Training Course on Policy and Governance of Agricultural Water Resources

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Agriculture	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Training Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamentals of agricultural water governance.
2. Analyze policy frameworks for water resource management in agriculture.
3. Assess the institutional roles and responsibilities in water governance systems.
4. Design stakeholder engagement strategies for inclusive water policy development.
5. Examine the impact of climate change on agricultural water policies.
6. Apply integrated water resources management (IWRM) principles in agriculture.
7. Evaluate public-private partnerships (PPPs) in water infrastructure.
8. Explore legal and regulatory instruments for water rights and access.
9. Implement gender-sensitive approaches in water governance.
10. Monitor and evaluate policy outcomes and governance performance.
11. Integrate technology and innovation in water governance strategies.
12. Learn from case studies and international best practices in water governance.
13. Promote sustainable water use in agricultural production systems.

Target Audiences

1. Agricultural policy makers
2. Water resource managers
3. Irrigation project officers
4. Environmental planners
5. Extension officers and agronomists
6. NGO staff in rural development
7. Researchers and academia
8. Donor and development partners

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Agricultural Water Governance

- Definition and scope
- Key concepts in water governance
- Global trends and challenges
- The nexus of agriculture, water, and policy
- Stakeholder mapping
- **Case Study: FAO Framework on Water Governance**

Module 2: Policy Frameworks and Legal Instruments

- Agricultural water policy structures
- Legal frameworks and customary laws
- Water allocation and entitlements
- Institutional harmonization
- Rights-based approaches

- **Case Study: Kenya’s Water Act 2016**

Module 3: Institutions and Coordination Mechanisms

- Role of national institutions
- Basin authorities and local councils
- Inter-agency collaboration
- Institutional capacity building
- Conflict resolution mechanisms
- **Case Study: India’s Participatory Irrigation Management**

Module 4: Water Rights and Equity

- Defining water rights
- Legal pluralism and governance
- Equity in water access
- Dispute resolution
- Policy gaps and reforms
- **Case Study: Peru’s Water User Associations**

Module 5: Climate Change and Water Policy

- Climate change projections
- Impact on water availability
- Adaptive policy design
- Climate-resilient water infrastructure
- Risk management
- **Case Study: Ethiopia’s Climate Resilience Strategy**

Module 6: Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

- Principles and pillars of IWRM
- Planning and implementation steps
- Coordination with land-use policies
- River basin management
- Monitoring tools
- **Case Study: Southern Africa IWRM Program**

Module 7: Gender and Social Inclusion

- Gender roles in water management
- Barriers to women’s participation
- Inclusive governance tools
- Gender-responsive budgeting
- Social accountability
- **Case Study: Tanzania's Gender Water Alliances**

Module 8: Irrigation Governance and Efficiency

- Governance of large vs. small-scale irrigation
- Efficiency metrics and indicators
- Community-managed irrigation
- Technology for irrigation control
- Maintenance and financing
- **Case Study: Egypt’s Irrigation Improvement Project**

Module 9: Water Pricing and Financing Models

- Water pricing strategies
- Cost recovery mechanisms
- Tariff structures
- Public vs. private finance
- Investment risk mitigation
- **Case Study: PPP Model in Morocco’s Irrigation Sector**

Module 10: Technology and Innovation in Water Governance

- Smart irrigation systems
- GIS and remote sensing
- Blockchain for transparency
- Data management systems
- Innovation hubs
- **Case Study: Israel’s Agricultural Water Technology**

Module 11: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

- M&E frameworks
- Indicators for governance performance
- Data collection and analysis
- Feedback loops
- Adaptive learning
- **Case Study: Results-based Monitoring in Rwanda**

Module 12: Water Governance and Food Security

- Water-food nexus
- Impact of policy on food production
- Sustainable practices
- Access and distribution
- Integration of food security targets
- **Case Study: Sahel Region Water and Food Policies**

Module 13: Conflict Management and Water Diplomacy

- Water as a source of conflict
- Mediation strategies
- Transboundary water negotiations
- Regional cooperation frameworks
- Peacebuilding through governance
- **Case Study: Nile Basin Initiative**

Module 14: Decentralized Governance Approaches

- Role of local governments
- Community-based governance
- Decentralization pros and cons
- Capacity building at grassroots
- Resource mobilization
- **Case Study: Bolivia's Municipal Water Committees**

Module 15: Future Directions in Agricultural Water Policy

- Emerging trends
- Global frameworks (e.g., SDGs)

- Policy innovation
- Scaling successful models
- International cooperation
- **Case Study: EU Water Framework Directive**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and peer-to-peer learning
- Case study analysis and problem-solving simulations
- Field experiences and virtual tours
- Policy development exercises and role-plays

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$2,000
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$12,000
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$9,000
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$12,000
16 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$12,000

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