

PARTICIPATORY METHODOLOGIES IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MANAGEMENT (ARM 241)

PREMISE: Participatory approach in agricultural extension services delivery has long been recognized by all stake-holders in the country's agricultural system. The actors involved in the process - farmers, extension staff, researchers and input providers - have unique roles to play and tasks to perform. However, there is need to harmonize these roles and tasks through participatory planning and decision making processes. ARMTI's observation shows that participatory skills and tools required by different actors in the field are still inadequate, hence the need to mount this training programme.

OBJECTIVES: The workshop is designed to equip agricultural extension officers, input providers, planners and research scientists with techniques to ensure active participation of all stakeholders in agricultural programmes. At the end of the workshop, participants should be able to:

- ◆ apply participatory methodologies in identifying technology needs of farm families;
- ◆ involve all stakeholders in agricultural technology development process; and
- ◆ apply acquired skills to facilitate learning and action among grassroots community members.

CONTENT:

- ◆ Overview of Research Extension Farmer Input Linkage System (REFILS).
- ◆ Concept of participation in development process.
- ◆ Participatory extension management techniques and tools.
- ◆ Stakeholders' analysis for extension programme.
- ◆ Facilitation skills for extension activities.
- ◆ Participatory farmers' group formation and management.
- ◆ Gender consideration in participatory extension programming.
- ◆ Participatory methodologies in technology development process.
- ◆ Participatory monitoring and evaluation of extension services.

TRAINING METHODS: Lecturettes, brainstorming, group discussions, exercises, role plays, case studies and study visit.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Facilitators, Extension and Development Officers in Fadama, CBARDP, NPFS, CSDP, Planners, Input providers and Research Scientists in both public and private sector organizations, including the NGOs, CBOs, Community Development Units of NDDC and Oil and Gas Companies.

DURATION: One week

DATE: September 25 – 29, 2017

VENUE: Ilorin

CHARGES: ₦34,650.00 (including VAT)