



ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME 2011

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Regional Development in the Euphrates-Tigris Region

In Syria September 25 – October 6, 2011

In Sweden December 5 – 9, 2011

Invitation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and holding a position in home organisation with mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wishes to carry out changes and is willing to invest own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

The training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.

Water for Regional Development. Water is essential for human development. It is essential for society's livelihood support system, and its management is crucial for economic prosperity and poverty alleviation.

Water is also a critical factor for regional cooperation and development. Transcending many boundaries, it is important that benefits generated by water enhance development at local, national and regional levels. With new and growing demands that increasingly strain scarce and variable supplies, water management is becoming increasingly complex. This situation reinforces the importance of dialogue, research and capacity building to better understand how to best manage water for regional development.

This training programme provides advanced learning and a meeting place for professionals involved in water issues in the Euphrates-Tigris region. It aims to build personal and institutional bridges and to discuss scientific options for sharing the benefits generated by sustainable water development in the region. The programme draws on cases of large scale water resources development from different regions and discusses administrative frameworks and novel techniques to enhance the role of water in regional development. The potential effects of future climate change conditions on water resources and development will be presented and discussed.



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Programme Objectives

Programme objectives are three-folded; that participants gain insights into the importance of water for sustainable regional development; learn about the means of implementing this concept; and build personal and institutional bridges across boundaries.

Specific Objectives

- Enhance the participants' understanding of, and ability and skills to apply, the concepts of regional water development in relation to transboundary river systems.
- Influence the participants' home organisation to promote sustainable, regional water development

Contents

The training programme comprises a wide range of scientific, technical and institutional aspects relating to water's role for regional development.

Individual Project

Each participant will as a central part

of the programme undertake an Individual Project. This project shall focus on a process linked to sustainable, regional water management and benefit sharing, in which the participant is involved. The project shall be well established in the participant's home organisation. The Individual Project forms the backbone of the learning process during the training programme. Support to the Individual Project will be provided by the programme facilitation team and by peer interaction with fellow participants via group discussions, e-mail and Internet based forums.

Presentations

- Benefit sharing and sustainable development in a transboundary river context
- The role of water in economic growth and regional development
- National, regional and global water use – agriculture, industry, services, environment
- Professional network for water

based regional development – Euphrates-Tigris Initiative for Cooperation (ETIC)

- Infrastructure and water development
- Processes of dialogue and trust building
- The role of water in development for regional economic development and stability
- Economy of use of the water resources (financial incentives, efficiency and conservation methods, etc.)
- Challenges and opportunities for water investments

Case Studies

- Presentations of relevant cases of sharing the benefits that water generates in international rivers (e.g. the Nile and Mekong rivers)
- Field visit to Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP), Turkey
- Presentation by The Helsinki Commission, HELCOM – a large-scale transboundary process in the Baltic Sea

Basin Exercise

An extensive basin exercise with focus on the linkages between water and development, environmental care and human prosperity. The participants will assume the roles of different stakeholders in the process of regional water development.

Programme Structure

The training programme consists of five compulsory phases (P 1–5) based on the development of the participants' Individual Projects.

Phase 1 – Preparation phase where the participant establishes an informal working group in the home organisation and prepares a short presentation of the issue/process chosen for her/his Individual Project. A start-up workshop is held at the participant's home organisation, attended by a representative of the programme facilitation team.

Phase 2 – Meeting in Syria (Aleppo) with various presentations, field visits, role play, workshops and presentations of participants' Individual Projects. Supporting the development of the Individual Projects is a focal point.

Phase 3 – Intermediate phase where the participants, at their home organisation, are further developing their Individual Projects, in collaboration with their respective working group. Each participant is supported through e-mail contact with the facilitation team and other participants.

Phase 4 – Meeting in Sweden (Stockholm) including continued group and individual work on the Individual Project as well as presentations by Swedish expertise on regional water development.

Phase 5 – Wrap-up phase where the participant finalises her/his Individual Projects. Each participant plans

and conducts a seminar with their working group to share experiences and lessons learned from the training programme and to reflect on future opportunities to further networking and learning on sustainable, regional water development.

Date and Place

The programme commence in August 2011 after the participants have been accepted. The two weeks scheduled meeting in Syria will be conducted on September 25 – October 6, 2011. The one week scheduled meeting in Sweden will be conducted on December 5 – 9, 2011

Management and Staff

Ramboll Natura and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) are overall responsible for the implementation of the training programme. The program is designed in dialogue with the Euphrates-Tigris Initiative for Cooperation (ETIC). Dr Klas Sandström is the Programme Director and Dr Ana Cascao of SIWI is the Co-Director. The meeting in Syria will be implemented in close collaboration with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Aleppo, Syria.

Participation

Applicants should hold an academic degree and have five (5) years professional working experience. The programme is intended for decision makers, planners, specialists or managers from organisations involved in water resources management and sustainable regional development, i.e.

