



AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE (ARMTI) ILORIN
TRAINING OF TRAINERS
ON
EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SWEETPOTATO



Background

As part of its goal to train senior extension personnel on the latest development in sweetpotato production and utilization in West, East, Central and South Africa, ARMTI, in the last three years, has jointly organized a course titled "Everything you ever wanted to know about sweetpotato" with the International Potato Centre (CIP) and Helen Keller International (HKI) in the just concluded "Reaching Agents of Change Project". ARMTI is announcing the 2015 run of the gender-sensitive training of trainers (ToT) course: "Everything you ever wanted to know about sweetpotato." The course aims at increasing investment in the orange-fleshed sweetpotato (OFSP) to combat vitamin A deficiency among children and women of reproductive age.

ARMTI also seeks to build the capacity of public sector Extension and Non-Governmental Organizational personnel to effectively implement initiatives aimed at promoting the dissemination and appropriate use of Vitamin A-rich OFSP in the sweetpotato value chain.

Course Objective

The overall objective of this training is to build the capacity of national implementing agencies in the region to drive uptake of, and increase investment in OFSP and the sweetpotato value chain.

Course Content/Modules

- Origin & importance of Sweetpotato.
- Sweetpotato varietal selection and characteristics.
- Orange fleshed sweetpotato and nutrition.
- Sweetpotato seed systems.
- Sweetpotato production and management.
- Sweetpotato pest and disease management.
- Harvesting and post harvest management.
- Marketing and value addition.

- Processing and utilization.
- Gender and diversity aspects.

Target Audience

The course is targeted at relevant practitioners in the West Africa sub-region including:

- Senior Public Health Officers;
- Agric Extension Officers;
- Team Leaders from NGOs;
- Researchers;
- Leaders of farmer organizations;
- Personnel from training & education institutes; and
- Managers of Agribusiness & other professionals.

Training methodology

The training will be based on adult learning methodology combining lectures, case studies, discovery-based/experiential learning approaches, practical hands-on exercises, site visits, group work and plenary discussions. Participants will need to be active and involved as they bring different knowledge and experiences to the course. Participants will be expected to attend all courses, group work, discussions and hands-on exercises for the full length of the course. They will also be expected to develop their post-course action plans. The language of instruction will be English.

Course Registration

Maximum of 30 participants will be admitted to maintain conducive learning environment. Nominations for the course are to reach ARMTI, Ilorin on or before 16th February, 2015.

Certification

Participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Certificate of Participation

Venue

Agricultural & Rural Management Training Institute, Km 18 Ilorin – Ajase-Ipo Highway, Ilorin, Kwara State.

Duration/Date

10-day intensive training between March 16 – 27, 2015

Course Fee

- i. International Participants - \$1,250 (To cover for accommodation and meals including tea/coffee & snacks; bag, training materials, learning-by-doing exercises and field trips).
- ii. Local Participants – N100,000 (To cover for working lunch, tea/coffee & snacks, bag, training materials, learning-by-doing exercises and field trips). Local Participants will pay for their campus accommodation, breakfast and dinner.

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