



Sustainable Investments in Agriculture  
EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM

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Increased investment in agriculture can support sustainable development and help meet growing food security needs at domestic, regional, and global levels. Yet, if not structured equitably or regulated carefully, investments can also lead to social and environmental degradation. These risks have only heightened as investments in land for agriculture have become increasingly attractive to foreign investors and host countries alike.

Countries concerned about sustainable development confront multiple challenges in managing foreign direct investment in agriculture. These challenges include developing robust legal and fiscal frameworks, negotiating equitable deals with investors, mitigating environmental impacts, and protecting human rights.

## Program overview

This program, hosted by the **Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI)**, a joint center of the Law School and the Earth Institute at Columbia University, is designed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to address some of the key challenges posed by international investments in agriculture.

The program provides an interdisciplinary approach. By working with practitioners and experts from within and beyond Columbia University, participants will learn to use analytical tools and frameworks to harness agricultural investments for sustainable development.

## Who should attend

The program is designed for mid-level public sector officials and civil society representatives from developing countries, whose responsibilities relate to investments, agriculture, land or rural development. A select number of representatives from development agencies and the private sector may also be admitted.

## Topics

The one-week course will provide an overview of pressing issues related to agricultural investments, as well as an introduction to relevant practical skills.

Topics in this course will include:

- Introduction to agricultural investment models, including inclusive business models
- Agricultural investments, food security and integrated rural development
- Land rights and tenure security
- Domestic legal frameworks
- How to read, understand, and negotiate investment contracts
- International investment law
- Fiscal frameworks and financial modeling
- Managing environmental and water impacts, and addressing climate change
- Conflicts and overlapping uses of land
- Ensuring investments are gender-sensitive and respect human rights

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## Dates

March 8-13, 2015

## Duration

6 instructional days

## Location

Columbia University  
New York City, U.S.A.

## Fee

The program fee is \$2,975. The fee includes instruction, materials, breakfast and lunches, and hotel accommodation for 7 nights.

Without accommodation, the program fee is \$2,100.

## How to apply

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 5, 2015.

To apply, please visit the application page on our website:

[ccsi.columbia.edu/ccsi/work/projects/agtraining](http://ccsi.columbia.edu/ccsi/work/projects/agtraining)



Please note that all participants must be able to read and communicate in English.