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MASHAV International Agricultural  
Training Center



**MASHAV** - Israel's Agency for International  
Development Cooperation,  
**MATC** - MASHAV Agricultural Training Center  
in cooperation with  
**IRIS** – International Resilience Institute Sderot  
invite professionals to participate in the

International Workshop on  
**Enhancing Resilience  
of the Agricultural Sector**

Israel, 25/11 – 6/12/2024



## **Background**

National food systems must ensure a reliable, continuous and ample supply of safe, healthy, affordable, and diverse food to all citizens. In order to do so, a sustainable management of natural resources and the strengthening of the agricultural and rural sectors are necessary, in order to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable populations and to mitigate the effects of climate change, natural disasters and man-made threats and emergencies.

Since its independence in 1948, the State of Israel has had to guarantee the food security of a constantly and sharply growing population, while facing harsh climate conditions and limited land and water availability. With more than 50% of its territory classified as a desert, Israel has succeeded in finding solutions for the efficient use of scarce resources and developing a flourishing agricultural sector renowned for its accomplishments and characterized by high productivity and technological innovation. And yet, Israel's food system is very much dependant on import of commodities, basic food products and raw materials.

Global changes, emergencies and crises require continuous adaptation and implementation of new strategies. Israel's present policies aim to enhance the resilience of its agricultural and rural sector, committed to ensure food security and safeguarding the communities' well-being, while encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship together with the preservation of the environment.

## **About the program**

### **Aims**

This training program aims to convey and share with participants the vision, strategies and holistic management that Israel has implemented in the development process of its own agricultural and rural sector, as well as the steps and measures being undertaken today in order to meet the challenges of global changes and these current times of crisis. The program also aims to create a framework for the exchange of knowledge and experience between the participants to promote networking and strengthen regional cooperation.

### **Main Subjects**

The program will include lectures and field visits on:

- The Israeli agricultural sector and its preparedness against threats and emergencies
- The importance of resilience in the world of agriculture
- Crisis management and recovery efforts in the agricultural sector
- Developing resilience from a personal to a national level
- Enhancing food security, sustainability and economic development
- Education, innovation and technologies

## **General Information**

### **Arrival and Departure**

Arrival date: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Official opening: 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Closing date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Departure date: 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Early arrivals/late departures if required, must be fully coordinated in advance with the Embassy of Israel. Participants will have to cover any additional costs that may be incurred due to early/late arrival/departure.

## Location and Accommodations

The training program will take place at or near MATC - MASHAV's International Agricultural Training Center in Kibbutz Shefayim, situated 20 km north of Tel Aviv and near the coastal city of Netanya (Specific hotel to be confirmed). Participants will be accommodated in double rooms (2 participants per room) on FB basis.

MASHAV awards a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship covers the cost of the training program including lectures and field visits, full board accommodation in double rooms, health insurance and transfers to and from the airport. Airfares and daily allowance are not included in the scholarship.

## Application Requirements

The program is geared towards senior policy makers, officials and professionals from governmental and non-governmental institutions, directly involved in agricultural and rural resilience and food security development programs on a national, regional or local level. A full command of English is required.

## Application forms

Interested candidates are asked to complete the Online Application process:

<https://mashav-mfa.formtitan.com/ftproject/mashavhome>

Please select the **English language** and enter the **course code: 7062**

The completed application, including the health declaration & other documents, must be submitted by **6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024**

## General Health Services:

1. **MASHAV'S Medical declaration** must be completed and submitted to the Embassy of Israel together with the application form.
2. Participants will be covered by a medical insurance contracted by MASHAV. The medical insurance coverage applies only for the duration of the training, and does not include additional days, in cases of early arrivals or late departures.

**MASHAV'S medical insurance** covers only medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic or existing conditions, specific medications taken by the participant on a regular basis, dental care and eyeglasses. Participants will be responsible for all other expenses, which are not covered by the insurance policy. Israeli Health authorities recommend that all visitors to Israel make sure they **have been vaccinated against tetanus in the last ten years.**

## About MASHAV

**MASHAV** – Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation is dedicated to providing developing countries with the best of Israel's experience in development and planning. As a member of the family of nations, The State of Israel is committed to fulfilling its responsibility to contribute to the fight against poverty and to the global efforts to achieve sustainable development. **MASHAV**, representing Israel and its people, focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel's own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives. **MASHAV's** approach is to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, and is taking active part in the international community's process of shaping the Post-2015 Agenda, to define the new set of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

**MASHAV's** activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health, empowerment of women and education. Professional programs are based on a "train the trainers" approach to institutional and human capacity building, and are conducted both in Israel and abroad. Project development is supported by the seconding of short and long-term experts, as well as on-site interventions. Since its establishment, **MASHAV** has promoted the centrality of human resource enrichment and institutional capacity building in the development process – an approach that has attained global consensus.

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<https://mfa.gov.il/mfa/mashav/pages/default.aspx>

### About MATC

**MATC** - MASHAV's International Agricultural Training Center - specializes since 1963 in human capacity building and training programs in the fields of agriculture, water management, environment and rural development. **MATC** conducts international, regional and country tailor made training programs as well as professional visits, workshops and conferences based on Israel's development experience, sharing both agricultural know-how, and Israel's unique spirit of innovation. MATC's training programs conducted in English, Spanish, French, Russian and Arabic, are specifically designed to improve agricultural production in developing countries, to promote food security and to create partnerships through ongoing international cooperation, for enhancing global sustainable development. To this purpose, **MATC** works in close cooperation with Israel's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and its Agricultural Research Organization (ARO), as well as with Israel's universities, agricultural organizations, farmers and the private sector.

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### About IRIS

The **International Resilience Institute of Sderot** is a pioneering institution dedicated to establishing the city of Sderot as a global authority in municipal resilience and crisis management. Our mission is to promote awareness of resilience internationally, bridging theoretical knowledge with extensive practical expertise accumulated over years of experience.

The center empowers diverse communities worldwide to effectively confront challenges and crises. We emphasize community and municipal resilience, fostering professional partnerships and knowledge sharing. Serving as a central hub, we facilitate peer interactions, research, development, training, and international collaborations in the fields of resilience, crisis management, and emergency response.

We offer decades of experience of Local Disaster Management and Recovery (LDMR), with over 20 years of living under constant threat and insecurity. Our hands-on experience in transitioning from trauma to growth, despite regional instability, positions us as a beacon of resilience.

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