

ICRA's Capacity Strengthening Programmes

Introduction

ICRA offers highly diverse professional training and coaching programmes to promote interactive learning in support of innovation systems that contribute to a fairer and better world.

To improve efficiency and accessibility, ICRA's programmes are increasingly run in the South and combine tailor-made capacity strengthening activities in the South with high-leverage visits and training sessions in Europe. In doing so, ICRA is engaged now in designing, facilitating and coaching on-the-job participatory learning processes, in collaboration with its partners and through a growing network of Alumni.

Courses

1. Integrated Agricultural Research for Development in support of rural innovation (IAR4D)

Course for young to mid-career professionals of rural and agricultural research and development organisations.

This programme involves a period of team-based field work. Course duration: 3.5 months. The course is offered both in English and in French.

http://www.icra-edu.org/page.cfm?pageid=ardEPr

2. Facilitation of interactive learning by multi-stakeholder groups (DM-IAL)

Course for professional staff of extension and rural advisory services, involved in linking relevant rural and agricultural stakeholders in joint learning and action-research programmes.

Course duration: 3 weeks The course is offered both in English and in French. http://www.icra-edu.org/page.cfm?pageid=ardIL

3. Design and management of interactive learning, action research and outreach in higher education (IAL-HE)

Course for lecturers and researchers of higher education institutes, to strengthen linkages with rural communities and agricultural stakeholders and develop education, training and research programmes that respond to labour market requirements and address urgent rural development challenges.

Course duration: 3 weeks

The course is offered both in English and in French. http://www.icra-edu.org/page.cfm?pageid=ardIL

4. Promoting leadership and organisational change in support of ARD and rural innovation (LEAD)

Course for senior managers from agricultural stakeholder, higher education, research & development organisations to exchange experiences and discuss new opportunities to strengthen knowledge management and organisational learning in support of rural innovation.

Course duration: 5 days

The course is offered both in English and in French. http://www.icra-edu.org/page.cfm?pageid=ardOrgChange

5. Facilitation of agribusiness cluster formation and value chain development (AB-DEV)

Course for mid-career professionals (future coaches) of agricultural advisory and business support services involved in facilitating interactive learning in the competitive playing fields of agribusiness. Course duration: 5 days - more, depending on clients requirements The course is offered both in English and in French.

http://www.icra-edu.org/page.cfm?pageid=ardsharingAgribusVC

Coaching and facilitation

1. ARD learning partnerships

For partnerships that engage agricultural stakeholder, research, education & training, development professionals and organisations, and enable collective action, inter-organisational collaboration and evidence-based advocacy.

2. Innovation clusters

For learning networks involving multiple actors in joint learning and action, addressing concrete innovation challenges in agribusiness or natural resource management at local, regional and value chain levels.

3. Facilitation of multi-stakeholder meetings/workshops

For team-building, reflection and documentation, strategy and planning, advocacy.



Tailor-made

The design of all ICRA's courses is such that they can be tailored to the needs of target groups.

Tailor-made training is possible in English, French and Spanish.



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