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

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<td><strong>1.2 Introductions &amp; Logistics</strong></td>
<td>Ed Salt, Facilitator</td>
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<td>Shenggen Fan, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</td>
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<td>Sivan Yosef, IFPRI</td>
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<td><strong>1.6 Agriculture: A Holistic Approach</strong></td>
<td>Steve Haggblade, MSU</td>
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<td><strong>1.7 Integrating Gender into Agriculture</strong></td>
<td>Sylvia Cabus, USAID</td>
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## DAY 2 December 13: Making Ag Led Growth More Inclusive & Resilient

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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

2:30 pm  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