



# Institute for Capacity Development (ICD)

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## Agriculture Development and Food Security

### Course Objectives

On successful completion of this course participants should be able to:

- Strategies that can be put in place to develop agriculture for development
- Analyze and understand the major characteristics, problems, and development prospects of rural communities in their countries.
- Put into perspective the role of agriculture in reducing rural poverty
- Understand how agriculture can be a vehicle for rural development
- Assist policy is promoting targeted policies on agriculture development
- Discuss the historical development of theoretical approaches to food insecurity
- Identify the main components of food security and the mechanisms that must be in place to ensure equitable and sustainable access to food.
- Describe the political and economic processes by which food insecurity has led to famine
- Recognise the main indicators of food insecurity and describe their use in early warning systems currently being used.
- Identify coping and distress strategies that food insecure people commonly employ to mitigate risk and withstand shocks.

### Target Groups

- Land development Officers
- Extension workers
- Agriculture Economists, Agriculture Experts, Agriculturalists
- Rural development planners and experts
- Policy planners
- Donor Agencies
- Community leaders
- Resource planners

### Course Outline

- General management principles and practices
- Understanding Agricultural Development.
- Food and agricultural systems and the role of agriculture in development.
- Agricultural development theories.
- Household firm models.
- Transforming traditional agriculture: land and labor.
- Technological change.

- Induced innovation.
- Marketing systems.
- Input markets and credit.
- Agricultural policies.
- Farming systems, methods and food shortages
- Foreign aid and food aid
- Measurement methods of food security at national, household and individual level
- Gender, food security and nutrition
- Food quality
- Institutional policies (microfinance, land policy) and safety net policies
- Contract farming, markets and food security
- Sustainability of food production
- Global and regional challenges of food security
- Food Security Information Systems
- Livelihoods status, assessment and analysis
- Assessing livelihoods
- Livelihood indicators
- Assessment methods: Baseline versus Monitoring
- Monitoring changes in food security
- Monitoring and Measurement: Instruments and Tools
- Availability assessment and analysis
- Assessing availability
- Availability indicators
- Nutritional status assessment and analysis
- Nutritional status and food security
- Assessing nutritional status
- Nutritional status indicators
- Vulnerability context
- Household surveys
- Agriculture development and food security
- Database Management
- Action planning

Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Cost: US\$2950

Duration: 2 weeks

Venue: Pretoria, RSA