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**MASHAV - Israel's Agency for
International Development Cooperation**
with

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

invite professionals
to participate in the

International Course on:

**Building Sustainable Communities:
Leadership, Gender, and the Environment**

December 5th – December 22nd, 2016



About the Course

One of the main outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference was the agreement by Member States to launch a process to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will build upon the Millennium Development Goals and converge with the post 2015 development agenda.

As a member of the 'Global Sustainable Development Criteria' (GSTC) initiative, Israel is committed to the promotion of sustainable communities worldwide.

During this workshop, MASHAV/MCTC will share Israel's best practices and experiences regarding sustainable development and women's empowerment, especially concerning ecological development, community development, and leadership training for women.

Aims

- To understand the holistic approach of sustainable living
- To understand relevant gender equality issues and their relation to environmental management
- To provide tools for environmental sustainability in rural and urban areas through community development and organization
- To become familiar with techniques and methods for environmentally friendly households and communities
- To understand ecological systems including the human component
- To experience and understand the benefits of local resources
- To provide skills and hands-on practices in policy development

Main Subjects

- Interconnectedness of gender equality, citizen participation, and the environment
- Gender mainstreaming
- Environmentally friendly practices
- Community building
- Equal participation of women and men
- Leadership development
- Policy-making for a better future

Application

The international workshop is designed for women and men community leaders, grassroots development officers, national and local government officers, and non-governmental rural development practitioners. Candidates are expected to have academic training or equivalent professional qualifications in relevant subject matter, with at least 5 years of practical experience. They should be presently engaged in promoting sustainable living in their communities.

Application Forms

Application forms and other information may be obtained at the nearest Israeli mission or at MASHAV's website: <http://mashav.mfa.gov.il/MFA/mashav/Courses/Pages/default.aspx>.

Completed application forms, including the medical form, should be sent to the relevant Israeli mission in the respective country no later than **September 12, 2016**.

General Information

Arrival and Departure

Arrival date: 04/12/2016

Opening date: 05/12/2016

Closing date: 22/12/2016

Departure date: 23/12/2016

Participants must arrive at the training center on the arrival date, and leave on the departure date. Early arrivals/late departures if required, must be arranged by the participants themselves, directly with the hotel/center, and must be paid for by the participant him/herself.

Location and Accommodation

MASHAV awards a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship covers the cost of the training program including lectures and field visits, full board accommodation in double rooms (two participants per room), health insurance (see below) and transfers to and from the airport. Airfares and daily allowance are not included in the scholarship.

Health Services

Medical insurance covers medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic or serious diseases, specific medications taken by the participant on a regular basis, dental care and eyeglasses. Health authorities recommend that visitors to Israel make sure they have been inoculated against tetanus in the last ten years. Subject to the full binding policy conditions. Participants are responsible for all other expenses.

The course will be held at **The Golda Meir MASHAV-Carmel International Training Center**, situated at **12 David Pinsky St., Haifa**. Participants will be accommodated at **the center** in double rooms (two participants per room).

About MASHAV

MASHAV – Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation is dedicated to providing developing countries with the best of Israel’s experience in development and planning. As a member of the family of nations, The State of Israel is committed to fulfilling its responsibility to contribute to the fight against poverty and to the global efforts to achieve sustainable development. MASHAV, representing Israel and its people, focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel’s own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives.

MASHAV’s approach is to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, and is taking active part in the international community’s process of shaping the Post-2015 Agenda, to define the new set of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

MASHAV’s activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health, empowerment of women and education. Professional programs are based on a “train the trainers” approach to institutional and human capacity

building, and are conducted both in Israel and abroad. Project development is supported by the seconding of short and long-term experts, as well as on-site interventions. Since its establishment, MASHAV has promoted the centrality of human resource enrichment and institutional capacity building in the development process – an approach which has attained global consensus.

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About MCTC

The Golda Meir MASHAV “Carmel” International Training Center was founded by Golda Meir in Haifa in 1961. MCTC was the first of its kind in the domain of women’s empowerment and since its inception has had a profound influence on both individuals and the policy arena. MCTC endeavors to provide professional women and men from developing countries and transitional societies with the necessary tools for women’s empowerment. It aims to enable women to contribute to the socioeconomic development processes of their communities and consequently advance their status. To this end, MCTC conducts training activities, both in Israel and overseas, to advance women’s participation in public life.

To date, over the 52 years of MCTC’s existence, almost 19,000 women and men from over 150 countries have benefitted from hundreds of training activities. Today, many of them hold key positions at the local or national level, or within the United Nations.

www.mctc.org.il

About UNEP

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), established in 1972, is the voice for the environment within the United Nations system. UNEP acts as a catalyst, advocate, educator and facilitator to promote the wise use and sustainable development of the global environment. UNEP’s mission is "To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations."

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