



“Role of Civil Society in Aid Effectiveness”

29 April - 17 May 2013.

(www.cso-course.dk)



Are you working in a civil society organisation (CSO), you could consider the participation in a three weeks course provided by Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC). The course will be held in the Danish capital, Copenhagen, between the 29th April and 17th May 2013.

WHY A COURSE IN AID EFFECTIVENESS?

Managing and leading a CSO or NGO is becoming increasingly complex. Knowledge, skills and strategies are necessary to achieve results, to enhance their impact and to remain effective in the work they do.

The content of the course address the specific challenges facing the CSO's. The context for the civil society, the representation of the poor and marginalised in relation to public policies for poverty eradication. The fight for improved representative and participatory democracy, are crucial features, which civil society leaders, staff and volunteers in several developing countries, with Danish development cooperation, must address.

This course provides tools and methods for how to address major challenges that are facing CSO's, including the aid effectiveness agenda (Paris Declaration, Accra Agenda for Action and Busan), which implies new roles of civil society in development processes. The technologies within communication are also present challenges and new opportunities for civil society.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The goals and learning objectives for the course, is that the participants have gained knowledge of the role and potential of civil society in relation to the aid effectiveness framework and Danida's Civil Society Strategy. As well the participants have acquired essential tools for NGO management, organisational development and capacity building.

The learning process will ensure exchange of experience and synergies of the cross-cultural interaction among participants from different continents, and also visits to Danish CSOs during the course.

The course provides you with core knowledge, practical skills and tools to manage and lead a nonprofit organization efficiently.

TARGET GROUP FOR THE COURSE

The course will be targeting managers at different levels from CSOs/NGOs in countries cooperating with Danish embassies and/or Danish NGOs. Participants should have at least 3-5 years of working experience. 20 persons will be selected for the course in Denmark, representing a certain degree of geographical and sector-wise diversity.

HOW IS THE COURSE CONDUCTED?

The course will be conducted at a venue in Copenhagen, providing a conducive environment for adult learning.

The participants' own experiences as well as the presentation of international experiences and good practices, will be utilized during the course. To ensure that the outcome of the course is relevant to the individual participant and the home organisation, the course will make extensive use of action-learning and participatory training methods.

WHAT IS THE COURSE CONTENT?

The course will consist of the following four modules:

Module 1. Civil society in context

(3 days)

- CSO's in democratic societies, own countries & Denmark
- New roles and relations, for civil society in a globalised world
- Response and strategies of civil society vis-à-vis the new international aid architecture
- The aid effectiveness agenda from Monterey, Paris, Accra to Busan - adapted to civil society organizations.

Module 2. CSO/NGO management tools

(8 days)

- Brief-overview: Organisational-development, capacity-development and change management
- Results-based management and participatory - approaches
- Human rights approach and gender equality
- Partnerships and alliances
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Legitimacy and accountability

Module 3. Action plan and visits

(4 days)

- Exposure-trips in Denmark, including visits to Danish NGO's
- Elaboration of an Action Plan for your home organisation (based on "key challenge" defined together with your colleagues, which should be done prior to your departure to Denmark).

HOW IS THE COURSE FUNDED?

The course is co-funded by the Danida supported Fellowship Programme. Programmes/projects/NGOs are charged DKK 2,500 per participant per study week. The funding needed for this course is **DKK 7,500** per participant (approx. 1,000 Euro). The fee is all inclusive covering study fees, return air-ticket, accommodation, personal allowances, insurances etc.

WHAT IS DANIDA FELLOWSHIP CENTRE?

Danida Fellowship Center (DFC), manages and implements the Danida supported Fellowship-Programme, which supplies training, in support of capacity-development, in Danida's programmes and projects worldwide.

COURSE MANAGEMENT AND TEACHERS

DFC has contracted the Danish company INKA Consult (www.inkaconsult.dk), to manage the training course together with experienced trainers from the umbrella NGO network CISU (Civil Society in Development www.cisu.dk).

The course manager, Hans Peter Dejgaard, is specialised in capacity development, e.g. organisational development, strategic planning and change management in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He has been extensively involved in Danish NGO-work and has served as adviser to a large global advocacy, with networks in Africa, Asia and Latin America, addressing issues of sustainable development and climate change. He is experienced in programme-based approaches and aid effectiveness.

APPLICATION

Application forms can be found at www.dfcentre.com and www.cso-course.dk and should be submitted to DFC via the Danish Embassy in your country (or sent by your Danish NGO partner).

Deadline for submitting the forms to the Danish Embassy is **1st of March 2013**. Hereafter the Embassy will forward the application forms to DFC, where the DFC's staff will be supported by the Course Manager in selecting participants.

For questions related to the application and the procedures, please contact the Danish Embassy in your country or DFC. Are there not a Danish Embassy in your country, please contact DFC via email at dfc@dfcentre.dk

CONTACT DETAILS

DFC's contact details are:

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For questions related to the course content of the course, please contact: Hans Peter Dejgaard, Course Manager.

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You are welcome to find more information by following this link: www.cso-course.dk