

The Course

Teaching is based at the University's Telford Campus but includes study trips. The Course includes input from cutting edge practitioners from key think-tanks, international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), consultancy organisations and government. Applied and based on real world situations, learning will be active and experiential, based on case studies and structured facilitated group exercises, designed to be of direct relevance to participants' working lives. The full Course is six weeks long but individuals can select the weeks and modules they want to attend. In addition other bespoke needs for groups [such as media outreach] can be built into the Course programme with prior notification.

Participants

The Course is particularly suited for participants from: civil society, the private sector, natural resource ministries, trade and finance ministries, and development agencies from, or working with, low or middle income countries. Potential candidates should be actively engaged in the forest sector and issues at a managerial or decision-making level; have at least a first degree; and have a high competency in the English or French language. Internet access would be useful for pre and post-course communication. The July programme will enable participants to return home with a tangible training package and project plan for implementation and impact.

Costs

Full six-week programme fee (including all materials, study tour costs, translation and administration).

UK £6,175

Single week bookings (per week).

UK £1,100

Accommodation, subsistence and international travel are not included in the Course fee but we recommend the following amounts be earmarked by sponsoring agencies.

Accommodation and subsistence (£400/week) **UK £2,400**

Flights, travel and visas

UK £2,500

If required CIDT can manage these non-fee elements on behalf of sponsors.

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Improving Forest Governance Course

for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Six week programme, 4 June -13 July 2012

Telford Campus, University of Wolverhampton, UK
Centre for International Development and Training



For people working in the forestry and natural resource sector, the rapidly moving management situation can be complex and difficult to keep pace with.

Different approaches have been developed over recent years to improve forest governance. These include Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT), Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) processes and timber certification. There is also increasing recognition that improvement of forest governance should underpin initiatives such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) funding and Payment for Environmental Services (PES). The Course looks at how these approaches fit together and examines their impact on different parts of the forest sector.

The Course will analyse reasons for poor forest governance and look at the use of multi-stakeholder processes and enterprise development as tools to improve the situation. It aims to give you understanding and skills to analyse and improve forest governance processes so that you are better equipped to design and implement forest management delivery mechanisms, including REDD and Climate Change mitigation.



Context

The policy aims and objectives, processes and practicalities of forestry have changed greatly over the last decade. There is a need to understand the changing agenda of international forest and natural resource management in terms of climate change, wood-energy production and sustainable economic production. There are also technical skills and knowledge challenges associated with creating evidence bases: demonstrating legal and sustainable management; securing and certifying supply chains; and measuring carbon sequestration.

Improving forest governance, by involving a range of stakeholders to hold authorities to account and to report corruption, intimidation and criminality in the forest industry, lies at the heart of these developments.

The six-week programme will specifically address:

June:

Module 1: Forest Governance Issues

- Illegal logging, corruption and criminality in the forest sector.
- Exploring the drivers of poor forest governance.
- Actions being taken to confront illegal logging and trade in illegal forest products.
- Overview and update of the VPA processes.
- Multi Stakeholder Processes.
- Rights based approaches.
- Institutional reform.
- Decentralisation – community based management.
- Legality of formal and informal forest trade.

Includes attendance of the Illegal Logging Update Meeting, at Chatham House, London: an oversight of progress from a range of countries. (Date to be confirmed). NB: travel and accommodation for this event are included and arranged as part of Course fee.

- VPA negotiation update.
- Private sector update.
- EU and US legislation updates.
- REDD update.
- Research updates.
- Networking with international forest governance specialists.

Module 2: Planning and Communication Skills

- Communication analysis and strategy.
- Participatory planning tools – stakeholder, problem and risk analysis.
- Advocacy and negotiation skills.
- Influencing skills.
- Using the media for lobbying and advocacy.
- Presentation skills.
- Tutorial support, formally assessed presentations and action plans.

Module 3: Forestry Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- Understanding and responding to climate change.
- The role of forests in mitigating climate change.
- Carbon financing, forestry carbon markets and REDD+.
- REDD: safeguards and governance issues.
- Sustainable forest management with climate change.
- Biodiversity and livelihood development challenges.

Module 4: Forest Economic Considerations

- Forest economics - GDP and economic value of forests.
- Forestry valuation and ecosystem services – modern approaches to forest economics.
- Forest ecosystem valuations - understanding the links and relationships between forest ecosystem valuation and forest governance.
- International timber trade flows.

Module 5: Developing Trade Incentives

- Value chain system.
- Independent verification and certification.
- Chain of custody documentation and control.
- Timber Legality Assurance Systems.
- Certification - legality and sustainability.
- Timber as a carbon neutral building material.
- Corporate Social Responsibility - consumer demand, private sector response.

July:

Module 6: Training of Trainers

- Training needs assessment and target groups.
- Setting training aims and objectives.
- Training methods.
- Use of visual aids and real material.
- Practice of presentation and training skills.
- Assessment and evaluation.

Module 7: Programme Cycle Management

- Situation and needs analysis.
- Stakeholder analysis.
- Setting objectives.
- Identifying and mitigating risks.
- Setting indicators for monitoring.
- Review and evaluation.
- Setting budgets and work plans.