between resource use and carrying capacity;
- Review of the most significant social challenges, including demographic change and expansion, pandemics, poverty, endemic violence, migration and urbanisation;
- Review of the key global economic trends that currently determine and shape the dynamics of national and local economies;
- Introduction to the history of, and different approaches to, the notion of sustainable development;
- Case studies of sustainable development in practice at the policy and project levels.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Postgraduate students, professionals and practitioners working in government, corporate or civil society sectors who would like to understand the sustainability challenges faced at a global scale, but also to explore what this means from a local as well as personal perspective by engaging in discussions and reflection during class. No prior experience or knowledge in Sustainable Development is needed.

VENUE AND TIME

This course will be presented at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch Ecovillage, Lynedoch Rd (off R310 Baden Powell Drive), Stellenbosch. It will run Monday to Friday from 08:15 to 17:15 and Saturday from 09:00 to 13:00. Directions can be obtained from Google maps or www.sustainabilityinstitute.net.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and travel are for your own account. Accommodation is available directly adjacent to the venue in the heart of Lynedoch Ecovillage at Drie Gewels Eco-Lodge. For bookings and rates please see our website, contact +27 (0)21 881 3196 or email hospitality.si@sustainabilityinstitute.net.

APPLICATION

Contact the Short Course Administrator on shortcourses@sustainabilityinstitute.net to receive this information. Applications close strictly 2 working weeks prior to course commencing, accompanied by full payment of course fees.

COURSE FEES

R9 500 per short course including lunches and tea breaks (Mon - Fri).

CERTIFICATION

Short course attendees who satisfy the minimum performance requirements for the course i.e. attendance of the full 6-day duration of the course, contribution to the class, group project and completion of the individual assignment, will be awarded a Merit Certificate (NQF level 8). A short course pass mark is 50% on condition that the mark for the individual assignment is 50% or more; (ii) a short course distinction pass mark is 75%.

PRESENTER

VANESSA VON DER HEYDE

Vanessa is the programme coordinator of the Sustainable Enterprise stream and the Changemaker Programme at the Sustainability Institute, and an extraordinary lecturer with the School of Public Leadership at the University of Stellenbosch. Vanessa completed her MPhil (Sustainable Development) through Stellenbosch University and has worked at the Sustainability Institute since 2013. Her interests include social entrepreneurship and how it can be used as a vehicle for change. Vanessa is the primary facilitator for the week, and will draw on many guest lecturers throughout the week, including Prof Mark Swilling.