

Enhancing natural resources and livelihoods globally through community-based resource management

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Community-Based Resource Management (CBRM) builds on the wisdom, social resiliency and cultural integrity of local communities in the way they make a living from the land, the water and the air that surrounds them. At this time of widespread ecological degradation and depletion of natural resources, it is imperative to assemble some of the leading CBRM practitioners to describe successes, develop even more effective strategies and strengthen global co-operation. To this end, the Centre for Community-Based Management, a joint initiative of the Coady International Institute and the Extension Department at St. Francis Xavier University, will bring together CBRM practitioners from around the globe in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada for a Learning and Innovations Institute. Discussions will focus on:

- successes and challenges of communities managing their own resources;
- emerging CBRM models;
- communities learning from and sharing with each other and effectively participating in global networks; and,
- communities furthering CBRM not only as a strategy for economically and environmentally sustainable resource management, but also as a strategy for achieving positive social change.

The Learning and Innovations Institute, November 6th – 9th, is designed to coincide with the delivery of a three-week certificate in CBRM offered by the Coady International Institute. Beginning on November 11th, the certificate program will give participants an opportunity to continue their examination of CBRM principles, elements and tools to be applied in their local contexts.

The 3-day forum will attract experienced CBRM practitioners and academics from both the North and the South, including First Nations participants. It will also be open to Coady staff and students, the Extension Department, other interested faculty, and members of the public. Individuals enrolled in the Certificate Program in CBRM will be required to participate in the Institute.

Participants will leave the Institute with new insights into their successes and challenges. They will teach, learn and inspire others. Collectively, participants will reflect upon and anticipate macro level changes in the global community that affect the practice of CBRM locally, and develop strategies to be proactive rather than reactive in the face of these changes. Participants will also analyze their role and that of their organization in using CBRM as a force for positive change. Finally, participants will begin to plan actions that collaboratively broaden the impact of CBRM best practices toward protecting the world's natural resources, ensuring their sustainable use by people and communities dependent upon them for their livelihood.

The Agenda

The agenda of the Institute will be divided into the following four stages which directly reflect the objectives of the Institute.

1. Critically reflecting upon CBRM experiences and sharing best practices.

2. Articulating emerging and macro-level challenges to CBRM.
3. Identifying initiatives to develop CBRM as a discipline and as a force for change.
4. Action planning to broaden the impact of CBRM best practices through collaborative efforts.

Participants

The Institute participants will be CBRM practitioners and thinkers representing a variety of organizations including communities, NGOs and research institutions. The participants, through their fieldwork, will be knowledgeable of best practices in CBRM and, through their own networks, will have the ability to engage communities in the action plan(s) developed during the Institute in their home countries.

Registration

\$150 Canadian or \$100 US.

The registration fee does not include meals or accommodations.

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