Workshop

Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policy in Developing Countries: The Caribbean Context (DEIP)

Venue: Caribbean Centre for Competitiveness (CC*f*C),
University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Bridgetown, BB11000 Barbados

Dates: 24-28 June 2013

Deadline for applications: 27 May 2013

The Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policies in Developing Countries (DEIP) is a one-week course co-organized by the Caribbean Centre for Competitiveness (CC*f*C) of the University of the West Indies (a Centre funded by the IDB, DFID and CIDA) and UNU-MERIT (United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research institute on Innovation and Technology), Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Increasingly popular since its launch in 2004, this course is designed for policy makers in science, technology and innovation policy, particularly in developing countries. DEIP provides insights into strategic decision-making about technology and innovation and designing appropriate responses and policies tailored to specific development contexts.

The course focuses on the theory and practices of innovation policy, on policy design, policy implementation, on measuring and monitoring innovative performance, as well as outcomes and impact evaluation from the perspective of the three major stakeholders, policy makers, private sector and academia. Participants are encouraged to share lessons learned and engage in dialogue, and participants are expected to give presentations based on their respective national experiences.

Target participants are; senior and mid-level policy makers, enabling public sector Institutions, officials from science, technology, innovation development and policy agencies and offices, key representatives from private sectors, academics at national and regional levels. This program is also open to international participants who have an interest in this area.

Objectives

This course will enable participants to grasp the concept of innovation systems, understand the role of key stakeholders and use this as a policy tool in the Caribbean context to develop and promote the innovation process.

Content of the course
The first part of the training will cover conceptual issues linked to innovation and innovation systems. This is followed by focused sessions related to innovation systems (including university-industry links, policy-industry- human resource development links, role of the diaspora and financial incentives for SME development). We also pay attention to issues that reflect Caribbean realities, including the importance of the service sector, and innovation within small / island state economies. On the final day, participants will present their own case studies using tools and insights gained from the training.

The Teaching staff
The training will be conducted by distinguished lecturers from UNU-MERIT and regional experts, to reflect the experiences and needs of emerging countries. Lecturers will include Prof. Dr. Adam Szirmai, Prof. Dr. Fred Gault, Prof. Dr. Carlo Pietrobelli, Dr. Michiko Iizuka, Dr. Gabriela Dutrenit, Dr. Jose Miguel Benavente.

Selection of the candidates:
The candidate's qualifications, experience, and the relevance of their present work to innovation and policy making, will be the main selection criteria.

Certificate
After completion of the five-day workshop, participants will receive the certificate.

Reading Materials
Participants will be provided with a compilation of key reading materials in English both prior to and during the workshop.

Course fee
There is no course fee for participants. International participants are expected to arrange for their own funding for travel and lodging.

Language
The language of the training will be English. The lecturers will be a combination of international and regional speakers.

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Application:

The application deadline is 27 May 2013.
Selected candidates will be notified before 7 June 2013

Please send your application form and CV to the contact(s) cited below

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