

**Development Planning short course**

The main purpose of this course : To gain insight into development planning theories and practices by examining case studies on various approaches, actors and methods.

**Overview**

Over the years post the Second World War, the Third World countries have been increasingly under pressure to develop, and purposeful efforts have been made to formulate and realise specific development objectives. Such efforts, which include the formulation and implementation of development plans. Are collectively known as development planning.

This two-week course in development planning is devoted to provide skills and knowledge for development planners, community workers, government personnel in all sectors of mainstream economy. The participants will encounter the most important topics in the literature on planning philosophy and procedures. The value gained from this methodological approach is that one gains background knowledge which can be applied in all spheres of life. The information imparted applies at the macro level or national planning and also is relevant for a particular sector for example health. The same principles can be applied when a community undertakes a modest project, such as building of extra classroom blocks and when the central department of education launches a national adult literacy programme. Our main focus in this course are the rationale and philosophy underlying development planning, and not the results of a development plan or the changes brought about by development in a particular country.

**Learning Outcomes**

* Participants should understand the literature on development planning and how these procedures can be applied at a macro and local level
* Participants should evaluate and demonstrate an understanding of the various actors and planning modes in development planning

## **Programme Structure**

This short course is divided into the following five integrated sections/ modules.

**Section A: Introduction**

We begin by considering why t is necessary to plan for development. Of equal importance the elements and categories of planning are discussed, followed by an outline of development planning in the Third World.

**Section B ; Actors in development planning**

This section is concerned with some of the actors who often play a role in the planning process. We will explore a wide variety of potential actors, ranging from national bodies to communities.

**Section C : Planning Modes**

This module deals with six different planning modes which have caused much controversy in the literature as well as in practice.

**Section D : Spatial and Operational planning levels**

We give special attention to planning activities undertaken at spatial levels within a country . This section further discusses operational sublevels ( project planning, sectoral planning and integrated area planning).

**Section E : Planning Failures and possible solutions**

We conclude our training with section E which deals with general planning problems and contains several suggestions on methods of alleviating and even solving such problems

**Target group**

The course is designed for:

* Development planners, Policy makers
* Project Managers , Program Managers, Country project Directors
* NGO and CBO board members and Field Officers
* Economists in private and public service organisations

**Course Details**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Course One Start Date** | **13 May 2019 – 24 May 2019** |
| **Course Two Date** | **5 August 2019- 16 August 2019** |
| **Course Three Date** | **14 October 2019- 25 October 2019** |
| **Course Four Date** | **9 December- 20 December 2019** |
| **Price Per Person** | **$ 3 250 . This covers, lunch, Teas, Air Port pick and drop, transport to and fro the hotel to the training facility.** |
| **Accommodation** | **Ranges from $55 Per day per delegate for 12days including bed and breakfast** |