

Please apply before 1 February 2009 to be able to meet the deadline of the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP)!

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, June 8 – 26, 2009

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 on a river 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' (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.

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, but case studies used will be based in Central and South Eastern Europe and the Russian Federation.

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 € 3200. This includes administration costs, lecture materials and field trips, but excludes board and lodging and travel expenses. Participants will be accommodated at the Wageningen International Conference Centre (WICC), Wageningen, The Netherlands, on basis of full board and lodging. Prices are available on request.

Fellowships

A limited number of fellowships are available from the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP) for nationals of **certain** countries (**please, find list below**). NFP-candidates must **FIRST** apply to Wageningen International 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 Wageningen International before **1 February 2009**.

More information: www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/Courses, www.nuffic.nl.

Wageningen International 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 International, with funding other than a NFP fellowship, is **7 May 2009**. Early application is recommended.

Please, find this factsheet, the application form, the possibility to enroll online and information about other courses at <http://www.cdic.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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To be eligible for an NFP fellowship, an applicant must be a national of one of the following 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 Suriname
Burundi* Ivory Coast** Tanzania
Cambodia Jordan Thailand
Cape Verde Kenya Uganda***
China (excl. Hong Kong and Macao) Kosovo* Vietnam
Colombia Macedonia Yemen
Costa Rica Mali Sudan
Cuba Moldova Zambia
DR Congo* Mongolia Zimbabwe
Ecuador Mozambique
Egypt Namibia

* These countries will be added to the NFP country list as of 1 January 2009.

** The Netherlands Embassy in Abidjan is closed. For the time being it is therefore not possible for people from Ivory Coast to apply for the NFP

*** The fellowship desk of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Kampala, Uganda will be closed from 4 March to 30 August 2009. In this period the fellowship desk will only deal with selected applicants who were awarded a fellowship.