

St. Francis Xavier University

Coady International Institute

Certificate in Community-Based Resource Management

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This new three-week Certificate Program is designed to provide community leaders and senior level management professionals with an opportunity to analyze, experience and apply innovative community-based approaches to natural resource management.

Community-based management arises from a worldwide movement of people and organizations seeking to regain control over their social and economic lives. It adheres to practices that advance the well-being of communities through the equitable distribution of resources, an ecosystem approach to management, respect for and use of local knowledge, and democratic decision-making and governance. Today the work of these people and organizations provides hope for the emergence of a new kind of globalization from below, one that links communities around the world engaged in promoting participatory resource management, sustainable economies and ecological integrity.

This innovative program includes an overview of the principles and practices of community-based management as it applies to resources such as fisheries, forestry, coastal habitats and watersheds. Participants will also examine specific case studies demonstrating the achievements of community-based management, the obstacles to its further development, and steps that need to be taken in the future. Throughout the program, participants will be encouraged to view community-based management in the context of their own situation and its implications for their work.

Eligible candidates should have some experience in participatory and community-based approaches to natural resource management, or have a realistic opportunity to apply this approach to their work situation. Individuals who do not work in the field of natural resource management, but can demonstrate the relevancy of community-based management to their own context, will also be considered for acceptance to the program.

The Coady International Institute, located on the historic campus of St. Francis Xavier University, offers certificate participants access to state-of-the-art facilities. Distinguished for its commitment to social justice, StFX consistently ranks among Canada's leading universities in an annual national survey. The university campus is nestled in the heart of Eastern Canada's scenic coastal town of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

CONTENT

The program will provide a fundamental framework for an understanding of community-based resource management and its methods in terms of:

- Guiding principles and requirements
- Participatory approaches to community-based education and research
- Relationship between community and ecosystem

- Balancing economic and ecological imperatives
- Capacity-building and institutional development
- Governance, policy development and the legal framework
- International linkages and globalization
- Role of peoples' organizations and NGOs
- Issues related to using community-based resource management approaches

TEACHING TEAM

The Coady's teaching staff is comprised of professional development practitioners and educators collectively possessing over 120 years of overseas and Canadian field experience. Staff members specialize in such areas as: participatory development; capacity building of people's organizations; globalization; community economic analysis; gender; environment and development; conflict resolution; and community-based resource management.

FEES

All program costs are quoted in Canadian dollars and subject to revision. Partial bursaries are available through the Coady Institute and are awarded on an as-needed basis.

Tuition: \$ 2,000

Room & Board: \$ 1,000

Total: \$ 3,000

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- *Mid- to senior level position in an intermediary or non-government organization, community-based organization, government department or equivalent*
- *At least five years of experience in community-based development*
- *A good working knowledge of English*
- *A university degree is preferred*

METHODOLOGY

In keeping with the Coady International Institute's participatory approach, this innovative program will be learner-centered. The workshop format will be highly interactive with discussions, presentations and case studies drawn from both the North and the South. There will also be written assignments and a field trip to a local example of community-based resource management.

OBJECTIVES

As a result of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Develop a critical understanding of community-based management principles and techniques
- Assess the potential effectiveness of community-based management to strengthen the capacity of communities to take control of the development process
- Acquire skills in identifying effective democratic, transparent, participatory processes for organizing community-based groups at the local level
- Experience first-hand through interaction with others the application of participatory, community-based approaches to the management of natural resources
- Link globally with other organizations practicing community-based resource management for ongoing knowledge sharing and action

COADY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE...

Education, Innovation and Action

Established by St. Francis Xavier University in 1959, the Coady International Institute is world-renowned as a centre of excellence in community-based development. The Institute was named in honour of Rev. Dr. Moses Coady, a prominent founder of the Antigonish Movement—a people's movement for economic and social justice that began in Nova Scotia during the 1920s.

Over the past 40 years, almost 4,000 development organization leaders from over 120 countries have taken part in the Institute's campus—based programs—including the staff of international organizations such as Terre des Hommes, Save the Children, the Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI), Plan International, CARE, Catholic Relief Services, Red Cross, and YWCA. Community leaders have also attended from such internationally recognized indigenous organizations as the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions, the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in India, the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, SEPAS in Colombia, CEOSS in Egypt, the Green Earth Organization in Ghana and Silveira House in Zimbabwe. An additional 22,000 individuals have participated in educational programs through the Coady Institute's extensive overseas partnerships.

HOW TO APPLY

Completed application forms should be received by mid-May to be considered for the program.

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