

Rural development management

3–21 May 2004

Cavite, the Philippines

Cost: US\$2500

This course, for senior and mid-level development managers, covers development issues, managing sustainable and people-centred development programs, and managing development organisations. It addresses aspects of program and project planning, implementation and evaluation. Participants are introduced to real-life experiences in rural development. The course is built around observations of community-level development efforts in the Philippines.

Contact details below.

Policy development and advocacy

24–29 May 2004 (1-week face-to-face portion) and

June–July 2004 (4-week on-line instruction)

Cavite, the Philippines

Cost: US\$1000 (face-to-face portion) + US\$550 (online instruction)

In this course, senior and mid-level development professionals will deepen their understanding of the ways in which public policy is made and will enhance their skills in influencing policy processes and outcomes. The course will examine the political role of civil-society organisations in those processes, explicitly focusing on policy advocacy efforts in different political-cultural contexts of the South and the global North. The course will be conducted in two parts: the first will be a 1-week face-to-face course aimed at achieving greater understanding and insights about the basic concepts, principles and process of policy advocacy. The on-line portion aims to apply what was learned during the first portion to a concrete policy issue selected by the participant.

Contact details below.

Designing development training systematically

2–13 August 2004

Cavite, the Philippines

Cost: US\$2000

Designed for trainers of community development professionals such as extension officers, doctors, social workers, community organisers, etc, this course focuses on how to conduct training needs' assessment as a basis for systematically formulating development training designs. Participants will examine and analyse performance gaps of sample individuals or groups in the light of the organisation or community in which the identified roles and functions are performed.

Contact details below.

Gender mainstreaming: from programmatic to organisational transformation

4–15 October 2004

Cavite, the Philippines

Cost: US\$2250

Designed for mid- and senior-level development professionals, this 2-week course will provide participants with tools to influence decision-makers within their organisation towards systematic gender mainstreaming. Using a 'gender audit' tool, participants will deepen their understanding of previous gender mainstreaming efforts within their own organisation. The audit will focus on: political will, technical capacity, accountability and organisational culture. Participants will undertake real-life exercises in preparation for the planned change process to mainstream gender within their own organisations.

Contact details below.

Community-based integrated watershed management

8–26 November 2004

Cavite, the Philippines

Cost: US\$2500

This course offers a new approach for integrating technologies and participatory strategies within the natural landscape or 'watershed' for resource conservation, production and sustainable use. It is intended for planners, field staff, technicians and others working with government and non-government organisations in areas such as food security, sustainable agriculture, water resource management and natural resource management. Course content includes: concepts and framework of watershed development, elements of community-based integrated watershed management, technology options, participatory approaches and strategies for watershed development.

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Participatory action research for community-based natural resource management

13–28 September 2004

Bangkok, Thailand

Cost: US\$2650

This course, a joint undertaking of the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction, the Regional Community Forestry Training Center and the International Development Research Centre, is geared specifically to senior decision-makers working on community-based natural resource management (CBNRM). Participants will have the opportunity to reflect upon and share experiences of CBNRM, explore principles of participatory action research (PAR), experiment with a range of tools for examining different perspectives relevant to CBNRM with stakeholders in the field, critically analyse the PAR approach in relation to CBNRM, and document their insights to add to the discourse on PAR for CBNRM.

Contact details below.

Community forestry: principles and practices today

7–25 June 2004

Bangkok, Thailand

Cost: US\$2950

Community forestry has become a mainstream component of many national forestry programs. However, several countries that have introduced community forestry concepts are still struggling with the complex challenges of adapting their forestry programs to be more responsive and relevant to the needs and interests of communities. To address common issues faced at this stage of development, this 20-day introductory course will enable participants to identify and analyse key community forestry concepts, strategies and principles. Through this course, participants will gain the confidence and skills needed to support local institutions in effectively devolving forest management in their home country.

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International seminar on forest and natural resource management

22 August–9 September 2004

Colorado, Wyoming, North Carolina and Washington, DC, USA

Cost: US\$5600

Co-hosted by USDA Forest Service International Programs and Colorado State University, this course presents a broad spectrum of natural resource management techniques and institutional arrangements so that participants may selectively gather ideas that can assist in the management of their lands. The seminar focuses on strategies and methods to develop, manage and conserve natural resources for the sustained delivery of goods and services to meet the full range of human needs.

For more information go to www.fs.fed.us/global/is/welcome.htm

Forest and certification summer training program

12–16 July 2004

Oxford, UK

Cost: per course

This program provides a range of up-to-date courses dealing with current issues for those involved in forest management, certification and sustainable natural resource management. Training courses are available in subject areas such as: forest certification in practice and practical auditing (5 days); responsible purchasing in practice, illegal logging, product tracing and chain of custody (2 days); high-conservation-value forests and biodiversity monitoring (1 day); climate change policy and forests (1 day); and small forests and group schemes (1 day). Participants can select the combination of courses that suits their needs and attend them in one integrated event.

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