



USAID Short Course Announcement

TREASURE, TURF AND TURMOIL:

THE DIRTY DYNAMICS OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONFLICT

Dates: June 13-15, 2011

Venue: TBD, Accra, Ghana

Conflict over land and other natural resources (and the revenues/benefits they generate) can fuel social, political and economic instability and severely undermine development efforts. Resource-based conflicts are expected to intensify in the coming years as the impacts of climate change, population growth, and environmental degradation combine with increasing global pressures on land for commercial, food security and carbon trading purposes. At the same time, environmental governance can offer a critical entry point to fostering collaborative processes and promoting stability.

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Participant Comment on Previous Course

"Good intro to LTPR and conflict issues in the NRM context. Helpful for me since I come from the NRM background but need to consider other issues."

Often resource-based conflicts are labeled as too "political" or "intractable" to tackle through development programming. However, there are a variety of cross-sectoral and integrated tools and resources available to help USAID managers identify, address and respond to these types of conflicts and to also take advantage of opportunities in the land and natural resource sector to prevent conflict and build peace.

USAID/Washington is pleased to announce the USAID Short Course titled *Treasure, Turf and Turmoil: The Dirty Dynamics of Land and Natural Resource Conflict*, scheduled for June 13-15, 2011. This 3-day training module will focus on the intersection of land tenure/property rights (LTPR), conflict, and environment and natural resource management (ENRM). The module builds on courses from each domain. It is designed to support USAID staff conceptualizing and managing activities or encountering issues related to competition and conflict surrounding land and natural resources. The course has three main objectives:

Participant Comment on Previous Course

"I'm glad I had the opportunity to take this course. I wish I had taken it 15 years ago."

1. Identify critical connections among NRM/Biodiversity, LTPR and conflict.
2. Use key USAID tools and resources for integrated programming in complex scenarios.
3. Apply concepts to design and manage integrated strategies and programs.

This course is being offered on June 13-15, following the ENRM Applications Course (offered the week of June 6, 2011) in the same location. Please register through USAID's Learning Management System (LMS). Registration will close on May 31, 2011. For questions on how to use LMS or any other course queries, feel free to contact the course coordinators.

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