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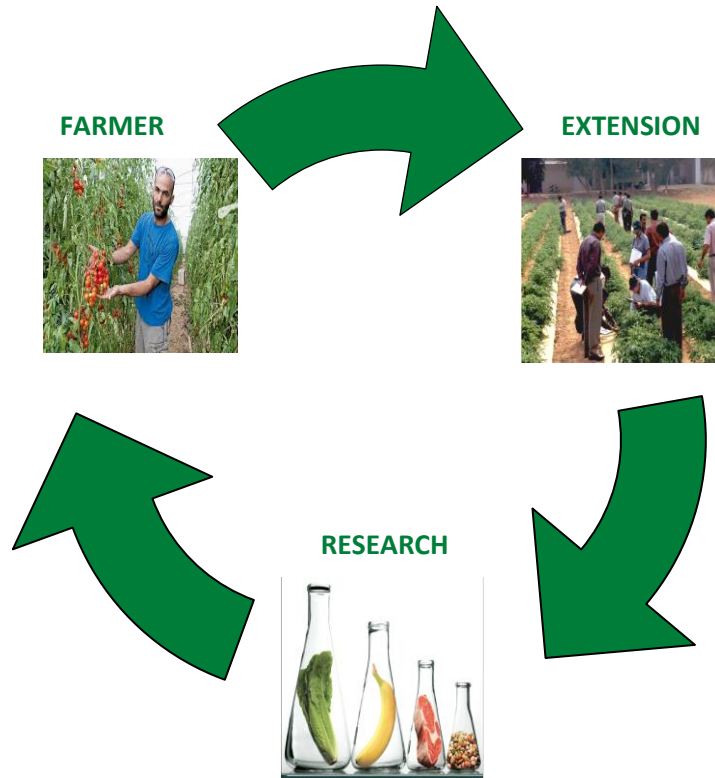


CINADCO
Center for International
Agricultural
Development
Cooperation
Ministry of Agriculture
and Rural Development

International course on:

The Integration between Research, Extension and Applied Agriculture

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About the Course

Background

Farmers rely on research and extension to help improve their know-how, efficiency, productivity, profitability, and contribution to the benefit of their livelihoods. In return, the research and extension organizations came to appreciate the important role farmers and farmer organizations play, both in disseminating technology and through effective feedback mechanisms. However, the lack of a close working relationship between national agricultural research and extension organizations and farmers, is one of the most challenging institutional problems the ministries of agriculture are facing in many developing nations.

When a strong connection is established and maintained between all three key partners (researcher – extension officer – farmer), their joint activities can lead to increased and sustained productivity, increased income and well-being of farm people, and to the promotion of national food security and economic growth.

One of Israel's strengths in the agricultural sector is the trilateral cooperation and close interaction between government's sponsored researchers, extension services and farmers. The Agricultural Extension Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (SHAHAM) assists and coordinates farming activities through guidance, development and professional advancement of all the agricultural sectors in accordance with the Ministry's goals and objectives. The service's professional units also advise the Ministry on policy. This trilateral cooperation successfully coordinates the development and application of sophisticated methods in all branches of agriculture, including technological advancements, new irrigation techniques and innovative agro-mechanical equipment, leading to the widespread introduction of innovative, export-oriented farming methods.

Aims

The course aims to share Israel's experience and research, taking into consideration the adaptability of methods and technologies to meet local conditions. The knowledge gained by the participants will expose them the importance of the cooperation between the research, extension and farmer to the development of the agricultural sector.

The Program

The course will include professional lectures and visits on the following subjects:

- The role of Research and Extension in sustainable agricultural development
- Developing and delivering extension programs
- Strengthening research-extension-farmer linkages
- Regional research and development stations
- Introduction to the Israeli National Agriculture Extension Service
- Introduction to the Israel National Agricultural Research Organization

Requirements

The course is geared towards professionals involved in agricultural research and/or extension; directors of regional and /or national extension and agricultural training centers and Agricultural research organizations; Research and Development station managers, and professionals from private extension companies. Candidates should hold an academic degree in related disciplines, and have at least two years of professional work experience in related fields.

A full command of English is required.

Application

Application forms and other information may be obtained at the nearest Israeli mission and at Israel's Foreign Ministry's website: <http://mashav.mfa.gov.il> (in Contact Us →Information and Registration). Completed application forms, including the medical form, should be sent to the relevant Israeli mission and to the CINADCO Training Center in Israel, by or before **21th December, 2014**. Fax N^o: +972 9 959 5733 or E-mail: rochale@cinadco.co.il

General Information

Location and Accommodations

The course will be held at CINADCO's International Training Centre at Kibbutz Hotel Shefayim, situated 20 km north of Tel Aviv near the coastal city of Netanya.

Transportation

Participants will be transported from and to Ben Gurion Airport, without charge, by TAL limousine Company, which is located on the mezzanine level at the Arrivals Hall in the Airport. Participants are requested not to take any other transport company.

Clothing

The course will be held in winter, it will be cold and rainy. Temperatures may vary between 10°C and 25°C. It is therefore recommended to bring suitable clothing, comfortable walking shoes for field trips and swimwear.

Insurance

The participants are medically insured by a health insurance policy. This policy does **not** cover the treatment of chronic or serious diseases, dental care, eyeglasses, pregnancy and/or specific medication taken by the participant on a regular basis. Participants are required to bring with them their usual medication. No insurance for personal belongings such as money, video cameras, laptops or jewelry will be provided.

About MASHAV

Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV) was founded in 1958 as part of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is responsible for initiating and implementing Israel's development cooperation program worldwide. MASHAV aims at transferring to developing countries the expertise and technologies that have assisted Israel in its own path to development. Today, Israel cooperates with over 140 countries, providing training in Israel and abroad and operating on-site long term demonstration projects. MASHAV is active in fields ranging from agriculture to medicine and from community development to entrepreneurship. MASHAV website: <http://mashav.mfa.gov.il>

About CINADCO

The Center for International Agricultural Development Cooperation (CINADCO) is a part of Israel's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Since 1958, CINADCO has been in charge of the international agricultural program conducted by MASHAV in Israel and abroad. CINADCO's activities consist of: international, regional and country "tailor-made" courses in Israel, on-the-spot courses, long- and short-term project planning and advisory missions. Israeli experts have also been sent to different locations around the world to conduct projects and to share their expertise in various aspects of agricultural production, extension and project planning. <http://www.cinadco.moag.gov.il/cinadco>

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