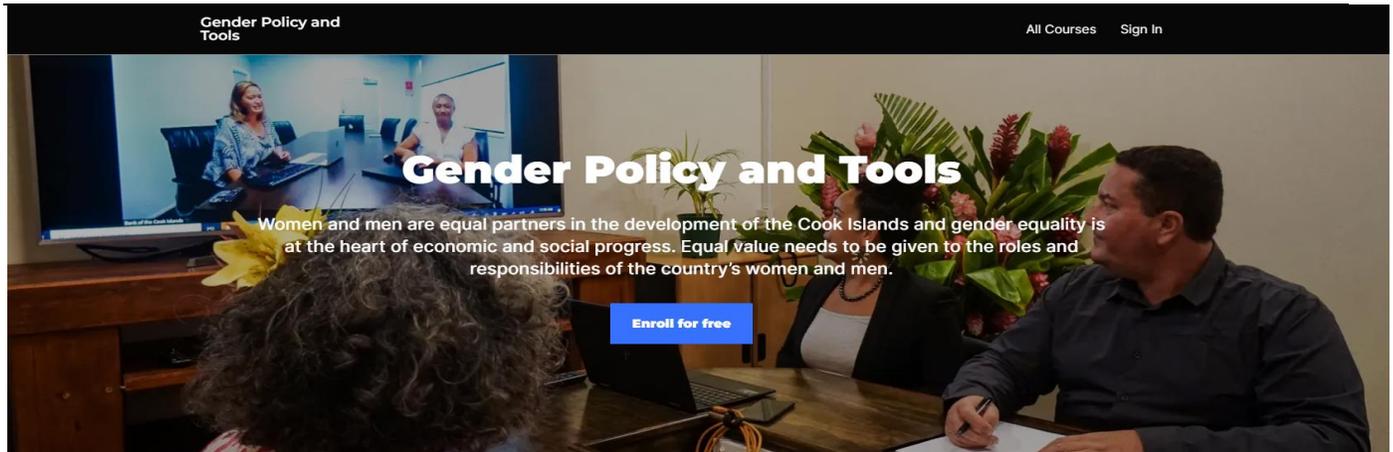




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## **MFEM's new E-learning course to improve capacity.**



*One of the training modules focuses on gender considerations and mainstreaming.*

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) through its Development Coordination Division (DCD) have launched its first E-learning course aimed at building the capacity of stakeholders to access finance.

The new E-learning course provides an overview and guide of MFEM's, processes and procedures. It covers project/programme processes to help organizations develop effective projects. It has a particular focus on MFEM's grant award procedures, climate rationale, understanding and applying environmental, social and gender considerations when formulating and implementing climate change projects.

The training programme consists of four modules. The modules guide participants through key steps, and follows an interactive approach which includes presentations, practical exercises, example cases, voice-overs and zoom sessions. It also contains quizzes to test the participant's knowledge along the way.

"We are pleased that this training programme has now been launched, since the pandemic, our ability to have face to face workshops and training had to be adapted, and we moved our climate finance training to an online platform. The training programme aims to build a cadre of

knowledgeable and experienced proposal writers who can unlock and bridge the gap between the Cook Islands' communities and the developed countries that have historically provided climate finance”, said Mani Mate, Director of DCD.

The online training is free and is carried out over a period of three weeks at the participants own time. Each participant who successfully completes the modules will receive a course certificate.

The training is largely designed to help national organizations improve their capacity and knowledge to support them in developing high quality funding proposals. Organizations which partner with the MFEM in implementing projects and programmes are currently undertaking the modules.

The Development Coordination Division plans to revise and improve the modules each year, adding new content that adds to building our organizations and stakeholder’s capacity in accessing finance. The course will be available online for all interested stakeholders in July 2022

The E-learning course was produced with the support of the Green Climate Fund, through the Cook Islands Readiness Support Programme titled “Strengthening the Implementation of the Cook Islands Country Program”

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