

Mainstreaming Gender in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Date: March 19 - 30, 2012



Gender mainstreaming puts premium on gender equality as a strategic objective of development. While much effort has been given towards mainstreaming gender within various phases and contexts of development work, much needs to be done in integrating gender equality programming in climate change (CC) and disaster risk reduction (DRR). Program planners and policy-makers have acknowledged the need to further their understanding between the critical linkages of gender and CC and DRR. The course will focus on disaster mitigation and adaptation to climate change responses within a gender framework, leading to a more gender responsive CC and DRR programming and planning. The course builds on the capacity of program managers and policy makers to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment concepts in efforts to decrease disaster risks and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Gender concepts, methods, tools and analysis will be explored within the context of CC and DRR. This course will be conducted jointly by IIRR and Gender Works.

Course fee, double occupancy room and board: USD2400

Venue: Siem Reap, Cambodia

Participatory Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

Date: April 16 - 27, 2012

The growing concern for accountability and monitoring results of development initiatives call for effective monitoring and evaluation of development programs/projects. Studies have shown that when people 'own' development projects, they tend to be more sustainable. Community ownership of development projects is only possible when they participate meaningfully in the development, implementation and management of these projects. Participatory monitoring, evaluation and learning (PMEL) advocates for meaningful participation of people and communities where they shift from being sources of information to the ones raising questions during project monitoring and evaluation. The course focuses on PMEL as a management tool for strengthening participation, enhancing local capacity, and increasing local people's confidence and control over development decisions and processes. It also highlights the importance of Learning in Monitoring and Evaluation.

Course fee: USD1500

Double occupancy room and board: USD850 per person for the duration of the course.*

Venue: Yen Center, IIRR, Philippines

Building Resilient Communities: Community-Managed Disaster Risk Reduction

Date: May 7 - 18, 2012

The global climate system is in a constant state of flux. Changes in climate patterns are becoming more evident. Drought affected areas are increasing, heavy precipitation is getting more frequent while typhoons and hurricanes are getting more intense. Disasters wipe out the accumulated gains of development efforts. This course focuses on the Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) framework which establishes the relationship between disaster and development. This framework asserts that disasters can be avoided and the effects of hazards can be reduced by increasing individual's capability and capacity towards survivability and community's capacity towards readiness. The goal of CMDRR is to build resilient communities.

Course fee: USD1800

Double occupancy room and board: USD850 per person for the duration of the course.*

Venue: Yen Center, IIRR, Philippines

Community-based Integrated Watershed Management

Date: May 28 - June 8, 2012



Watershed management has become a prominent concept today in dealing with issues of land and water resources as indicated by increased financing from funding institutions, as well as government agencies. Despite the current awareness and the opportunities available, many development organizations lack the capacity to initiate and implement successful watershed management initiatives. Community-based integrated watershed management is a process involving local communities and local governance structures in formulating and implementing a course of action on the proper utilization of water and land resources or watershed. Emphasis is given on the linkages between the upstream and downstream parts of the watershed and their respective human and biophysical endowments. This course will be conducted jointly by IIRR and the World Agroforestry Centre formerly known as ICRAF.

Course fee: USD1800

Double occupancy room and board: USD850 per person for the duration of the course.*

Venue: Yen Center, IIRR, Philippines



Capturing Lessons from the Field: The Writeshop Process

Date: June 18 - 29, 2012

Development organizations face the challenge of documenting the results of their work. Funding organizations and other stakeholders demand significant results from development interventions. One of the many ways to showcase these results is through stories that describe how development projects have significantly affected peoples' lives. Unfortunately, many development professionals have difficulty capturing these results through writing. Many development workers find it difficult to focus on the essential and meaningful aspects of their experiences. This two-week course shall focus on non-fiction writing and in organizing and facilitating a writeshop. The writeshop process pioneered by IIRR, is a tool for learning and sharing important lessons from the field.

Course fee: USD1500

Double occupancy room and board: USD850 per person for the duration of the course.*

Venue: Yen Center, IIRR, Philippines

Integrating a Value Chain Perspective in Micro and Small Scale Enterprise Development

Date: July 2 - 13, 2012

There is an increasing trend to introduce micro and small scale enterprises to create livelihood opportunities in poor and marginalized communities. However, most of these enterprises have difficulty sustaining themselves because of the failure to act on various market forces that affect production and product marketing. Integrating a value chain perspective for micro and small scale enterprises to identify and analyze the needs of the market and efficiently produce and compete with other players is necessary. The course provides: an overview of concepts and principles in value chain; development of enterprises and business development services; market assessment; and value chain analysis. Participants will also learn how to develop a monitoring and evaluation system; identify materials and avenues for knowledge management; recommend areas for capacity development; and design and manage enterprises that align business and social responsibilities. This course will be conducted jointly by IIRR and the International Potato Center.

Course fee: USD1500

Double occupancy room and board: USD850 per person for the duration of the course.*

Venue: Yen Center, IIRR, Philippines



Addressing Household Food Security in the Context of Changing Climate and Environment

Date: October 8 - 19, 2012

Poverty, hunger, malnutrition and climate change threaten to destabilize economic, social, political and environmental conditions. There is a dire need to learn and disseminate appropriate strategies and approaches in dealing with challenges to achieve food security at the household level. In Cambodia, food security efforts have received special attention as the country reached self-sufficiency in rice and is now moving towards exporting this commodity. Considerable emphasis has been put on backyard systems for livestock production, and, more recently on small scale aquaculture. Community based natural resource management has also received considerable attention. This has sufficiently scaled up models for community forestry, fisheries and mangrove rehabilitation which can be seen in various parts of the country. The course highlights opportunities to learn from Cambodia's rich experiences and ongoing initiatives in coastal, forest and agricultural settings.

Course fee, double occupancy room and board: USD2400

Venue: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

IIRR also organizes and conducts customized training courses and study programs on the topics in this brochure and on:

- ◆ Participatory Local Governance
- ◆ Poverty Alleviation for Rural Development
- ◆ Training of Trainers/Facilitation for Empowering Communities
- ◆ Participatory Approaches (Participatory Rural Appraisal; Farmer-led Extension; Participatory Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning; Participatory Technology/Innovative Development; Participatory Natural Resource Management)
- ◆ Sectoral approaches (Community-Managed Health; Community-Managed Disaster Risk Reduction; Sustainable Agriculture; Bio-Intensive Gardening; Environmental Degradation and Climate Change Adaptation; Community-based Integrated Watershed Management; Micro Credit; Social Enterprise; Community Based Forest Management; Community Forestry and Farm-based Enterprises; Coastal Resource Management; Gender Mainstreaming)
- ◆ Documentation (Writeshop process)
- ◆ Project/Program/NGO Management (Managing Development Organizations; Managing People's Organizations; Managing Resources; Team Building)

Customized courses are organized for groups that meet the required minimum of 8 participants.

The course fee includes course-related materials, field and agency visits, airport transfers and a weekend excursion. The fees do not include international and local airfares, laundry and incidental expenses (a minimum pocket allowance of USD100 per week is suggested for incidental and personal expenses). Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organizations or donor agencies.

***Single room occupancy is available for an additional cost. The food includes three full meals and two coffee breaks.**

IIRR reserves the right to cancel the course one month before its schedule if the required quorum is not met. This will be immediately conveyed to the applicants. Course fees will be refunded in full.

How and when to Apply?

Application forms can be downloaded from www.iirr.org and sent by email. We encourage early registration to ensure your reservation for these courses. For further inquiries please contact: Dulce Dominguez, Training Assistant
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