

Course Manager and Facilitator

Mr. Henrik Borgtoft Pedersen (Ph.D. Biology) has been active in training activities throughout his professional carrier. Positions held at Danish and Ecuadorian universities and as Danida advisor have included general capacity building, course organisation, teaching and thesis supervision. He has 20 years of experience working with development and environment, biodiversity, and natural resources management in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America.

Main facilitators

Mr. Jørgen Carlé (Ph.D. in Environmental and Marine Chemistry) has 25 years experience in environmental management and capacity building, obtained as a manager in the governmental sector and in private companies. He has experience in SEA and EIA, cleaner technology, resource and energy optimisation, waste management, environmental legislation, planning and information systems, quality assurance and control and occupational health and safety. Mr. Carlé has worked in Asia, Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

Mrs. Caroline Van der Sluys (M.Sc. Natural Resources Management) has experience in all aspects of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – policies, legal and institutional aspects, procedures and guidelines, and monitoring in a variety of sectors (transport, industry, mining, energy). Mainstreaming of environment has often been the overriding objective of her assignments. Her work has taken her to over 20 countries, in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.



Danida Fellowship Centre and NIRAS in brief

Danida Fellowship Centre has contracted NIRAS to develop and manage the course in Environmental Mainstreaming.

What is Danida Fellowship Centre?

Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) manages and implements the Danida supported Fellowship Programme which supplies training in support of capacity development in Danida's programmes and projects worldwide. DFC is responsible for the educational, administrative and practical aspects of the training in Denmark. Further information is available at www.dfccentre.com.

What is NIRAS?

NIRAS is one of the largest consulting engineering companies in Denmark and has over 1000 employees. We provide consultancy services within the fields of agriculture, building and industry, civil works, energy, environment, management sciences, social sciences and transportation. We have ongoing activities in more than 40 countries. Further information is available at www.niras.com.

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Fellowship Course in Environmental Mainstreaming

19 May to 13 June 2008

Environmental Mainstreaming

The Danida Fellowship Course in Environmental Mainstreaming is a 4-week course starting on 19 May, 2008. The course will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Environmental mainstreaming is the integration of environmental considerations, opportunities as well as risks, into all processes and activities in the society, – from the overall policy and strategic level to the daily actions of everyone. This means that environmental mainstreaming should not just be the concern of environmental ministries or departments; it relates to all sectors, private as well as public, and *everybody* has a role to play.

This course will focus on how to implement environmental mainstreaming on different levels and in different sectors and will analyse the linkage between poverty reduction and environment.

The course will

- enable participants to identify and critically analyse environmental issues in their home institutions, to explore their own roles, and to exemplify good practice through case studies.
- equip participants with the appropriate skills, tools and methodologies for implementing environmental mainstreaming in their home institutions and in general.

During the course each of the participants will produce a brief process action plan for environmental mainstreaming in their home institution.

Why this course?

Progress has been made since the Rio Declaration in 1992 established that *In order to achieve sustainable development, environmental protection shall constitute an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from it.* However, there is still a long way to go before environmental considerations are taken into account in all the activities we perform. Environmental issues are still too often considered as luxury issues that restrict development rather than being the very foundation for development. This course will facilitate the process of environmental mainstreaming.

Approach to learning

The learning process will require the active participation of all course participants and will be based on real-life cases from the participant's home countries and from cases presented on excursions during the course. Through the excursions and classroom sessions, including lectures by course facilitators and external key experts, participants will be challenged to "learn to learn", working cooperatively in groups to seek answers to real world questions. The learning process will take the participants through a cyclic process where analysis, information gathering and reflection are important components.

Contents of the course

The course consists of 6 modules including the introductory module and the environmental mainstreaming action plan. Excursions to Danish institutions, organisations and private enterprises will be arranged in relation to each module.

Course modules

1. Introduction to the course and study place
2. Environmental mainstreaming and environmental challenges – risks and opportunities
3. Environmental mainstreaming in practice – the tools and the indicators
4. My own footprints – the local environmental issues
5. Environmental mainstreaming and institutional capacity assessment
6. Environmental Mainstreaming Action Plan

Course dates

The course will take place from 19 May to 13 June, 2008.

Application criteria

The course does not specifically target people working in the environmental sector, as the goal is to facilitate environmental mainstreaming in all sectors. The participants will typically be from institutions where environmental mainstreaming already is applied or where there is an intention to implement it. The participants may be policy and decision makers from governmental institutions, environmental coordinators, or members/staff of NGOs or private companies – all involved in Danida supported development cooperation activities. A good working knowledge of English is needed.



Application procedure

Application procedures must follow the procedures stipulated in "Guidelines for Danida Fellowships". The guidelines as well as the fellowship form and the application form for residence permit are available at the local Danish Embassy or they can be downloaded at DFC's web site www.dfcentre.com. The fellowship form is to be filled in by the applicant, and endorsed by the Danida programme/project and the Embassy Desk Officer in order to ensure that the training is within the framework of national sector plans for capacity development. The Embassy will forward the application forms to DFC. *Deadline for submitting the forms to the Embassy is January 28, 2008.*

Selection of course participants will be carried out by the DFC and the course management based on incoming applications.

Certification

A Course Certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course.

Further information about the course

The web based internet portal for the course can be found at <http://education.niras.com>, and will be accessible from 1 January, 2008. For questions regarding the course content and implementation please contacts the course manager, Henrik Borgtoft Pedersen: hbp@niras.dk.