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Policy Issues and Planning in Agriculture Sector

Course Objectives

On completion of the course, participants should be able to:

- Initiate policies that are critical for agriculture development and poverty reduction
- Analyze and understand the major characteristics, problems, and development prospects of rural communities
- Put into perspective the role of agriculture in reducing rural poverty
- Understand how agriculture can be a vehicle for rural development
- Design a plan for agriculture development
- Assist policy is promoting targeted policies on agriculture development
- examine some of the challenges to be overcome in management of Agriculture

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
- Local authorities leadership

Course Outline

- General management skills and principles
- The Policy Setting
- Policy Issues in Agriculture
- The Policy Process and Government Actors
- Policy and the Structure of Agriculture
- Agriculture and Resource planning
- International Trade and Market Development

- Nutrition, Food Safety, and Food Quality
- Why Agricultural Planning is an Issue
- What Resources are Available for Comprehensive Planning
- Challenges to Agricultural Planning
- Why Plan for Agriculture
- Overview of the Broader Planning Process
- Agriculture In A Comprehensive Planning Process
- Agriculture and Natural Resource Planning
- Agriculture and Economic Development Planning
- Agriculture and Housing Planning
- Agriculture and Transportation Planning
- Agriculture and Land Use
- Gathering Information about Social and Economic Resources
- Broader Farm Economy and Infrastructure Farm Income and Employment
- Agricultural Goals and objectives
- Balancing Growth and Development
- Group Process Approaches: Community Visioning
- Strategies and Policies for Planning for Agriculture
- Managing Development on Agricultural Lands: Regulatory Strategies
- Innovative Agricultural Zoning Concepts
- Land Division and Subdivision Controls
- Protect Agricultural and Natural Resources
- Agricultural Economic Development Policies
- Challenges Of Implementing The Plan
- Action planning

Dates: 04th – 15th June 2012

Duration: 2 Weeks

Course Cost; US\$2950

Venue: Pretoria, RSA