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[Http://www.iucnrosa.org.zw/downloads/application_form.doc](http://www.iucnrosa.org.zw/downloads/application_form.doc)

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IUCN - Regional Office for Southern Africa

"A leading partner for conservation and development in Southern Africa"

IUCN - The World Conservation Union was founded in 1948 and brings together almost 1000 members globally (states, government agencies, NGOs and affiliates), and some 10,000 scientists and experts in a unique worldwide partnership. The IUCN Regional Office for Southern Africa was established in Zimbabwe in 1987 to serve the Southern African Region in the development of modern skills in conservation and natural resource management. In southern Africa, IUCN provides strategic direction for development, through the wise use of natural resources. Its vision for southern Africa is to be "the world class partner for greater environment and human security in southern Africa". IUCN's mission for southern Africa is "to facilitate and strengthen an integrated approach for the sustainable and equitable use of natural resources and conservation of biological diversity"

Centre for Applied Social Sciences

The Centre for Applied Social Sciences (CASS) is responsible for and interdisciplinary applied social science research and teaching programme at the University of Zimbabwe. CASS provides teaching services for the MSc. Tropical Resource Ecology, Msc. Economics, Msc International Relations and masters of Public Administration. The Centre Also registers students for Mphil and Dphil graduate courses. UNEP has designated CASS and the Department of Biological Sciences as a regional tertiary level environmental training centre for Eastern and Southern Africa.

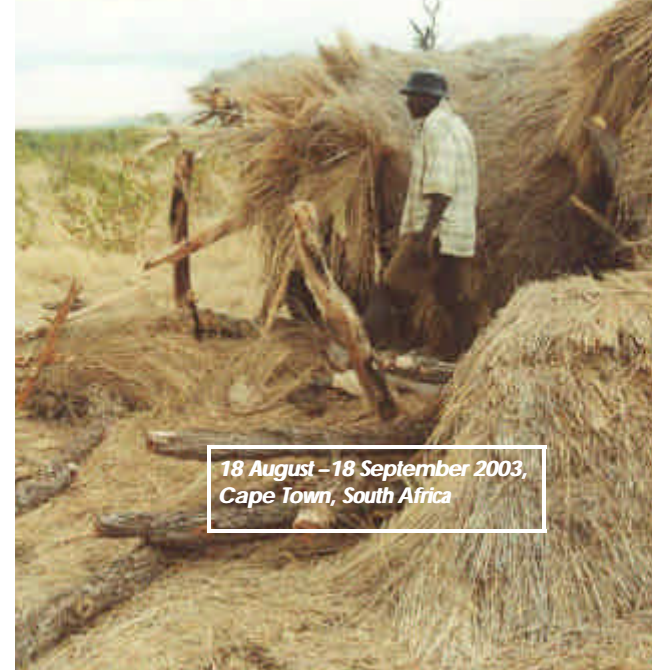
The Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies

The Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) is a constituent unit of the University of the Western Cape's School of Government, and was initiated in 1995. PLAAS engages in research, training, policy development and advocates in relation to land agrarian reform, rural governance and natural resources management. It is committed to social change that empowers the poor, builds democracy and enhances sustainable livelihoods. Gender equity is integral to these goals. PLAAS aims for rigour in its scholarship, excellence in its training and effectiveness in its policy support and advocacy. It strives to play a critical yet constructive role in processes of social, economic and political transformation.



People, Poverty and Natural Resource Management Course

A five-week course for middle-level managers in government and non-governmental agencies



**18 August – 18 September 2003,
Cape Town, South Africa**

Background

IUCN - The World Conservation Union, Regional Office for southern Africa (IUCN ROSA) and the Centre for Applied Social Sciences (CASS) at the University of Zimbabwe, have been involved in a training partnership that that delivered a six-weeks course entitled " Human and Social Science Perspectives in Natural Resources management." The partnership was broadened to include the Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) and now delivers an even richer training course on People, Poverty and natural Resources Management. The training course is made possible through a grant from the Development Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and through the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

Why People, Poverty and Natural Resource Management?

Local communities are the focus for much that needs to be done in making the change to living sustainably, but there is little they can do if they lack the power to act.

Caring for the Earth, recognises that people are most likely to care for natural resources when they can assess their own problems and resources, plan their own initiatives, maintain a sound degree of control over local natural resources and " development" process and when, by protecting the environment, they can also manage to satisfy their needs.

Promoting the social conditions for this to happen is becoming increasingly more recognised by institutions throughout southern Africa.

Participation

The course provides the opportunity for practitioners to share knowledge and experiences in different aspects of NRM from across the region. It will provide a forum to debate problems encountered in people's work and develop recommendations that can improve practice upon completion of the course.

The training design draws on participatory training methods. The programme combines inputs from experienced practitioners with case studies and a wide range of learning activities and discussions. Participants will also have field exposure and will work in teams to complete syndicate assignments. Course participants are expected to make committed contributions to group discussions and report preparation.

Course Emphasis

- A focus on livelihoods, poverty and vulnerability factors which enhance or undermine household livelihood security as a foundation for engaging with the policy and practice of natural resource management.
- Strategic analysis of factors affecting the management and sustainable use of natural resources, with a focus on micro and macro issues and cases from different natural resource management sectors
- The integration of policy, legislation and institutional issues in a single module with comparative assessment of policy and governance issues across the region
- Emphasis on the practice of community based natural resource management and conflict management

Course Objectives

The course aims to raise awareness and develop skills focusing on the inter-disciplinary integration of socio-economic perspectives in natural resource management. Emphasising the Southern African context, the course will cover social issues relevant in sustainable resource management focusing on the skills needed to build bridges between professionals and rural communities.

Natural resource managers will gain a holistic approach to natural resource management especially as it relates to poverty alleviation and sustainable livelihoods.

The course specifically aims:

- To train middle level manager on the contribution of natural resources to household livelihood security
- To train middle level manager on policy, legislation and institutional frameworks shaping natural resource management, conflict management and poverty alleviation.
- To provide information on comparative experiences natural resource management policy and practice in Southern Africa
- To discuss and debate key issues of CBNRM policy and practice in a Southern African context
- To provide a forum for government and NGO staff to share experiences and discuss issues about natural resource management and sustainable livelihoods.

Modules

- Livelihoods, poverty, vulnerability and factors affecting the contribution of natural resources to household livelihood security
- Factors affecting access, management and sustainable use of natural resources
- Policy, legislation and institutional frameworks shaping natural resource management and governance
- The practice of decentralised community based natural resource management
- Natural resource conflict Management

Applications

Applications are invited from natural resource policy makers, managers and fieldworkers in government departments, parastatals, private sector, NGOs, donor agencies and researchers.

To apply to attend the course, please fill the registration form provided.

Return complete applications to the address below the application form.

Deadline for application is July 4, 2003

Course fees

Applicants are required to indicate what contribution they can make towards meeting the costs of the course. The contribution may be towards covering all costs of the course or a component thereof. The costs are details below:

- Tuition fees - Euro 2, 500
- Accommodation , meals and incidentals - Euro 2,240
- Airfares (depends on where the participant is coming from

A limited number of bursaries are available .

