

“Role of Civil Society in Aid Effectiveness”

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Are you working in a civil society organisation (CSO), you could consider the participation in a 3 weeks course provided by Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) The course will be held in Copenhagen between 28 November and 16 December, 2011.

WHY A COURSE IN AID EFFECTIVENESS?

Managing and leading a civil society organisation (CSO) or NGO is becoming increasingly complex. Knowledge, skills and strategies are necessary to achieve results, to enhance their impact and to remain effective in the work they do.

The content of the course address the specific challenges facing the civil society organisations. The context for civil society, the representation of the poor and marginalised in relation to public policies for poverty eradication, the fight for improved representative and participatory democracy, are crucial features, which civil society leaders and senior staff in many developing countries with Danish development cooperation must address.

This course provides tools and methods for how to address major challenges that are facing civil society organisations, including the aid effectiveness agenda (Paris Declaration, Accra Agenda for Action and conference in Busan in November 2011), which implies new roles of civil society in development processes. The communication technologies also present challenges and new opportunities for civil society.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The course's learning objective is that the participants have gained knowledge of the role and potential of civil society in relation to the aid effectiveness framework and Danida's Civil

Society Strategy, and have acquired essential tools for NGO management, organisational development and capacity building.

The learning process will ensure experience sharing and synergies of the cross-cultural interaction among participants from different continents, and between participants and representatives of Danish organisations and institutions met during the course.

The course provides you with core knowledge, practical skills and tools to effectively manage and lead a nonprofit organization.

TARGET GROUP FOR THE COURSE

The course will be targeting managers at different levels from CSOs/NGOs in countries cooperating with Danish embassies and/or Danish NGOs. Participants should have at least 3-5 years of experience. 20 persons will be selected for the course, representing a certain degree of geographical and sector-wise diversity.

HOW IS THE COURSE CONDUCTED?

The course will be conducted at a venue in Copenhagen providing a conducive environment for adult learning.

The participants' own experiences as well as the presentation of international experiences and good practices will be utilized during the course. To ensure that the outcome of the course is relevant to the individual participant and the home organisation, the course will make extensive use of action-learning and participatory training methods. This will be done with applying dynamic interactive learning methods.

WHAT IS THE COURSE CONTENT?

The course will consist of the following four modules:

Module 1. Civil society in context (democracy, aid effectiveness, roles of civil society, etc.) (4-5 days)

- Civil society in democratic societies – own countries & Denmark
- New roles and relations for civil society in a globalised world
- Response and strategies of civil society vis-à-vis the new international aid architecture
- The aid effectiveness agenda from Monterey, Paris, Accra to Busan - adapted to civil society organizations.

Module 2. NGO management tools (5-6 days)

- Basic principles and tools for NGO management
- Brief overview: Organisational development, capacity development and change management
- Results-based management and participatory approaches
- Human rights, gender equality and diversity management, CSR, accountability and anti-corruption
- Partnerships and alliances
- Lobbying and advocacy/visibility and branding.

Module 3. Skills training, exposure and visits (2-3 days)

- Use of internet and new social media
- Exposure trips in Denmark.

Module 4. Action planning (2-3 days)

- Use of internet and new social media
- Exposure trips in Denmark, including visits to Danish NGOs
- Elaboration of an Action Plan for your home organisation.

HOW IS THE COURSE FUNDED?

The course is co-funded by the Danida supported Fellowship Programme. Programmes/projects/NGOs are charged DKK 2,500 per participant per study week. The funding needed for this course is DKK 7,500 per participant (approx. 1,350 USD). The fee is all inclusive covering study fees, return air-ticket, accommodation, personal allowances, insurances etc.

WHAT IS DANIDA FELLOWSHIP CENTRE?

Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) manages and implements the Danida supported Fellowship Programme, which supplies training in support of capacity development in Danida's programmes and projects worldwide.

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COURSE MANAGEMENT AND TEACHERS

DFC has contracted two Danish companies, MVH Consult and INKA Consult (www.inkaconsult.dk), to manage the training course together with external experts.

The two course leaders are:

Marianne Victor Hansen is working as an independent consultant and has carried out many assignments related to civil society organisations for Danida and other agencies. For more than two decades, she has worked for various Danish NGOs on partnerships, capacity development, organisational development, education, advocacy, management and methods, (i.e. Appreciative Inquiry). She is experienced in programme-based approaches and aid effectiveness.

Hans Peter Dejgaard is specialised in capacity development, e.g. organisational development, strategic planning and change management in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He has been extensively involved in Danish NGO work and has served as adviser to a large global advocacy with networks in Africa, Asia and Latin America, addressing issues of sustainable development and climate change. He is experienced in programme-based approaches and aid effectiveness.

APPLICATION

The application deadline on the Danish Embassy is **12 of September 2011**.

Application forms for the course can be found at www.dfcentre.com and www.cso-course.dk and should be submitted to DFC via the Danish Embassy in your country.

For questions related to the application and the procedures, please contact the Danish Embassy in your country or DFC. If no Danish Embassy in your country, please contact DFC via email at dfc@dfcentre.dk.

CONTACT DETAILS

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You are welcome to find more information by following this link:
www.cso-course.dk