

REASON FOR CHOOSING IIIIRD IFT ● CERTAAP

How does one bring about change at grassroots level and in policy environment? The obvious answer is: ideally through non-violent mass-based movements, mobilized through an organization that ensures that collective wisdom is employed in goal setting, strategizing and sustaining the campaign. Advocacy, by its very definition, is done on the behalf of someone else. People-Centred Advocacy is a value and process, and it seeks to build capacities of people, making them their own advocates. Policy advocacy is defined as the deliberate process of influencing policy decision makers through targeted actions.

Despite growing awareness and increasing investments in environmental protection, pressures on the world's natural resources and ecosystems continue to increase rapidly. The impacts of human activities reach into every corner of the natural world. The upshot of this growing human domination of the planet is that no ecosystem on Earth is free from pervasive human influence. Globalization, affluent consumerism, concentration of wealth and state-backed industries & commerce in the developing world have not only exploited recklessly the natural resources such as forests, rangelands, waters, wetlands, coastal areas, mountains, minerals and biodiversity, but also affected adversely the lives and livelihoods of

countless poor people while making them further vulnerable.

Environmental awareness, civic education and mobilization to reject the injustice have risen remarkably during last 2-3 decades. It is seen a growing civil society mobilization to resist the dominant economic growth model. It is noticed a marked growth in mass movements against destructive development projects, especially amongst communities most impacted by displacement or the degradation of their environment. There is also a shift in local governance paradigm, which seeks qualitative change in sustainable development and equitable benefit sharing of natural resources or its byproducts at local level.

This residential training will focus on imparting the knowledge on the governance systems in natural resource sector, need to make the governance systems accountable at local level, need for policy change, methods of policy studies, the principles of people-centred advocacy, tools & methods of advocacy, media advocacy, policy advocacy, legislative advocacy, advocacy writing skills and networking & alliance building. This training is to build the strengths of field workers and managers involved in advocacy action, policy studies, and influencing the policy-makers.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IIIIRD IFT ● CERTAAP?

- NGO workers & managers
- Executives of support/ funding agencies
- Representatives of Advocacy Groups
- Others involved in movements

MODULE OF IIIIRD IFT ● CERTAAP

Tentative module of IIIrd IFT for 5 days is as under:

- Governance Systems in Natural Resource Sector
- Governance, Policies, Laws and Issues concerning Land Resources including Land Acquisition, Land Alienation, Common Lands, Coastal Zones
- Governance, Policies, Laws and Issues concerning Forest Resources including Forest Rights, Forest Conversion and Destruction, Biodiversity, Protected Areas
- Governance, Policies, Laws and Issues concerning Water Resources including Water Pollution, Water Commodification, Groundwater Exploitation, Damming of Rivers, Water Conservation
- Governance, Policies, Laws and Issues concerning Agriculture including Monoculture, GM Crops & Foods, Seed Control, Biopiracy, Synthetic Biology
- Governance, Policies, Laws and Issues concerning Mining & Minerals including Displacement, Tribal Survival, Coastal

Sand Mining, Radioactive Mines and Health, Quarrying

- Governance, Policies, Laws and Issues concerning Other Important Natural Resources
- Why Accountability of the Governance Systems?
- Concepts, Need and Scope of People-Centred Advocacy
- Advocacy for Grassroots Action & Policy Change
- Rights-Based Approach of Advocacy
- Role of Information & Research in Advocacy
- Methods and Tools of People-Centred Advocacy: Hard Tools & Soft Tools
- Media Advocacy
- Need for Policy Change
- Methods of Policy Studies
- Methods of Policy Advocacy
- Methods of Legislative Advocacy
- Networking and Alliance Building
- Formulation of Advocacy Plans
- Advocacy Writing Skills with Practice of Writing on: Application, Complaint, FIR, Report, Memorandum, Declaration, Appeal, Campaign Letter, Proceedings of Public Hearing, Case File, etc.

*The module is subject to change.

LEARNING STRATEGY & METHODS

- Combination of theory and practice (more)
- Critical and substantive reflections of participant's own personal capacities
- Group deliberation and experiential activities

- Handouts and reading materials
- Visuals/pictorials and Field Visit

PLACE & VENUE OF IIIIRD IFT ● CERTAAP

Kohinoor Heritage Resort
Naggar Castle, Manali-175130 Dist. Kullu
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ACCOMMODATION & LOGISTICS

Place of training, Kohinoor Heritage Resort, is one of the nicest locations in tourist city of Manali. Participants will be provided with the accommodation on DOUBLE SHARED basis along with vegetarian foods.

COST OF IIIIRD IFT ● CERTAAP

The nominal Training Fee is towards the cost of (i) vegetarian food, (ii) accommodation, (iii) reading material kit, (iv) CD-ROM (to be provided at the end of training), and (v) general guidance.

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 13,000 per participant (for Indian participants) or US \$ 500 (for Foreign participants) or INR 15000 per participant (for other South Asian participants) is to be paid through DD once the Application is approved. DD should be made in favour of GRASSROOTS INSTITUTE payable at Kullu. Receipt for fee amount will be produced. The fee can also

be deposited by cash/local cheque in the account of GRASSROOTS INSTITUTE. The account details can be obtained from Coordinator Training before depositing the fee.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION & PAYMENT

Application Submission: 15 May 2014
Payment of Training Fee: 20 May 2014

HOW TO REGISTER?

Applicants should fill in the Application Form that can be downloaded from our website, and should submit by e-mail quickly to the Grassroots Institute. Registration will be done on receipt of Training Fee only.

AVAILABILITY OF PLACES

IIIrd IFT has vacancies for 24 persons only. The places will be booked on first come first served basis. Having < 15 participants registered the IFT may be postponed further.

WHOM & WHERE TO CONTACT?

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