



International Workshop on:

Building Sustainable Communities: Leadership, Gender, and the Environment

In cooperation with
United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

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Haifa, Israel

Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation - MASHAV
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

The Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center - MCTC
The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies-AIES
The Arava Center for Sustainable Development-ACSD

Background

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 sustainable communities world-wide.

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.

Program

Through different methods, such as lectures, study visits, practical workshops, sharing of case studies and learning by doing, this Workshop aims to enhance the understanding of civil society leaders of the importance that lies in the interconnectedness between gender equality, citizen participation, and the environment.

The program will include gender mainstreaming,, environment friendly practices ,and community building, with an emphasis on equal participation of women and men and leadership development. An important component of the program will consist of policy making for better implementation of gender and environment related work .



The overriding objective of this Workshop is to strengthen sustainable community development through policy making and capacity building of women and men to promote sustainable forms of living in all aspects of the community, including gender sensitive and participatory processes of decision making, ecological, and environment friendly practices.

Objectives

- ⇒ To understand the holistic approach of sustainable living
- ⇒ To better the understanding of relevant gender equality issues and their relation to environmental management
- ⇒ To spread awareness, provide tools and skills 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 broaden the understanding of ecological systems including the human component
- ⇒ To experience and understand the benefits of local resources
- ⇒ To provide skills and hands on practices in strategies and policies development

Certificate

Upon completion of the Workshop, the graduates will receive a certificate confirming their attendance and active participation in the Workshop.



Team Dynamics
at MCTC



Admission Requirements

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 subjects, with at least 5 years of practical experience. They should be presently engaged in promoting sustainable living in their communities.

Language

The workshop will be carried out in English.
A good command of written and spoken English is essential.

How To Apply?

Application forms can be downloaded from the MCTC website: www.mctc.org.il

Applications should be sent to the nearest Israeli mission serving the applicant's country. They must be submitted no later than 15/08/2015.

Additional copies of the application must be sent by email to Ms. Ronit Rubabshi at MASHAV: ronit.rubabshi@mfa.gov.il and to Ms. Shachar Re'em at MCTC: shachar@mctc.org.il.



Creative Ecology
at Kibbutz Lotan



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ITEMS COVERED BY THE MASHAV SCHOLARSHIP

Studies

Lectures and field visits.

Accommodation

Two people to a room.

Full Board

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, eyeglasses, or the period of pregnancy. The Health Authorities recommend that visitors to Israel make sure they have been inoculated against tetanus in the last ten years.

Miscellaneous

Laundry facilities on the premises.

Social and Cultural Activities

Excursions to historical and religious sites.

Participants are responsible for all other expenses

Travel

International travel fares are the responsibility of the candidate or his/her sponsoring organization. Passports must be valid for the period of the seminar and include an entry visa into Israel.

Booking

The date and flight number of the booking to Israel must be confirmed to assure arrival before the opening of the Workshop on 30/11/2015.

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About MASHAV

Israel's Agency for International Development
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Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is responsible for the implementation of the State of Israel's worldwide development cooperation programmes. Since its inception in 1957, MASHAV has strived to share with the rest of the developing world the know-how and technologies which provided the basis for Israel's own rapid development. MASHAV started as a modest program, focused on grassroots-level human capacity building, at a time when Israel itself was still very much a developing country. It has since blossomed into an extensive program of cooperation throughout the developing world, with the aim of promoting poverty alleviation and sustainable development.



About UNEP

United Nations Environment Program

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."

Gender and Social Safeguards Unit (GSSU)

The UNEP Gender and Social Safeguards Unit (GSSU) was established in 2012 after an extensive review of the existing Gender Program. The overall mandate of the GSSU is to undertake the coordination, monitoring, knowledge management, capacity building and technical support for gender mainstreaming across the organization. In carrying out its mandate the GSSU seeks to inter alia provide visibility of UNEP's work in promoting gender equality within and outside the organization and provide support to integration of gender perspectives into UNEP policy making processes. In addition to facilitate capacity building on gender mainstreaming and generation and sharing of gender related knowledge and its management for all levels of UNEP staff in Divisions, Regional Offices, the UNEP administered MEAS and key stakeholders.

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About ACSD

The Arava Center for Sustainable Development at the Arava Institute

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies is the premier environmental teaching and research program in the Middle East, preparing future Arab and Jewish leaders to cooperatively solve the region's environmental challenges.

Located in the heart of Israel's Arava desert, the Arava Institute is a unique oasis of environmental education, research, and international cooperation.

By disseminating arid land research developed in the southern Arava through multifaceted educational opportunities to developing countries, the Arava Center for Sustainable Development (ACSD) seeks to enable the sustainable development of arid lands beyond the borders of Israel. ACSD was established to facilitate the dissemination of expert knowledge to developing communities facing environmental challenges and appropriate technological needs. The activities of ACSD focus on community participatory implementation of appropriate technologies in the fields of water, alternative energy solutions, agrotechnologies and best agricultural practices.



About MCTC

The Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center

The Mount 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 endeavours 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 socio-economic 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 benefited from hundreds of training activities. Today, many of them hold key positions at the local or national level, or within United Nations.

