

USAID Agriculture Core Course

December 12-16, 2011 Washington DC

Hosted by the USAID Bureau for Food Security

Training Location: 1777 F Street, NW Washington DC 20036

Course Goal:

To provide agriculture officers and other employees managing agriculture and food security programs with an understanding of current policies, technical approaches, and best practices for increasing rural incomes and reducing hunger through agriculture and food security programs.

Course Objectives:

1. Understand the role of agriculture in economic growth and food security.
2. Recognize the value of integrating other sectors into agriculture and food security for improved program impact.
3. Understand technical approaches and best practices to increase incomes and reduce hunger through agriculture.
4. Strengthen our agriculture community of practice.

Directions: 1777 F Street, NW is located one block west of the White House. The closest metro stations are Farragut North and Farragut West. From Farragut North use the 17 & K exit and walk south 5 blocks down 17th Street, take a right on F Street, our building is at the end of that block on the right. From Farragut West use the 17th and I exit. Walk 3 south 3 blocks down 17th street, take a right on F Street, our building is at the end of the block on the right.

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DAY 1 December 12th: Overview and Setting the Context

8:30 am	1.1 Welcome & Opening Remarks Dawn Thomas, USAID John Thomas, USAID
8:45 am	1.2 Introductions & Logistics Ed Salt, Facilitator
9:30 am	1.3 Global Agriculture Context & Food Security Shenggen Fan, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
10:30am	Break
10:45 am	1.4 Agriculture at USAID & the FTF Initiative Paul Weisenfeld, USAID Rob Bertram, USAID Beth Dunford, USAID
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	1.5 Lessons Learned from 50 Years of Agriculture: Millions Fed Sivan Yosef, IFPRI
2:15 pm	1.6 Agriculture: A Holistic Approach Steve Haggblade, MSU
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	1.7 Integrating Gender into Agriculture Sylvia Cabus, USAID Carla Koppell, USAID
4:30 pm	1.8 Wrap up, Synthesis, & Course Photo

DAY 2 December 13: Making Ag Led Growth More Inclusive & Resilient

8:30 am	2.1 Getting Started Ed Salt, Facilitator
9:00 am	2.2 Linking Nutrition & Agriculture Roshelle Payes, USAID Maura Mack, USAID Pascasie Adedze, USAID
10:30	Break
10:45	2.3 Integrating Climate Change & NRM into Agriculture Katharine Batten, USAID Moffatt Ngugi, USAID Jennifer Frankel-Reed, USAID
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	2.4 Making Ag-led Growth More Inclusive & Resilient Lena Heron, USAID Anicca Jansen, USAID
2:00 pm	2.5 Simulation Activity “Game of Life in the Village” Lena Heron, USAID Anicca Jansen, USAID
3:30pm	2.6 Experiences in Integration Holly Ferrette, USAID Lisa Gaylord, USAID
4:30 pm	2.7 Wrap up & Synthesis Ed Salt, Facilitator

DAY 3 December 14th: From Ag Enabling Environment to Value Chains

8:30 am	3.1 Getting Started Ed Salt, Facilitator
9:00 am	3.2 Understanding the Agriculture Enabling Environment Wade Channell, USAID
10:00 am	3.3 Investments in Agriculture Infrastructure Kathy Farley, MCC
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	3.4 Rural & Agriculture Finance Lawrence Camp, USAID
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	3.5 Markets Mark Huisenga, USAID Jim Yazman, USAID John Bowman, USAID
2:15 pm	Break
2:30pm	3.6 Working Through Value Chains Ruth Campbell, ACDI/VOCA
4:30 pm	3.7 Wrap Up and Synthesis

DAY 4 December 15th: Ag Productivity and Extension

8:30 am	4.1 Getting Started Ed Salt, Facilitator
9:00 am	4.2 Investments in Public Goods to Support Ag Led Development John Mellor, John Mellor Associates, Inc.
10:00 am	4.3 Systems Approach to Sustainable Intensification Jerry Glover, USAID
10:30am	Break
10:45 am	4.4 Sustainable Intensification Panel John McMurdy, USAID Chris Kosnik, USAID Barbara Best, USAID
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	4.5 Knowledge Gaps in Research Jerry Glover, USAID Panel - Anthony Cavalieri, IFPRI Jim Yazman, USAID Alan DeBraw, IFPRI
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	4.6 Innovative Extension Systems Burt E. Swanson, University of Illinois (Video) Andrea Bohn, University of Illinois (Remote)
4:00 pm	4.7 Learning and Adapting Zachary Baquet, USAID
4:45 pm	4.8 Wrap up & Synthesis

DAY 5 December 16th: Case Study Activity & Synthesis

8:30 am	5.1 Getting Started Ed Salt, Facilitator
9:00 am	5.2 Provide Framework and Set the Context John Thomas, USAID
9:15am	5.2 (cont) Group Work to Define Information Needs
10:00am	5.3 Data Collection Through Interviews of Key Resources Roshelle Payes, USAID Tim Mahoney, USAID Lane Pollack, USAID Albert Yeboah, USAID Sylvia Cabus, USAID
10:45am	Break
11:00am	5.4 Data Debrief in Groups Ed Salt, Facilitator
12:15	Lunch
1:00pm	5.5 Group Work: Development of Proposed Agricultural Program & Activities
2:15pm	5.6 Group Report Outs & Discussion John Thomas, USAID Ed Salt, Facilitator Charlie Uphaus, USAID
3:15pm	Break
3:30pm	5.7 Learning Application Planning Zachary Baquet, USAID Ed Salt, Facilitator
4:30pm	5.8 Synthesis & Closing Ed Salt, Facilitator