



USAID Short Course Announcement

Best Practices for Land Tenure and Natural Resource Governance in Latin America

Dates: June 13-17, 2011 in Quito, Ecuador

USAID/Washington is pleased to announce the USAID *Short Course on Best Practices for Land Tenure and Natural Resource Governance in Latin America* scheduled for June 13-17, 2011 in Quito, Ecuador. The course will host approximately 35 decision makers and USG foreign assistance practitioners interested in strengthening their knowledge and skills in applying land tenure and property rights (LTPR) in their economic, governance and natural resource (biodiversity) portfolios. The course will provide participants with the opportunity to:

1. Exchange experiences, deepen discussion and strengthen understanding of land tenure and property rights issues, and their application to government and USAID programming;
2. Learn land tenure and property rights approaches, best practices and tools aimed at improving programmatic interventions on critical issues in the region related to natural resources, agriculture and economic growth, and governance and conflict;
3. Develop a country action plan that can be used to guide government and donor investments.

The course will host approximately 35 decision makers from Latin America to share best practices in land and natural resource management and rights.

The target audience is government policy makers and USG foreign assistance practitioners who address issues of land/natural resources and property rights in their work. The course will be conducted in Spanish.

Illustrative evaluation comments by participants of past land training courses:

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

"It was a success at every level"

"It has been very useful for me and my delegation"

Focused on land and resource governance issues, the course aims to introduce LTPR concepts, approaches and tools aimed at improving programmatic interventions in economic growth, governance and natural resource management. Likewise, the course will teach participants tools to address land tenure and property rights issues and how to use land tenure and property rights interventions to strengthen economic, governance and natural resource management objectives. The course also includes cross-cutting foci on women's rights and indigenous rights.

This inter-active training course will be delivered through lectures by regional and international experts combined with participatory activities including a multi-round land markets simulation and development of country action plans.

USAID officials should register through USAID's Learning Management System (LMS). Registration will close on May 31, 2011. To register host-country government participants, please email Roberto Prado below. For questions on how to use LMS or any other course queries, feel free to contact the course coordinators.

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