



**MASHAV - Israel's Agency for  
International Development Cooperation**

with

United Nations Environment Programme

and

United Nations Human Settlements Programme

(UN Habitat)

invite professionals

to participate in the

**International Course on:**

***Building Sustainable Communities:  
Leadership, Gender, and the  
Environment***



***November 18-30, 2018***

***Haifa, Israel***

## About the Course

### Background

One of the main outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference was the agreement by Member States to launch a process to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will build upon the Millennium Development Goals and converge with the post 2015 development agenda. As a member of the 'Global Sustainable Development Criteria' (GSTC) initiative, Israel is committed to the promotion of sustainable communities worldwide. MASHAV through its affiliate, the MCTC, together with the Gender Units of UN Environment and UNHABITAT facilitates the sharing of Israel, the United Nations and participants' countries best practices and experiences regarding sustainable development and women's empowerment, especially concerning environmental development, community development, and leadership development.

### Aims

Through an interactive learning approach, including sharing and analysis of case studies, study visits and discussions, this Course aims:

- To better the understanding of holistic approaches for sustainable living
- To strengthen leadership capacity of women and youth as leaders of sustainable development
- To analyze gender equality issues and their relation to environmental management
- To provide tools for environmental sustainability in rural and urban areas through community development
- To better the understanding of ecological systems including environmental sustainability in urban and rural areas and the human component
- To provide skills and hands-on practices in community mobilization and project planning

### Main Subjects

- Interconnectedness of gender equality, community building, and the environment
- Gender mainstreaming in development
- The linkage between gender and the environment
- Leadership and citizens participation
- Urban governance and smart cities
- Sustainability and social aspects in urban planning
- Policies and models of green building, use of local resources and renewable energies

## Application

### Application requirements

The international workshop is designed for women and men community leaders, grassroots development officers, national and local government officers, non-governmental development practitioners, and women's organizations. Candidates are expected to have academic training or equivalent professional qualifications in relevant subject matter, with at least 5 years of practical experience. They should be presently engaged in promoting sustainable living in their communities. Good command of English is required.

### Application Forms

Application forms and other information may be obtained at the nearest Israeli mission or at MASHAV's website:

<http://mashav.mfa.gov.il/MFA/mashav/Courses/Pages/default.aspx>.

Completed application forms, including the medical form, should be sent to the relevant Israeli mission in the respective country no later than **18 August 2018**. A copy of the application form should be sent to Ms. Katerina Rudenko at MCTC [Katerina@mctc.org.il](mailto:Katerina@mctc.org.il) and Ms. Sara Rofeh at MASHAV [Sara.Rofeh@mfa.gov.il](mailto:Sara.Rofeh@mfa.gov.il).

## General Information

### Arrival and Departure

Arrival date: 18/11/2018

Opening date: 19/11/2018

Closing date: 29/11/2018

Departure date: 30/11/2018

Participants must arrive at the training center on the arrival date, and leave on the departure date. Early arrivals/late departures if required, must be arranged by the participants themselves, directly with the center, and must be paid for by the participant him/herself.

### Location and Accommodation

MASHAV awards a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship covers the cost of the training program including lectures and field visits, full board accommodation in double rooms (two participants per room), health insurance (see below) and transfers to and from the airport. Airfares and daily allowance are not included in the scholarship.

**The course will be held in Haifa. Participants will be accommodated in double rooms (two participants per room).**

### **Health Services**

Medical insurance covers medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic or serious diseases, specific medications taken by the participant on a regular basis, dental care and eyeglasses. Health authorities recommend that visitors to Israel make sure they have been inoculated against tetanus in the last ten years. Subject to the full binding policy conditions. Participants are responsible for all other expenses.

## **Organizations**

### **About MASHAV**

MASHAV – Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation is dedicated to providing developing countries with the best of Israel’s experience in development and planning. As a member of the family of nations, The State of Israel is committed to fulfilling its responsibility to contribute to the fight against poverty and to the global efforts to achieve sustainable development. MASHAV, representing Israel and its people, focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel's own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives. MASHAV’s approach is to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, and is taking active part in the international community’s process of shaping the Post-2015 Agenda, to define the new set of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). MASHAV’s activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health, empowerment of women and education. Professional programs are based on a “train the trainers” approach to institutional and human capacity building, and are conducted both in Israel and abroad. Project development is supported by the seconding of short and long-term experts, as well as on-site interventions. Since its establishment, MASHAV has promoted the centrality of human resource enrichment and institutional capacity building in the development process – an approach which has attained global consensus.[www.mashav.mfa.gov.il](http://www.mashav.mfa.gov.il) [www.facebook.com/MASHAVisrael](https://www.facebook.com/MASHAVisrael)

### **About MCTC**

The Golda Meir MASHAV “Carmel” International Training Center was founded by Golda Meir in Haifa in 1961. MCTC was the first of its kind in the domain of women’s empowerment and since its inception has had a profound influence on both individuals and the policy arena. MCTC endeavors to provide professional women and men from developing countries and transitional societies with the necessary tools for women’s empowerment. It aims to enable women to contribute to the socioeconomic development processes of their communities and consequently advance their status. To this end, MCTC conducts training activities, both in Israel and overseas, to advance women’s participation in public life. To date, over the 52 years of MCTC’s existence, almost 19,000 women and men from over 150 countries have benefitted from hundreds of training activities. Today, many of them hold key positions at the local or national level, or within the United Nations. [www.mctc.org.il](http://www.mctc.org.il)

### **About UN Environment**

The United Nations Environment, established in 1972, is the voice for the environment within the United Nations system. UN Environment acts as a catalyst, advocate, educator and facilitator to promote the wise use and sustainable development of the global environment. UN Environment’s mission is "To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations." [www.unep.org](http://www.unep.org)

### **About UNHABITAT**

UN-Habitat is the United Nations program working towards a better urban future. Its mission is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all.

In October 2016, at the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – Habitat III – member states signed the New Urban Agenda. This is an action-oriented document which sets global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities. Through drawing together cooperation with committed partners, relevant stakeholders, and urban actors, including at all levels of government as well as the private sector, UN-Habitat is applying its technical expertise, normative work and capacity development to implement the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goal 11 – to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. [www.unhabitat.org](http://www.unhabitat.org)

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