

International course

Facilitating multi-stakeholder partnerships to foster sustainable and inclusive food systems



Interactive approaches for impactful partnerships

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Develop strong partnerships! Are you in the challenging position to design, facilitate or participate in complex change partnerships? Are you wondering how best to deal with power dynamics and conflicts? Do you want to create collaborative learning processes and enable effective communication between different actors? The Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (MSP) course provides the academic insights and practical skills to help you deal with this challenge!

Multi-stakeholder partnerships have become a preferred mechanism for dealing with today's critical challenges, such as the overuse of natural resources, climate change, and the transformation of our food systems to become more inclusive and sustainable. Reaching the Sustainable Development Goals is not possible without new ways of working together across the boundaries of business, government, science and civil society.

How to **design** for good partnerships? MSPs need to be designed and facilitated based on a sound rationale for change. The WCDI guidelines for MSPs are based on a good understanding of the context, with a clear purpose and vision in mind, and based on principles for transformative change and systems thinking.

What **facilitation** capacities and skills do you need? The course covers state-of-the-art thinking about designing and facilitating multi-stakeholder partnerships and institutional change, using Wageningen CDI's *The MSP Guide* as a key reference (www.mspguide.org). You will engage with the complex political context underpinning the rationale for the MSP. And you will learn to facilitate individuals and groups to challenge themselves in the quest for new approaches and collaborative learning.

Fee

Individual:	€ 2,700
Organisational:	€ 5,400 for 3 participants (3=2 arrangement)
Students:	€ 750 (limited availability)

Deadline subscription: 12 March 2018

Participants are requested to arrange their own travel to Pokhara, Nepal.

Participants will receive a certificate of participation, a soft copy of all training materials, as well as a hardcopy of *The MSP Guide* and *The MSP Tool Guide*.



We invite MSP practitioners who are involved, or will be in the future, in the facilitation of multi-stakeholder partnerships. They can be affiliated with NGOs, government, private sector, research institutes, universities or consultancies.

Learning from other professionals is important to develop your own MSP case. We will use highly interactive training methods: Pre course work and group assignments as well as role-plays and field work to explore a real-life MSP. You will receive a wide range of participatory methodologies and tools.



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Current scientific insights into MSPs form the basis of the course, drawn from Wageningen University and Research's top-rated interdisciplinary academic programmes. These insights are applied to practice, using engaging interactive formats.

Transformative change

At the end of the course you will feel confident to design and facilitate complex change processes, in which diverse stakeholders are able to meet, share experiences, learn together and contribute to decisions.

"The MSP course makes you explore yourself better and it gives you that urge to improve yourself and to create a common understanding with others" Joyce Ganyaupfu, Zimbabwe, participant

The course objectives are:

- To understand the concepts and rationale of multi-stakeholder partnerships, complexity and institutional change;
- To analyse different types of multi-stakeholder partnerships in terms of the issues at stake, the stakeholders, their interests, (power) relations, conflicts, etc.;
- To discover how to design and plan a sequence of actions for a longer-term MSP;
- To learn how to use a broad range of participatory methodologies and tools in MSPs;
- To improve your own facilitation and communication skills.

Programme

The main topics of the 10 day course are:

1. INTRODUCTION: What is an MSP?
2. RATIONALE: Why do we need MSPs?
3. PRINCIPLES: What are the key elements for successful MSPs?
4. PRACTICE: How to design and facilitate MSPs?

Nepal

This training is organized in Pokhara, Nepal – an astonishing place with majestic view of Himalaya surrounded by rich biodiversity landscapes and beautiful lakes. It is also a Ramsar site for wetland conservation.



We will visit the Begnas-Rupa area where LI-BIRD has been working since more than two decades. During a two day field visit we will interact with local stakeholders of the lake watershed.

You will assess different interests from communities, businesses, fisher folks and government in this landscape, and analyse the areas of conflict. We will also learn from an organisation which brings different stakeholders together and reduces potential conflict by employing different conflict mitigation measures.

Further practical information

- **Apply** at the website of Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation: wur.eu/cdi. You will receive confirmation and more information within a week. Early application is recommended as some procedures to finalise subscription can take time. Please note that Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation and LI-BIRD/GrowInnova are unable to assist you in obtaining financial support.
- We will **accommodate** all participants in a hotel in Pokhara with full board and lodging, as part of the course fee.
- **Fee** includes all course related costs (materials like the MSP book, field visit, administration).
- Participants will be awarded with a **certificate of participation**.

"Everything I do in my job involves other stakeholders. I will return to Guatemala and use the knowledge from this course to design our work as an MSP process, including continuous monitoring" Louisa Samayoa, Guatemala, participant

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