

## Registration Form

First International Hands-On Summer Course  
(2006 CEIRD Workshops' Series)

### “Organic Food Production: Toward Building Sustainability for the Future”

Ifrane, June 14 - July 14, 2006

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For international participants, please fill in the information below:

#### Flight Details

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Course Package cost is 2.400 US\$ or 22.472 MDH (Moroccan Dirham)  
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## Course Rationale

As we look towards the future, ecological sustainability seems to be a good contribution to the achievement of sustainable development in the world.

Growth in healthy food demand and in environmental concern will continue to increase in many developed and developing countries. Organic agriculture, a system which avoids the use of chemicals and external inputs beside the ecological processes has attracted the attention of many communities in the last decade. Its potential to contribute in environmental quality, income generation and food security need to be better known and understood through scientific approaches combined with hands on field experiments.

Convinced of the important role that our Center for Environmental Issues & Regional Development in collaboration with IAV Hassan II can play in contributing to capacity building in the field of organic agriculture and environmental education, we have designed this course for the first time with the aim to motivate and engage more people and communities in sustainable development actions.

At the same time, it gives the opportunity to international participants to learn about Moroccan culture and the rich natural heritage of the Mediterranean ecosystem through interaction with local communities and other participants.

## Course Description

This course combines, on the one hand, background lectures on organic agriculture principles, scientific and social aspects, organic production, processing, certification, labeling, and on the other hand, practical work and hands-on in the field. Environmental and cultural observations during various field trips in the Middle Atlas region of Morocco would be also an enriching experience. Furthermore, interested participants may select to take Arabic language lessons or other lectures on sustainable development.

We strive to balance between classroom time, hands-on

experimental learning, personal empowerment work and a sense of observation and appreciation of the natural heritage, its biodiversity and its changes.

Field trips to natural areas (RAMSAR wetlands), nearby farms, organic agricultural production units, research and development centers is an important part of the program.

### Goals:

1. to encourage citizens of the world and young students to think critically about organic agriculture and its implementation in farming systems that sustain profitable production, communities, and environmental health
2. to provide an opportunity for interested international participants to learn about Moroccan culture and local development through direct interaction with local communities

**Objectives:** Participants will critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of social and scientific aspects of organic agriculture. They will learn through hands-on field experiments, how scientific principles are used to develop organic farming, and what role organic food production has in our local communities.

### Who should attend?

This interactive hands-on course/workshop will be useful for people with varying levels of experience: from backyard gardeners, nature lovers, civil activists to educational professionals committed to sustainable development.

This is an opportunity for those interested in learning about North African culture, Islam and the Arabic language, to interact directly with local communities within a peaceful, tolerant, friendly and beautiful natural environment.

Standard Arabic, dialect of spoken Arabic and general lectures on Islamic principles may be offered at least 4 times/week.

## Tentative Program framework

### Morning 8:30-12:30

Lectures/Laboratory tests/Field work at the CEIRD experimental site

8:30-10:30 Lectures / Laboratory tests

10:30-12:30 Field work at the CEIRD experimental site

### Afternoon 2:30-5:30

Interactive lectures/contact with local community / group sessions

2:30-3:30 Group sessions: review/assessment of the hands-on experiments

3:30-4:30 Arabic language courses for interested participants or sustainable development lectures: case studies

4:30-5:30 Environmental free choice learning groups

### Total expected field trips: 4

**Requirements:** No age limitation, all majors are accepted, own medical insurance is required, senior participants and young students/ scholars aged 18 and above are highly encouraged to apply.

Courses and presentations are taught in English. Translation from French or Arabic to English and vice versa may be arranged.

### Award

A certificate of achievement will be offered to participants who complete the whole program.

### Food and Accommodation

- Food served at the University cafeteria and restaurant.
- Housing in students' dormitories or in private rooms at the university campus.

It is recommended to bring rain gear, swim gear, comfortable walking shoes, a hat, cameras and towels.

**Period: 5 weeks from June 14 to July 14, 2006;**

**23 training days, 4 field trips; week-ends free.**

**Maximum number of course participants 25.**

The course fee is **22.472 Dh or 2.400 US\$**. It includes the course fee, food, accommodation, field trips, internal transportation, internet access, sports and library facilities.