



56th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy

A collaboration between the Public Utility Research Center
at the University of Florida and the World Bank

January 12 - 21, 2026



**University of Florida
Gainesville, FL, USA**



Purpose:

To provide an unparalleled experience to learn problem-solving techniques complemented by an international exchange of ideas and experiences. To enhance the economic, technical, and policy skills required for managing sustainable regulatory system for infrastructure sectors.

State-of-the-Art Training:

This is an intensive program specifically tailored to the professional needs of utility regulators, policy-makers and infrastructure managers.

International Faculty:

The international faculty has been assembled from regulatory institutions, the World Bank, leading universities, infrastructure companies, financial institutions, and other international organizations. Faculty are selected on the basis of expertise, experience and communication skills.

Teaching Methods:

The training program involves 8 full days of lectures, sector-specific case studies, practice exercises, and discussions with leading utility experts. Short breaks in between sessions as well as meal times provide additional opportunities for participants to share expertise and experiences with one another.

Program Tuition:

The program fees are U.S. \$8,795 for utility regulators and U.S. \$10,995 for staff from private or public infrastructure companies. The fee includes program tuition; living accommodations for 11 nights; daytime meals on program days including breakfast, refreshment breaks and lunch; welcome reception, and closing awards reception; classroom materials; campus tour; and Basic Economics Training. Please note, dinners are not provided and participants are on their own for dinner each evening.



How to apply and pay for the program:

Application can be made online through our website www.purc.ufl.edu. Selection of participants will be made by the program’s Admissions Committee. Criteria for selection will be based on the applicant’s current position, relevant professional expertise, and on achieving a balanced cross-sectoral, cross-regional, and national representation.

Full payment must be received by the payment deadline in order to guarantee your seat at the program. If full payment is received after the payment deadline and if there are seats available, this may result in alternate hotel accommodations arranged at the discretion of the PURC Program Committee. There is a cancellation deadline for the program (see below). Cancellations received after this date (in writing) will allow a refund of 70% of the registration fee.

Program	Application Deadline	Payment Deadline	Cancellation Deadline
January 12 - 21, 2026	November 10, 2025	November 21, 2025	December 5, 2025

Program structure and topics:

Based on discussions with representatives from regulatory institutions in more than 100 countries and a continuous needs assessment, the World Bank and PURC have identified broad topics that will be covered during this eight-day course:

- Market Reform and Regulation of Network Industries
- Financial Analysis for Utility Regulation
- Principles and Application of Incentive Regulation
- Non-Price Aspects of Utility Regulation
- Managing the Introduction of Competition in and for the Market
- Rate Structure
- Managing the Regulatory Process

A number of topics require a basic understanding of economic and financial analysis while others present an overview of comparative administrative law and rule-making procedures. A complimentary, optional Basic Economics Training is offered to attendees via Zoom in advance of the program. Sectoral and country cases are also used throughout the course.

The overall number of participants is limited in order to give individuals substantial opportunities to interact with faculty and peers during the training course. A certificate of completion with CEUs (Continuing Education Units) will be presented to all participants recognizing their training experience and commitment to continued learning. An electronic certificate will also be issued for use on CVs and social media.

Location:

The training will be hosted in Gainesville, Florida. Participants are strongly encouraged to fly into Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV).

For more information about the program, please visit www.purc.ufl.edu or contact us at purcecon@warrington.ufl.edu

