

MANAGEMENT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR FACILITATORS OF ARD PROGRAMMES (ARM 343)

PREMISE: On-going Agriculture and Rural Development Programmes have emphasized the use of community-driven approach to development. These programmes have engaged the services of facilitators in formulating and implementing local development plans using participatory approaches. ARMTI's interactions with the participating states in the on-going programmes revealed that many of the facilitators do not have the required knowledge and skills to facilitate the process effectively.

OBJECTIVES: This course is designed to strengthen the capacity of the facilitators to effectively carry out their expected roles. At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- ◆ describe and link community-driven development approach to agricultural and rural development;
- ◆ apply participatory skills to their situation;
- ◆ facilitate the preparation and use of local development plan at the grassroots; and
- ◆ manage conflicts among natural resources users effectively.

CONTENT:

- ◆ Concept and Principles of Community Driven Development
- ◆ Grassroots facilitation skills.
- ◆ Social Inclusion in Agricultural and Rural Development Projects.
- ◆ Development plan preparation at the local level.
- ◆ Project operation and maintenance management.
- ◆ Management of community project funds.
- ◆ Gender consideration in facilitation skills.
- ◆ Participatory monitoring and evaluation.
- ◆ Community-based procurement and contract management.
- ◆ Environmental impact assessment of project activities.
- ◆ Conflict management among users of natural resources.

TRAINING METHODS: Lecturettes, brainstorming, group discussions, case studies and practical exercises.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Project facilitators, management committee members of CDA in IFAD-CASP, Fadama III AF, CSDP, VCDP, community development officers, supervisors and heads of agriculture department in local government councils, facilitators of NGOs/CBOs and coordinators of public and private-sector organizations involved in grassroots development.

DURATION: One week.

DATE: July 10 – 14, 2017

VENUE: Ilorin

CHARGES: ₦33,000.00 (including VAT)