International Training Course on
Gender and Local Governance
for Local Government Trainers

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Organized by

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The Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV), in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT) have, since 2009, jointly organized training courses on Gender and Local Governance.

The objective of this 2011 course is to strengthen gender in local government through training of trainers.

Participants will:
- Familiarize themselves with existing tools for gender and local governance training
- Enhance their confidence and skills to deliver gender training to diverse groups
• Increase their understanding of why gender is important in urban planning, access to basic urban service land rights and housing, budgeting, economic development, safety and security in cities, urban environment and climate change as well as other fields of urban development
• Recognize gender biases in local governance and obstacles to the equal participation of women
• Experience concrete examples of gender mainstreaming and women’s empowerment in Israel during study visits

The program of the workshop includes various themes relating to gender and governance, which are approached through different methods, for example presentations, sharing of experiences and learning by doing. As the course is designed as a training of trainers event, particular emphasis is placed on group discussions and experimental learning. The themes of the workshop include:

- Introduction to gender training
- Participation of women in local government and the role of quotas
- Women/Gender in Israeli Society
- Gender and Urban Planning
- Gender Budgeting/Women and local government financing
- Gender audits in local government
- Gender and access to basic urban services
- Gender and the Urban Environment/Climate Change
- Violence against women/ Safer Cities
- Development of Gender Action plans
- Women, land rights and housing

In addition, the participants of the workshop will join two excursions: A two day tour to southern Israel, including the Dead Sea, a Kibbutz in the Negev and a visit to meet Bedouin Women and a day tour to Jerusalem and Nazareth.

Who should apply:
- The course targets local government trainers affiliated training institutions and NGOs. Anyone who provides training for elected councilors or local government staff may also apply. Gender trainers wanting to expand their training to local governments may also apply.

Costs:
- Tuition, board, lodging (two participants per room) and excursions in Israel will be covered by MASHAV. UN-HABITAT will cover air travel

How to Apply:
- To apply, please download the MASHAV questionnaire from the website http://mashav.mfa.gov.il and send it to the Israeli Embassy in the country you are residing and a copy: yifat.reuveni@mfa.gov.il, anna@mctc.co.il, anne.muchiri@unhabitat.org, and lucia.kiwala@unhabitat.org no later than September 2nd, 2011.

ALL OTHER EXPENSES ARE TO BE COVERED BY PARTICIPANTS

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