- Relevant Ministries and Government departments;
- International water institutions and regional cooperation bodies;
- Research organisations;
- Non-Governmental Organisations;
- Consultancy firms.

Target countries are Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. Key institutions engaged in water and regional development are encouraged to present several eligible applications, as this builds critical mass-effects of enhanced capacity within the institution. The programme management will specifically approach such key institutions, but applications from other institutions/organisations are also welcome and will be accepted based on their merits.

Applications should be supported by the candidate's home organisation. In order to achieve good gender balance women are encouraged to apply. In case of several applicants from the same institution, at least one should be a woman.

Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme venues.

Language Requirements

The training programme will be conducted in English. Participants shall have proven proficiency of the English language in writing, reading and speaking. An English language-test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability. The Swedish embassies/consulates do not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

The programme organisers might call to check your knowledge of English.

Communication

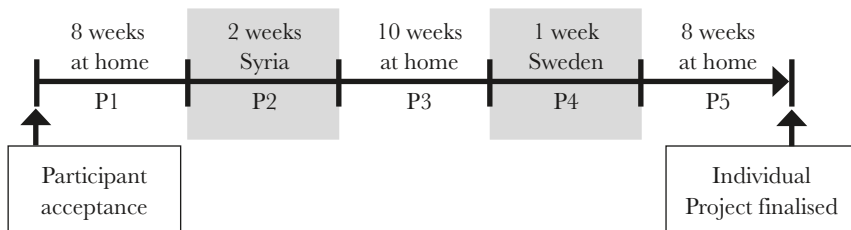
As most communication with the programme secretariat will be made by e-mail, it is important that the applicant has a well functioning e-mail address in regular use.

Application Process

**Closing date for application is
May 1, 2011**

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

The application should be written on the special form attached (or found at www.rambollnatura.se) and



include a recent photograph and required information and documents.

Please be informed that in some countries the application should be approved by an official nominating authority of the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate. A copy by e-mail or fax to the Programme Secretariat is recommended.

Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or fax within 2 months after the last date of application. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent out, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

Cost of Participation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover all participation costs such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and certain social activities as well as all board and lodging during the meetings in Syria and Sweden.

Furthermore, Sida pays for international travel costs in connection to the meeting in Sweden and Ramboll Natura will make all these travel arrangements.

However, international travel costs to and from the meeting

in Syria are not covered by Sida.

The participants shall find funding and make their own travel arrangements from their home country to Aleppo, Syria.

The participant also carries all costs incurred in traveling to the nearest international airport, both for Syria and Sweden, as well as all costs for visas and any local airport taxes and departure fees. Personal expenses are each participant's responsibility as well.

Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is arranged by Ramboll Natura for the full duration of both scheduled meetings (Syria and Sweden).

Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journeys and stays during the training programme. Three countries will be visited as part of the programme activities; Syria, Turkey and Sweden. The visa should be valid for the whole meeting period and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Inquiries on Swedish visas should be directed to respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate, alternatively other Schengen representation. Participants visiting other

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countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement. All costs for visas (for both Syria and Sweden) are carried by the participant including any travel in relation to obtaining the visas.

Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance during the scheduled meetings in Syria and Sweden. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental checkups are not included.

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Ramboll Natura AB is an international consulting firm in the field of sustainable development, with focus on environment and natural resources management, including forest, land and water. Ramboll Natura is part of the Ramboll Group, the largest Nordic provider of knowledge service within the field of engineering, management, IT and international development projects. The Ramboll group employs around 8,000 people. Ramboll Natura also offers training programmes in IWRM and Education for Sustainable Development.

The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to find solutions to the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI advocates future-oriented, knowledge-integrated water views in decision making, nationally

and internationally, that lead to sustainable use of the world's water resources and sustainable development of societies. SIWI organises the World Water Week in Stockholm, administers the UNDP Water Governance Facility and the Swedish Water House, and works in a number of international water projects, above all within the policy development and capacity building areas.

The Euphrates-Tigris Initiative for Cooperation (ETIC) is an autonomous organization founded in 2005 by scholars from Iraq, Syria, Turkey and the USA. Its principal aim is to enhance dialogue, cooperation and understanding among the people of the Euphrates Tigris Region. ETIC is dedicated to the improvement of the living conditions of the people in rural and urban areas in the Euphrates Tigris Region. ETIC promotes

collaborative activities and knowledge development among the riparian countries using scientific means, capacity building, advocacy, research and education.

The International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), established in 1977, is one of the 15 centers strategically located all over the world and supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). With its main research station and offices based in Aleppo, Syria, ICARDA works through a network of partnerships with national, regional and international institutions, universities, non-governmental organisations and ministries in the developing world; and with advanced research institutes in industrialized countries.