



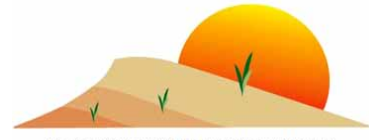
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**1<sup>st</sup> International Consultative Training Workshop on  
“Participatory Management of Natural Resources in Arid and  
Semi-arid Lands”**

**9 - 23 December 2011, Tehran, Birjand, Yazd & Isfahan-I. R. of Iran**

**Organized by**

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Watershed Management Organization, Ministry of Jihad Agriculture  
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## Introduction

Today, degradation of drylands is one of the most serious problems on natural resource management around the world. Almost all drylands are at risk of land degradation mainly because of climatic changes, increasing human population, over exploitation of land and water resources and poverty. In addition, almost half of the populations around the world who are below the poverty line are living in drylands. Hence, more than anywhere else, people living in drylands are dependent on ecosystem services. Rural Communities as one of the important and valuable guardians of sustainable management of natural resources are dramatically suffering from this phenomenon. Development scientists and environmentalist are therefore paying special attention to this issue and relative challenges to combat this tragedy.

Close relation and communication, common interests and values of people both outside and inside rural communities proofs the importance of *participatory management*. Therefore, cooperation among local people is essential and vital factor in effectiveness of infrastructure programmes particularly in the field of natural resources rehabilitation. The various experiences have proved that top level management approaches in natural resources which relied on local community participation, have positively affected to restrain environment destruction while strengthened rural livelihood. Such cooperation and interaction between local/rural communities and decision makers requires expanded collaboration.

The Carbon Sequestration Project at the Forest, Range and Watershed Management Organization and the United Nations Development Programme in the Islamic Republic of Iran are honored to share their experiences, lessons learned and achievements on participatory management of natural resources. The Project in collaboration with the Iranian Scientific Association of Desert Management and Control and with technical and academic support from the Natural Resources Faculty of Tehran University is holding the first international consultative training workshop in both theory and practical forms on “Participatory Management of Natural Resources in Arid and Semi-arid Lands” from 9th to 23 December 2011 in Tehran and Birjand.

## Objectives

The main objectives of the course are:

- Introducing the Islamic Republic of Iran's experiences on participatory management of natural resources in arid and semi-arid lands with emphasis on Carbon Sequestration Project achievements;
- Reviewing the role of native knowledge on natural resources participatory management;
- Introducing success stories and projects on participatory management in arid and semi-arid lands;
- The circumstances of combining native knowledge with modern technology on natural resources participatory management;
- Sharing and exchange of information and experiences with other countries on natural resources participatory management in arid and semi-arid lands;
- Establishment of Community of Practice (COP) among members of countries.

## Training Course Topics

The course will cover the following topics:

- Geomorphology of drylands in Iran in term of wind erosion;
- Methodology for emplacement of hot points of wind erosion in Iran;
- Methodology for elaboration of "Drylands National Management Programme in Iran;
- Executive activities of participatory management of natural resources in drylands of Iran:
  - a. Participatory range management especially in arid and semi-arid lands of Iran;
  - b. Participatory watershed management especially in arid and semi-arid lands of Iran;
  - c. Surface water resources management (runoff management) in arid and semi-arid lands of Iran;
- Role and responsibilities of local communities in sustainable management of natural resources (Model of CSP).

## Venue and Date

Duration of the course will be 15 days from 9 to 23 December 2011. This course includes 4 days theoretical training, which will be held at the Natural Resources Faculty of Tehran University in Karaj (Tehran Province) that follows with 9 days practical courses at the fields of projects in Birjand city of South Khorasan Province, Isfahan and Yazd Provinces.

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## Language

The language of the training course is both English and Persian with simultaneous translation.

## Countries & Level of Participants

Following countries and participants are encouraged to attend this consultative training workshop:

- Representatives from countries with arid and semi-arid climate located in the Middle east, North Africa, Central Asia and Far East

- Experts, senior experts and managers involved in natural resources and environment management in arid and semi-arid lands, range management, watershed management, forestry, desertification and rural development;
- Experts, senior experts and managers who are dealing/supporting the international projects associated by agencies such as GEF, UNDP, FAO, IDB, WB, etc.; and
- Members of NGOs related with participatory management of natural resources in arid and semi-arid lands.

## **Registration**

Registration will begin from 15 August to 11 September 2011.

Interested participants shall submit an updated CV along with a completed Visa Application Form (attached), as well as any success story, presentation, or short report on similar projects/activities from the respective country to [info@isadmc.ir](mailto:info@isadmc.ir) by 11 September 2011. Twelve (12) eligible participants will be selected by a Technical Committee and be notified within 10 days from closing date (21 September 2011) in order to enable participants to make preparation for their travel to Iran.

Participants shall have health and accident insurance coverage.

## **Costs and Logistical Arrangements**

### **1. Costs**

- Accommodations, meals, domestic transportation will be arranged and costs will be borne by the Iranian workshop Organizers.
- International air-ticket from/to participants' countries shall be arranged and paid by participants or the sponsor of participants.

