

Fully Funded Opportunity: Refresher Course in Tanzania 4 - 15 September 2017

*The role of the Local Government Planner ensuring
Local Economic Development towards Food Security*

Call for applications (deadline **31 May 2017**)



Date	4 – 15 September 2017
Location	IRDP Dodoma, Tanzania
Coordinating organisations	International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (ISS) (www.iss.nl) Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) (http://www.irdp.ac.tz/)
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Learning objectives

The two-week [EP-Nuffic](#) funded refresher course will work with participants whose work addresses food security, agriculture, energy, infrastructure and financial services in East Africa. It is particularly relevant for local government planners. It will support participants in developing integrated approaches to deal with the complexity of local economic development (LED) in these specific areas. In turn, this increased knowledge and skills will contribute to the capacity development of participants' organisations.

The course aims to update planners' knowledge on LED in order to change planning practice; scrutinise all elements of LED towards food security; enable participants to understand and disentangle the complex environment to stimulate LED; identify gaps in the theory to address current and future challenges, and consequently identify research areas in reference to such challenges. Further, the course will address the different impacts of policy and practice on women and men.

Participants are asked to bring to the course real case examples from their work. These will be used in peer group discussions to promote participants' solid understanding of how to put theory into practice. This will constitute the basis for participants to develop concrete, individual home action plans for future work.

Background

The refresher course is based on the recently revised second edition of the well-known *Planners' Handbook*, published by IRDP. From the late 1980s onwards, the first edition of the handbook formed a major source of inspiration for development planners and managers in Tanzania and East African countries in general. Contemporary development planning in Tanzania relies on planners, and a revised edition was deemed indispensable by IRDP in order to take into account the current and emerging planning issues as well as the shift in planning paradigms. The Handbook is arranged as a practical guide to update practicing planners and managers. The update focuses on three main aspects: (i) concepts; (ii) approaches and procedures; and (iii) relevant methods and techniques. Over the course of 11 days, the refresher course will address selected chapters and case studies from the Handbook. The central training method of the course is the interactive application of new planning concepts and food security is the designated central field of application of the new planning concepts, leaving room for cross-linkages with other fields such as agriculture, private sector development and the energy sector.



IRDP, Dodoma

Focus on development practice and interactive learning

Course sessions are organised around information collection in real-life settings in rural and urban Dodoma (fieldwork) on days 5 and 6. This set up enables participants to operationalise concepts, approaches, procedures and techniques for development practice and - vice versa - to obtain feedback from development practice with respect to their applicability and appropriateness. Course members are engaged through interactive learning in the following sessions:

- Planning priorities in Tanzania: past and present
- Food security: continuity of issues and new concepts and directions
- Implications for the local planner

- Understanding planning: planning concepts, theories and models.
- Historical perspectives of development planning in Tanzania.
- Planning systems in Tanzania and the new emphasis on food security
- Planner's identity: roles, tasks, competences and ethics
- Societal actors in development planning
- National development policies, including food security policies
- Macro-economic policies and budgeting processes: focus on food security
- Local economic development
- Identification of Dodoma's economic base
- Macro-economic policies and budgeting processes: the impact on the local economy
- Planning at local government level
- Local economic development and food security: the case of Dodoma
- Territorial livelihoods and food security
- Financing investments for local economic development

On Thursday 14 September an Alumni Conference will be held alongside the launch of the new edition of the *Planners' Handbook*, attended by some of the authors and editors, with the support of the Netherlands Ambassador and the Tanzanian Minister of Local Government. Alumni will interactively contribute to the conference.

Eligibility criteria

You are an **eligible candidate** for the refresher course if you meet the following criteria:

- you are an alumnus of a Dutch educational institute and hold an MA or Diploma in Development Studies or a comparable discipline, and if your work addresses food security, agriculture, energy, infrastructure and financial services. Local government planners in particular are eligible;
- you received an NFP, MSP or NICHE/NPT scholarship and completed the training or education course **at least** two years prior to the starting date of the refresher course (thus, those who were self-paying students or those with a scholarship from any other donor are not eligible);
- you are a national of, **AND** are also working and living in Tanzania, particularly, or otherwise in Kenya or Uganda;
- you are a professional with at least three years' work experience, employed in any of the fields that are the focus of the refresher course, and/or can demonstrate the relevance of the refresher course for your own capacity development, as an individual professional, as well as that of your organisation;
- you are in a position to introduce the newly acquired skills and knowledge into your organisation;
- you are available for the entire duration of the course.

Please note, **even if you meet the above criteria you are not eligible if:**

- you participated in any other Nuffic-NFP refresher course in the years 2015/2016 or 2016/2017;
- you are employed by, or have a contract with, any of the following:

- a large industrial, commercial, international or multinational organisation (e.g. Shell, Unilever, Microsoft. However, please note that employees of national level NGOs and universities **are eligible**).
- a bilateral or multilateral donor organisation (e.g. USAID, DFID, Danida, Sida, Dutch ministry of Foreign affairs, SwissAid, a UN organisation, the World Bank, the IMF, African Development Bank);
- an international NGO (e.g. Oxfam, Plan, Care).

The refresher course is available for 20 participants. Women are encouraged to apply.

Indemnity

Board and lodging will be provided. Travel costs will be refunded to a maximum equivalent of 150 Euro on the provision of accounting documents.

Application and selection procedure

Applicants are invited to apply before **31 May 2017**. In order to apply, you need to complete the application form and upload the following documents:

- an application letter (between 200 and 400 words) stating the expected benefits of the course for your personal career and for your organisation;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a letter from your employer endorsing your participation in the refresher course, confirming your availability for its duration, and stating how the course will aid you in your role and in the organisation's capacity development (max. 300 words).

Applications must be submitted **online via the following link**:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/71002515171340>

Please note that submission of an application endorses your agreement to the following terms:

- You will bring four real case examples from your work to the course;
- You will be available for the entire course and participate vigorously in the course's discussions, assignment, interactive sessions and fieldwork;
- You will prepare a concrete, individual action plan for future work during the course;
- You will be available (via an online communication platform) 6 months after the refresher course (15 March and 1 April 2018) to reflect on the impact of this action plan on your work and how this work can be strengthened further.

ISS and IRDP will take joint responsibility for the selection of participants. Selection will take place on the basis of the eligibility criteria, the relevance of the course for the current positions and career prospects of the applicants, and the value of the course for their organisations. Successful candidates will be notified by **23 June 2017**.