

Ramsar CECOP: Curso internacional sobre capacitación de formadores en gestión de humedales

Muy estimados:

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Saludos muy cordiales, Sandra Hails, Secretaría de Ramsar

Please apply before 1 February 2010 to be able to meet the deadline of the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP)!

Please apply before 1 March 2010 to be able to meet the deadline of the MENA Scholarship Programme!

Please find more information below.

International Training of Trainers on Wetland Management, a course focusing on the facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes and curriculum development (ICWM-TOT) The Netherlands, September 6 - 24, 2010

Wetland Management

One of the difficulties identified in wetland management is the division of management responsibilities between different administrative authorities in a river basin. This often results in fragmented and competitive approaches to water resources planning and management. The management of wetlands therefore requires a multidisciplinary approach that integrates the technical, economic, environmental, social and legal aspects of water management which does not end at country borders but needs to be carried out at a basin scale.

Aims and objectives

The primary condition for achieving integrated wetland management is the willingness of sectoral stakeholders to work together. To achieve the necessary cooperation, stakeholders in a catchment area need to be able to understand each other clearly. Steps to achieve understanding of the various views, and to explore how far such separate views can be shared, will be one of the main issues covered within the International Training of Trainers on Wetland Management, a course focusing on the facilitation of multistakeholder processes and curriculum development (ICWM-TOT).

The ICWM-TOT aims to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary for curriculum development in the field of wetland management in their own region. The course will focus on the multi-stakeholder processes that play an important role in wetland management and the need for transboundary and cross-sectoral co-operation to manage the natural resources of a river basin and its wetlands.

Programme topics

Concepts in wetland and river basin management

Concepts in wetland and river basin management (ecological, social and economic perspective) as well as ecosystem approach, Ramsar, CBD and other international agreements.

Facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes

Multi-stakeholder processes, tools and techniques to support the facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes in wetland management, public participation, stakeholder involvement in decision making and conflict management.

Fieldwork wetland management

Wetland management, stakeholder analysis and public participation in practice.

Adult education and social learning

Participatory learning principles, learning styles, the learning cycle, educational psychology, raising awareness, training skills.

Curriculum development

Curriculum development, development of a training programme for wetland managers. *The course will be interactive with a high degree of personal contributions by the participants. Besides lectures the course will include fieldwork, technical and social excursions. The ICWM-TOT will provide the opportunity of professional networking fostered by the institutions organising the course, as a follow-up after attending the training.*

Course organisation

The course is organised by Wageningen UR's Centre for Development Innovation, formerly known as Wageningen International. Experts from other leading organisations in Integrated Water Resources Management and Wetland Management are involved in the programme as well (UNESCO-IHE, Deltares, Tour du Valat, ITC, Wetlands International etc.). The training is endorsed by the Ramsar Secretariat.

Who can participate?

The ICWM-TOT has been designed for (future) trainers in wetland management. The course programme is suitable for wetland managers and land use planners, policy makers, consultants, researchers and NGO staff who have affinity with training. The course will be relevant to participants from all climatic zones.

Requirements for admission

Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- have at least a Bachelor level qualification **or** equivalent educational background;
- have at least two years of professional experience;
- be involved in wetland management and preferably:
- assigned to capacity building in wetland management;
- be fluent in spoken and written English.

*Make sure that you **clearly** indicate the usefulness of this training in your application form, and outline your current or future involvement in water resources or wetland management **and capacity development**.*

Certificate

Participants will be granted a Certificate of Attendance.

Fees and venue

The fee for this course is €3500. This includes administration costs, lecture materials and field trips, but excludes board and lodging and travel expenses. Participants will be accommodated at the 'Hof van Wageningen', Wageningen, The Netherlands, on basis of full board and lodging. Prices are available on request.

Fellowships

A limited number of fellowships are available through the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP) for nationals of **61** countries (**please, find list at the end of this email**). NFP-candidates must **FIRST** apply to Wageningen UR's Centre for Development Innovation for admission to the training. Acceptable candidates will receive a **PROVISIONAL Letter of Acceptance** from Wageningen International. Candidates can then apply for a NFP fellowship through the

Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their own country. Applications for NFP fellowships should be submitted to the Centre of Development Innovation before **1 February 2010**.

A limited number of fellowships are also available through the MENA Scholarship Programme. The MENA Scholarship Programme aims to contribute to capacity building within organizations and institutions in six selected countries: **Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman and Syria**.

More information: <http://www.cdi.wur.nl/UK/Courses>, <http://www.nuffic.nl> (NFP: <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships/scholarships-administered-by-nuffic/the-netherlands-fellowship-programmes>; MENA: <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships/scholarships-administered-by-nuffic/mena-scholarship-programme>).

Wageningen UR's Centre for Development Innovation, itself, can **NOT** provide any funds to finance the participants and is also unable to assist applicants in obtaining sponsorship.

Application

The admission deadline for application directly to Wageningen UR's Centre for Development Innovation, with funding other than through an NFP fellowship or MENA Scholarship, is **6 August 2010**. Early application is recommended!

Please, find the factsheet, the application form, the possibility to enroll online and information about other courses at <http://www.cdi.wur.nl/UK/Courses/>. **If possible please enroll online!!**

The direct link to the ICWM-TOT:

http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/International_training_of_trainers_on_wetland_management.htm

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NFP Country list

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To be eligible for an NFP fellowship, you must be a national of one of the following 61 countries:

Afghanistan	El Salvador	Nepal
Albania	Eritrea	Nicaragua
Armenia	Ethiopia	Nigeria
Autonomous Palestinian Territories	Georgia	Pakistan **
Bangladesh	Ghana	Peru
Benin	Guatemala	Philippines
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
Bolivia	Honduras	Senegal
Bosnia-Herzegovina	India	South Africa
Brazil	Indonesia	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Iran	Sudan
Burundi	Ivory Coast *	Suriname
Cambodia	Jordan	Tanzania

Cape Verde	Kenya	Thailand
China (excl. Hong Kong and Macao)	Kosovo	Uganda ***
Colombia	Macedonia	Vietnam
Costa Rica	Mali	Yemen
Cuba	Moldova	Zambia
DR Congo	Mongolia	Zimbabwe
Ecuador	Mozambique	
Egypt	Namibia	

* The Netherlands Embassy in Abidjan is closed. Originally, the Netherlands Embassy in Accra would handle NFP applications originating from Ivory Coast. Unfortunately, this embassy is not in the position to verify documents from applicants from Ivory Coast. For the time being it is therefore not possible for people from Ivory Coast to apply for the NFP.

** Unfortunately, the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Pakistan cannot provide all services to the public at this moment. For the Netherlands Fellowships Programmes this means that only NFP applications for short courses can be accepted. The Netherlands Embassy (<http://www.mfa.nl/en/>) can be reached by telephone only.

*** The fellowship desk of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Kampala, Uganda will be closed from 10 March to 30 August 2010. In this period the fellowship desk will only deal with selected applicants who were awarded a fellowship.

For some countries, applications should be submitted to the Netherlands embassy in a different country:

Armenia	via Georgia
Burundi	via Rwanda
Cambodia	via Thailand
Cape Verde	via Senegal
El Salvador	via Costa Rica
Guinea-Bissau	via Senegal
Honduras	via Costa Rica
Moldova	via Ukraine
Mongolia	via China
Namibia	via South Africa