e-Course on Advanced Research Methods

Type:	e-learning course
Date:	June 29, 2015 – July 24, 2015
Duration of event:	4 Weeks
Location:	web-based
Programme area:	Research methods for Social Sciences
Fee:	200 USD
Website:	elearning.ossrea.net
Event focal point email:	rmt@ossrea.net

Learning Objectives

The objectives of the Advanced Research Methods Trainings are to enable trainees to: a) articulate research problems and develop research proposals as well as theoretical and conceptual framework; b) understand and use qualitative and quantitative research methods in collecting and analyze data, and c) improve their skill of writing scholarly papers. This training will be organised as advanced collaborative process at which participants are exposed to various qualitative and quantitative methods including the use of SPSS and are expected to present research proposals and get comments from participants and facilitators. The major topics to be covered include: Introduction to Research Methodology & Research Design; Qualitative research and analysis; Quantitative methods and analysis as well as application of SPSS. The training operates on a modular basis over a four weeks period, with delivery based on a block release. Successful trainees will be awarded the well recognized certificate of accomplishment from OSSREA Secretariat.

Content and Structure

The course is structured around four modules

1. Research Design
2. Qualitative Research Methods
3. Quantitative Research Methods

4. Application of SPSS

Methodology

The course is self-paced and it is facilitated by well know professors in the region and the Diaspora, and it is divided into 4 modules provided to help you reach the overall learning objectives. The modules are consecutive and you have to follow the order to complete the course; in addition all four modules must be passed to receive a certificate of completion. Each module contains an interactive lesson and a quiz.

The interactive lessons are provided with the purpose of achieving the specific learning objectives per module, and contain pages of lessons supported by case studies, videos, external links and exercises. A glossary of terms is also provided. You have to complete the quizzes at the end of each lesson to move to the next lesson. The quizzes assess the achievement of the learning objectives for each lesson. Each quiz can be attempted a maximum of three times. Once the quizzes are passed with at least 70% each, the learner has successfully completed the e-course and a certificate of completion signed by the course facilitators and the Executive Director of OSSREA will be directly mailed to the physical address you supplied during registration.

Participants will be requested to provide feedback on the course by filling a feedback form which can be accessed from the e-learning system.

Target Audience

The course should be of particular interest to the following audiences:

- PhD candidates
- Faculty and researchers of Universities
- Researchers of parliaments, NGOs, government organs
- Other interested parties

Registration and Payment

Send your CV and an application letter to rmt@ossrea.net and after screening for eligibility you will be communicated with the required payment information. If you need a support letter for sponsorship from your institution or other bodies you can contact us using the same email address and we will provide you the letter.