

“Training of Trainers” - Farmers’ Dialogue International Nyahururu - Kenya - 1st to 7th November 2012

Aim : **TO FEED THE WORLD**

Target people: **FARMERS OF THE WORLD**

Organiser : **FARMERS’ DIALOGUE**

1- CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT

Food has become a strategic issue, a commodity for speculation and control, creating an enormous challenge to Human Security. Two of the Millennium Development Goals concern directly agriculture and food production:

- MDG1: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger
- MDG7: ensuring environmental sustainability

These aims will only be achieved through **mobilising farmers**, listening to their knowledge and experience. A fair return for their product is essential to provide them with the income to live and the means to implement the required steps of development. Support from all levels of society is required if this is to happen.

Farmers’ Dialogue, an associate member of Initiatives of Change – International, is aiming at **mobilising and helping farmers to fulfil their role** in producing food, reducing poverty, protecting the environment and natural resources.

Farmers’ Dialogue International – based in Switzerland – has been requested **to partner with Initiatives of Change International** for two of the “Common Actions” decided at the recently held Global Assembly, to contribute with its wealth of practical grassroots experiences and life-commitment of farmers who are involved in Farmers’ Dialogue.

Conscious that reconciliation is a main challenge for rural development and that women are at the heart of the food production in many places, Farmers’ Dialogue is hoping to develop a **partnership with the program “Creators of Peace”** in order to increase the outreach of the initiative.

Farmers’ Dialogue has developed strongly in Africa – mainly in East Africa – in recent years. A training session similar to that being planned was held in March 2011 to assist those responsible for the program in their countries. This session has greatly assisted the growth of the local teams: meetings to mobilise farmers – partnerships with local NGO involved in rural development – major international Farmers’ Dialogue in Rwanda in November 2011...

Those responsible for the program in Africa have expressed the need of a “training of trainers”, in order to learn about and how to use training and animation tools and be able to run training meetings in their local situation. This will make **the programme more sustainable at the African level** and give more opportunities to respond to requests coming from outside Farmers’ Dialogue.

2- REASONS TO INVITE F4F FOR THIS “TRAINING OF TRAINERS” COURSE

This “training of trainers” session is a natural follow-up of the training session held in March 2011 in Kigali – Rwanda. It is in fact organised at the request of those who took part in the session last year.

The teamwork developed between Farmers’ Dialogue and F4F is enriching and has great potential for Farmers’ Dialogue, as it is based on the link between personal change, commitment and the needs of the world.

3- WHAT DO YOU THINK THE COURSE WILL ACHIEVE?

The course is intended to give to the participants a basic knowledge of tools to conduct and facilitate week-end and shorter training sessions aiming at mobilising local farmers in the spirit and in the initiatives of Farmers’ Dialogue.

The course will focus on questions linked with team-building, personal commitment, reconciliation (which is often a key to local development), in order to equip trainees with the essential skills to address the questions of rural development and agriculture.

The course will strengthen the ability of our African teams to develop, mobilise and take on initiatives, locally and together.

4- IS THE COURSE PART OF A BIGGER STRATEGY?

The coordination team of “Farmers’ Dialogue international” is aiming to enable the local teams to become more autonomous and sustainable and at the same time, enabling a global response to international requests.

An International Farmers’ Dialogue association is being created to better organise the development of the programme, and a five-year plan is being developed in order to better coordinate the international initiatives. This will also enable more effective funding, through better partnerships with NGOs.

This training course will help the African teams to reflect on their hopes and vision to be put in the five-year plan.

The international coordination team is conscious that the programme needs to be developed in many other regions of the world, and hopes that the African teams will be in a better position both to have their own initiatives and to respond to external requests for help.

5- WHAT ACTIVITIES AFTER THE COURSE?

The participants to the “Training of Trainers” have committed themselves to run at least to week-end workshops with local farmers in their region in the following year. After these workshops the participants will be given certificate confirming their competence.

Some of them may be called on help to assist other countries where the programme is just beginning and needs support.

Some trainees may be asked to join the teams which will be formed in the frame of the two “common actions” of IofC International (Restoring Land-Lives-Peace initiative and the South Sudan Initiative).

The course will enable more partnership with local and African NGOs active on the questions of rural development

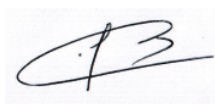
6- FOLLOW-UP WITH PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE COURSE

Each trainee will be required to write a report of the sessions he/she commits to run after the training. The international coordination group will be responsible for evaluating them.

The “Farmers’ Dialogue – Africa” association will coordinate the following events planned in Africa, as it includes the people in charge of the program in the different countries. Events are already planned in D.R. Congo and Mayotte and people in Cameroun also wish to develop the programme.

The international needs of the program (development in other countries, requests from IofC International, partnership with “Creators of Peace or requests coming from NGOs) will stimulate a constant communication in order to think how best to use the resources. This will be undertaken by the International coordination group.

The creation of a five-year plan will give the opportunity to work with the trainees in order to stimulate their thinking and vision for the future of Farmers’ Dialogue, locally and globally.



Claude Bourdin - 12th of September 2012

Practical Details

Location:

Catholic Tabor Hill Prayer Centre
P.O.Box 750
20300 Nyahururu - Kenya

Dates:

- 1st of November : Arrival day
- 2nd to 6th of Nov. : Session “Training of Trainers”
- 7th of November : Official day
 - ✓ Launching of “Farmers’ Dialogue International”
 - ✓ General Assembly of “Farmers’ Dialogue Africa”
- 8th and 9th of Nov. : Farm visits (Nyala - Ndaragwa)
- 10th of November : Departure day

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