

Call For Applications: CCASCOE Spring Course 2026

Climate Change & Security (Basic)

-  Online session: May 4, 2026
In-person training: May 11-15, 2026
-  Maison du développement durable
50 Sainte-Catherine West
Montréal, Canada



The Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence (CCASCOE) is proud to announce its upcoming Climate Security and Defence Course, offered as a comprehensive learning package. The programme includes a **two-hour online pre-course** module currently scheduled on May 4, 2026, an in-person course from **11 to 15 May 2026** at the Maison du développement durable in Montréal, Québec, Canada, and a **follow-up session** after the course.

Climate change is shaping the conditions under which security and defence institutions must operate. This course provides participants with a foundational and practical operational competence in climate change and security. It introduces the principles of NATO's Climate Change and Security approach and supports participants in understanding how climate-related risks interact with security and defence responsibilities, decision-making environments, and mission contexts. The course is designed to turn theoretical frameworks into useful cognitive tools

More specifically, participants will learn to identify systemic challenges, work with complexity and uncertainty, and understand how climate change becomes a critical factor across planning, intelligence, operations, and resilience. They will engage with scenario-based exercises that require the use of climate-related intelligence, structured reasoning, and a practical awareness of climate sensitive decision-making. The course strengthens strategic awareness and helps participants meaningfully integrate climate considerations into their professional roles.

CCASCOE invites you to nominate suitable participants for this course. Given the interactive nature of the course, places are limited. Please find below the administrative instructions.

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Administrative Instructions

Target group: The course is designed for mid-career security and defence professionals, primarily military officers (OF-3 to OF-5) and selected civilian counterparts, who hold planning, decision-making, or advisory roles where climate change is emerging as a critical security factor. Participants typically work in operations, planning, logistics, intelligence, readiness, resilience, civil-military cooperation, or strategic policy. Applications from qualified non-commissioned officers (NCOs: OR-6 to OR-9) with relevant leadership or planning responsibilities are explicitly encouraged. Applicants should have professional experience in defence or security contexts, the ability to engage in strategic thinking and collaborative problem-solving, and working proficiency in English. No prior background in climate science is required.

Learning objectives: By the conclusion of this **Basic course**, participants will be able to recognise and structure how climate change affects military assessments and decision contexts, apply a climate lens to identify climate-related risks and uncertainties, and support climate-informed decision-making by asking the right questions and providing structured advice in line with NATO climate and security policies.

These objectives ensure that participants use policy frameworks and climate intelligence actively throughout scenario-based exercises, supporting practical application rather than only theoretical knowledge.

Application deadline: March 27, 2026 (mandatory for international participants and for Canadian participants who already have supervisory approval).

Important: Canadian participants are explicitly encouraged to apply even if supervisory approval has not yet been granted before the end of the fiscal year. Applying does not constitute a binding commitment to participate.

Applications must be submitted via the CCASCOE **online registration form**.

Selection: *Attendance to the course will be limited to 40 participants.* CCASCOE will review all the applications and select participants according to their expertise.

- The selection process will take place in early April.
- **International participants** selected for the training will receive a **binding acceptance** and will be required to confirm their participation by a specified deadline.
- **Canadian participants** will receive a **conditional acceptance**, subject to supervisory approval, and will confirm their participation once approval has been obtained.
- If participation is not possible due to missing supervisory approval, this will **not result in any disadvantages** for the applicant.

Registration is not final until confirmed by CCASCOE. Please do not book flights before receiving the confirmation message.

Language: The official language of the course is **English**, with no interpretation services provided.

Attendance: Participants are expected to attend all sessions throughout the course.

Course Fee: The course fee is **CAD 600 (ca. EUR 370)**. This fee includes scheduled coffee breaks and light lunch during the course, one group dinner, one shared group activity, access to pre-course session and materials, as well as follow-up sessions after the course.

Travel Arrangements: Participants are responsible for booking and covering the cost of their flights to and from Montréal, as well as transportation to and from the airport. All travel expenses must be covered by either the participant or their sending organisation. Further details will be shared upon confirmation.

Accommodation: Participants are responsible for covering the cost of their accommodation and for making their own reservations.

Liabilities and Insurance: Participants must have their own travel and medical insurance, as the organisers do not cover health or accident-related costs.

Points of Contact: For inquiries related to **applications, registration, and nominations**, please contact: course.registration@ccascoe.org

Additional logistical information (such as dress code, meals, and social events) will be provided once registration is confirmed.

For more information and the course agenda, we invite you to consult our **[Spring Course FAQ on our website](#)**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the CCASCOE 2026 Climate Change and Security Spring Course in Montréal, Québec!



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