

PLAN 661:
**Collaboration Planning for
Environmental Solutions**

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Environmental degradation, mismanagement, and conflict often arise due to problems of asymmetric information, misaligned incentives, and unforeseen consequences. Collaborative processes amongst industrial sectors, government agencies, and community groups provide a venue for communication and means of addressing seemingly intractable problems, such as global climate change.

This course explores the role of planners in collaborative processes and decision-making in response to environmental crises. Course topics include methods of collaboration; identifying roles for planners in conflict resolution; issue-framing; creating processes and decision-making tools; the role of technology, information and science; analyzing and synthesizing group outcomes; and evaluation techniques. Students will build skills in identifying stakeholders, designing collaborative processes, and evaluating project outcomes in the context of several planning paradigms where the planner acts as a facilitator, an advocate, and/or an expert.

*This class is a Core Course for the **Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution**