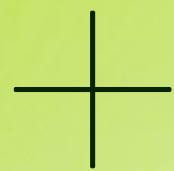


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## Introduction

Strengthening Capacities of Young Farmers Organizations in 'Capacity Development' is a blended interactive programme designed by FAO in collaboration with ITOCA and focuses on designing effective capacity development programmes at country level. The programme introduces participants to capacity development, allowing them to practice approaches, methods, and tools to develop effective capacity development programmes and facilitate capacity development multi-stakeholder processes.

## Programme Objectives

After participating in this programme, you will be able to apply practical tools and techniques to plan capacity assessments, design capacity development interventions based on the results of capacity assessments, integrate sustainability factors into the capacity development process, and integrate capacity-related outputs, outcomes and indicators in programme and project monitoring frameworks. You will also be able to design and facilitate capacity development events in a multi-stakeholder context.

## Structure of the Programme

The programme is delivered in English and spread over two months and requires approximately 40 hours of commitment. It is delivered in both virtual (2 weeks) and in-person (3-day) sessions.

The five modules covered are:

1. Introduction to capacity development
2. Capacity assessment
3. Capacity design
4. Tracking capacity development
5. Facilitating capacity development events in a multi-stakeholder context

## Approach

The programme comprises of:

- Interactive and participatory content webinars
- Online modules
- Debrief sessions
- Videos
- Group and practical work
- A scenario on capacity development
- Knowledge/information-sharing sessions
- Relevant reading materials

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## Who should participate in this programme?

The programme targets individuals engaged in agriculture and rural development (or related areas) in Africa. To participate in the programme, the candidates must currently be:

1. youth (18-35 years old) from youth or farmers' organizations or public institutions supporting youth initiatives in agriculture and rural development, OR
2. working and being directly involved in delivering or supporting development programmes/projects or initiatives targeting youth in agriculture or rural development in a public institution or Food, Agriculture and Rural Development, OR
3. enrolled at the postgraduate (masters or PhD) level in a university and carrying out study/research on any topic related to youth in agriculture and rural development.

Please note only participants from African countries are eligible for the programme.

Previous participants of the programme will **not** be admitted.

## Application Procedures and Deadlines

Application forms should be completed online at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYFCD24>

Additionally, please send the completed and signed authorization form to [marcia@itoca.org](mailto:marcia@itoca.org)

The authorization form is downloadable on the following [link](#).

The due date for completion of the application and sending the authorization form is **Wednesday, 10 January 2024**.

## Requirements

Candidates should meet the following additional requirements:

- Approval/endorsement by their employer/university (where the student is enrolled) to undertake the Programme "Strengthening Capacities of Young Farmers Organizations in 'Capacity Development'".
- Access to a computer (or another device: laptop, tablet, etc.) and the Internet to participate in the programme's online component.

## Costs

The online and face-to-face event registration fees and associated travel and accommodation costs will be **covered entirely by ITOCA** for successful applicants. However, candidates will have to meet the costs associated with participating in online sessions, e.g., data costs.

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The Blended Learning Programme (BLP) has two phases.

## 1. Online Programme (19 February - 4 March 2024)

The online programme will last two weeks, from 19 February to 4 March 2024.

The online programme comprises of synchronous and asynchronous sessions. During this period, participants must dedicate approximately 6 hours each week to go through the programme materials, complete programme quizzes, participate in group work activities and attend the online live sessions.

Participants can do all the learning activities, reading and assignments online at their own convenience from their home or office. Online live sessions will be organized once a week for about one and a half (1 ½) hours each to introduce the modules, clarification of assignments, group activities and presentations.

## 2. Face-to-face Event (13 - 15 March 2024)

Participants who will have completed all individual and collaborative activities of the online phase will be invited to a face-to-face event in South Africa.

### Participation Certificate

All participants who will have successfully completed the learning programme (completion of all learning activities and participation in all collaborative sessions of the online phase, active participation at the face-to-face event) will receive a participation certificate.

Certificates will be available on **15 March 2024** at the end of the face-to-face event.