### **2. Workshop Locations**

- Natural Resources Faculty of Tehran University, Chamran Blvd, Corner of Pardis, Karaj
- Carbon Sequestration Project sites: Sarbishe, Hossein Abad, Nazdasht villages, Birjand
- Yazd- Ardakan project sites in Yazf
- Segzy and Jarghouyeh Project sites in Isfahan
- Aran and Bidgol project sites in Isfahan

### 3. Travel

- Visa Arrangements:
  - The Bureau of International Affairs of FRWO will apply for entry visa for the participants. Participants are required to collect their visas from Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in their home countries prior to arrival in Iran. To facilitate participants' arrival, an invitation letter will be submitted to the participants by the Ministry of Jihad Agriculture.
- Flight Reconfirmations:
  - Onward ticket reconfirmation should be done at least 72 hours prior to departure. Support Staff at the ISADMC Office can assist you to reconfirm onward tickets.
  - If you are making changes in your travel plans (flight schedule, upgrading, etc.), please let Support Staff at the ISADMC Office know ASAP. They need at least 3 working days to effect the change.
  - If you plan to stay in Iran after the course for official reasons, please have your travel authorization amended by the requesting office.
- Hotel:
  - Pardis Hotel in Karaj
  - Tourism Hotel in Birjand
  - Isfahan Hotel
  - Yazd Hotel
- Transportation from Airport to Hotel
  - Participants shall submit their finalized travel itineraries to the Organizer at [info@isadmc.ir](mailto:info@isadmc.ir) in order to arrange transportation from Tehran International Airport (IKA) to the Hotel in Karaj. However, in case a traveller missed the arrangement, Airport Taxis at IKA are available to take participant(s) to the Pardis Hotel in Karaj, Chamran Blvd. Corner of Natural Resources Faculty of Tehran University.
- Security:
  - Please do not leave valuables in your hotel rooms and use the hotel safe.

### Certification of Attendance

At the end of the Course, participants will be awarded a certificate attesting their participation in the Course.

**Thank you. Enjoy your stay in Iran**

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### **PASSPORT SPECIFICATION FOR VISA**

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Name	
Middle Name	
Family Name	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Father s Name	
Grandfather s Name (Arab Nationals/ Arab Origin)	
Present Nationality	
Previous Nationality	
Passport No	
Date & Place of Issue	
Expiry Date	
Name of Organization/ Institute you work in	
Occupation	
Place visa to be issued	
Duration of stay in Iran	
Cities you may visit in Iran	
Date of your last travel to Iran and its purpose	
Your Office Address and Tel No	
Home Address and Tel No	

## **Draft PROGRAMME OF THE COURSE**

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<b>Friday 9 December 2011: Arrival to Iran</b>
19:30 – 20:00: Welcome & Icebreaker Tehran University, Faculty of Natural Resources
20:00 – 21:30: Dinner Paradise Hotel in Karaj

<b>Saturday 10 December 2011: Day1 Theoretical Class</b>
09:00 – 10:30 Registration
10:30 – 11:30 Theoretic session
11:30 – 13:00 Lunch & prayer
13:00 – 14:30 Group discussion on the subject of the Session
14:30 – 15:00 Break
15:00 – 16:30 Presentation/success stories of 3 countries

<b>Sunday 11 December 2011: Day2 Theoretical Class</b>
08:00 – 09:30 Summary of first day discussions by one of the participants
09:30 – 10:00 Break
10:00 – 11:30 Theoretic session (cont.)
11:30 – 13:00 Lunch & prayer
13:00 – 14:30 Theoretic session (cont.)
14:30 – 15:00 Break
15:00 – 16:30 Presentation/success stories of 3 countries

<b>Monday 12 December 2011: Day3 Theoretical Class</b>
08:00 – 09:30 Summary of day-2 discussions by one of the participants
09:30 – 10:00 Break
10:00 – 11:30 Theoretic session (cont.)
11:30 – 13:00 Lunch & prayer
13:00 – 14:30 Group discussion and theoretic session (cont.)
14:30 – 15:00 Break
15:00 – 16:30 Presentation/success stories of 3 countries

<b>Tuesday 13 December 2011: Day4 Theoretical Class</b>	
08:00 – 09:30	Summary of day-3 discussions by one of the participants
09:30 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 11:30	Theoretic session (cont.)
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch & prayer
13:00 – 14:30	Group discussion and theoretic session (cont.)
14:30 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	Presentation/success stories of 3 countries
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap-up of the theoretical sessions and evaluation

<b>Wednesday 14 December 2011: Day5 Travel for Provincial Visits and Field Surveys</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air travel to Birjand</li> <li>• Check-in at Tourism Hotel in Birjand</li> <li>• Power-point Introductory of the CSP</li> <li>• Establishment of a Community of Practice</li> </ul>	

<b>Thursday 15 December 2011: Day6</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the CSP Demonstration Site in Sarbishe and other project's sites</li> </ul>	

<b>Friday 16 December 2011: Day7</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on work plans and programme of the Community of Practice</li> <li>• Collection of views, comments and observations of the participants on Carbon Sequestration Project</li> </ul>	

<b>Tuesday 17 December 2011: Day11</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land travel to YAZD</li> <li>• Check-in at the Hotel</li> <li>• Visiting heritage sites in Yazd</li> </ul>	

<b>Wednesday 18 December 2011: Day12</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting projects sites and activities in Ardakan city</li> <li>• Group discussion on Yazd projects</li> </ul>	

<b>Thursday 19 December 2011: Day13</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting the Aran and Bidgol activities on the way back to Tehran</li> <li>• Arrive in Tehran</li> </ul>	

**Saturday 20 December 2011: Day8**

- Land travel to Isfahan
- Check-in at Hotel

**Sunday 21December 2011: Day9**

- Visiting the Segzy and Jarghouyeh projects in Isfahan

**Monday 22 December 2011: Day10**

- Visiting heritage sites in Isfahan
- Group discussions on Segzy and Jarghouyeh projects in Isfahan
- Wrap-up

**Friday 23 December 2011: Day14**

- Wrap-up of the 14day workshop
- Closing Ceremony and Awarding certificates of the Training Course
- Evaluation of the workshop by participants
- Departure from Iran