

International course

Think landscape



Learning how to think and act landscape

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Why think landscape?

Landscapes worldwide are increasingly shaped through global trade, market development, resource exploitation and climate change. This leads to a situation in which agriculture, forestry, biodiversity conservation, mining, housing and other land uses are increasingly competing for space. This conflict hampers the achievement of the sustainable development goals and the only way to strike a balance, is addressing it from an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary landscape perspective. A landscape perspective considers the multi-functionality of landscapes, while understanding their complementarity and potential options for integration. The landscape level is increasingly recognised as the appropriate level to negotiate land use options with multiple stakeholders and to mediate conflicts and promote collaboration between them. This is why we need to learn how to think and act landscape!

Course content During this course, we will think landscape from a biophysical perspective, taking into account ecological and hydrographical processes defining the biophysical potential of a landscape. But we will also look at landscapes from an economic and a governance perspective. Searching the best options for integrating different land uses require facilitated mediation and negotiation, and participatory and transparent decision making processes. It also demands for collaboration between public and private landscape actors, through the development of novel public-private partnership



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arrangements at the landscape level. Developing such partnership arrangements is not easy, as landscape boundaries do not always tally with administrative boundaries, and inter-sectoral coordination and policy integration may require institutional change. Nevertheless, landscape actors are experimenting with landscape level partnership arrangements across the globe. Multiple are the examples of landscape networks, watershed committees, restoration partnerships and other types of multi-stakeholder initiatives, with varying levels of success. Actors are experimenting with such landscape level arrangements, with varying levels of success.

What will you learn during this course?

This course challenges planners, natural resource managers, academics, civil society leaders and business representatives to adopt an integrative perspective, looking beyond sectoral and administrative boundaries, taking into account cross-sectoral concerns, and working in multi- and trans-disciplinary teams. By adopting a systems approach, you will be invited to look at your own landscape from different perspectives. You will work on the specific challenges you encounter into your daily work, and learn how to deal with these in an integrated manner. You will not only learn how to analyse landscape dynamics, but also learn how to develop novel institutional arrangements, and facilitate processes of moving from conflict to landscape level collaboration.

Course venue The course will be held in Bonn, just before and during the Global Landscape Forum. Your host is the ZEF Center for Development Research, which is a recognised research and capacity building institute of the University of Bonn known for its science-based solutions to development-related problems. Bonn is situated in the beautiful landscape around the river Rhine, which allows for excursions and field exercises throughout the programme. You will be able to learn from local practitioners engaged in complex processes of stakeholder dialogue on the ground.

Using a variety of training methods

The unique partnership between Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, ZEF Center for Development Research, The Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) program led by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the Global Landscape Forum is an excellent opportunity to combine practical experience and academic knowledge with a policy oriented international network. The Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation has a vast experience in participatory and hands-on professional training. The ZEF Center for Development Research and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) have a global reputation on inter- and transdisciplinary research. The course builds on many years of collaboration with CIFOR, ICRAF, hence quality knowledge and practical applicability are assured.

After the course you will be able to:

- critically examine landscape dynamics at various levels and scales;
- understand and assess the implications of up-scaling participation to working with diverse stakeholder groups at landscape level;
- identify, develop and support new governance arrangements at landscape level, and assess their institutional capacity;
- assess your own role as process manager or facilitator, and further develop your competencies as a facilitator of landscape governance processes on the ground
- present yourself as member of an international network of landscape leaders, with state-of-the-art landscape knowledge, and multiple contacts across the globe.

Are you eligible to take part in this exciting course?

If you are an experienced professional with several years of working experience in the fields of natural resources management, forestry, agriculture, rural development, rural livelihoods, sustainable development, spatial planning, governance, and other related areas, you are warmly welcome. We especially invite graduate students, who want to learn how to position their research into the world of policy and practice.

Further practical information

- **Application**, the procedure is:
1) Apply at the website of Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation,: www.wur.eu/cdi. You will receive a confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription (f.e. visa) can take some time.
- **Fee** includes all course related costs (materials, excursions, administration, and free entrance to the Global Landscape Forum). It does not cover accommodation and food, hence make sure you have your funding secured.
- For this course, CDI is **not** able to assist you in obtaining financial support; **you will have to secure your own funding.**
- Participants will be awarded with a **Certificate of Attendance.**



In collaboration with: Center for Development Research (ZEF), Global Landscape Forum (GLF), Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and the Water Land and Ecosystems Program lead by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI).