

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

HUDCO's Human Settlement Management Institute



Three-Weeks Training Programme for Overseas Professionals on Realizing the Right to Adequate Housing in the Context of Habitat III New Urban Agenda - Policies, Planning & Practice'

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Venue: HUDCO's HSMI, New Delhi

Under ITEC

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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The right to adequate housing was recognized as part of the right to an 'Adequate Standard of Living' in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR, article 25 (1) and in the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR, art. 11). As per this, for housing to be adequate, it must provide more than four walls and a roof, and at a minimum, meet the seven key criteria, such as : (i) Security of tenure; (ii) Availability of services, materials, facilities and infrastructure; (iii) Affordability; (iv) Habitability; (v) Accessibility; (vi) Location; and (vii) Cultural adequacy. The provision of affordable housing has become one of the major tasks for many developing and under developed countries. This has further been recognized globally with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 and the Habitat III New Urban Agenda (NUA) in 2016.

The course provides various concepts related to the rights-based approaches of adequate housing, especially adequate and affordable housing for urban poor population and suggestive methods for supply of it in the increasing global urbanization. The course is designed to discuss and provide alternate solutions to the wide-ranging issues on adequate and affordable housing through the appropriate programme contents, so as to help the participants design appropriate policies and programmes in the field of housing and habitat development & management in their respective countries in the context of the commitments under NUA as well as SDGs. The participants would be exposed to best practices through class room lectures and technical study visits.

WHY SHOULD YOU DO THE COURSE

Developing rights-based housing projects that are affordable & responsive to the needs of all stakeholders is a challenging endeavor. In this course, you will be introduced various components of right to adequate and affordable housing that would help in developing holistic and sustainable social affordable housing projects that fulfill the needs of all stakeholders. At the end of the programme, you would be able to:

- Define various rights-based concepts of adequate & affordable housing and their relationships with other associated terms in the urbanization process;
- Develop an understanding of rights-based planning approaches & policy measures and innovative practices in the field of affordable social housing;
- Develop innovative financing options and strategies for the provision of cheaper and long-tenure funds for affordable housing projects;
- Develop action plan that successfully design & implement a rights-based affordable social housing programme or project that does reach people in real need and improve the overall living conditions of people in cities;
- Include innovative designs and green construction technology for rapid supply of affordable and sustainable housing; and
- Draw a roadmap of reforms required for provision of adequate, affordable & sustainable housing supply, as a step towards implementation right to adequate housing in the context of new urban agenda in your country.





EXPECTED PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE COURSE

If you are a housing professional who wants to understand better the nuances of rights-based approaches to adequate housing and various elements that complement each other in the provision of adequate & affordable housing projects, this course is right for you. This programme is therefore designed for policy makers, engineers, architects, town planners, urban designers, social scientists, finance professionals, community development professionals, health workers, education and literacy campaigners and technologists. Participation of Non-Government Organizations, private sector as well as some elected representatives engaged in urban affairs shall strengthen the interaction among managers of urban development.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE COURSE

If you have at least a bachelor's degree or diploma or any other relevant qualifications in the mentioned disciplines with at least 3-4 years of relevant experience, and in the age group of 25-55 years, you are eligible to apply for the Course. Since the medium of teaching in the Course is English, you should be proficient in English language.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are eligible and interested in participating in this course, you may apply under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India through the Indian Mission in your country.

THE COURSE INSTITUTE: HUDCO'S HSMI

The Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) is the research and training wing of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GoI. Apart from the financing operations, HUDCO offers consultancy services, promotes research and studies related to urban development and supports the Govt. of India in its various Housing and urban development related programmes and policies. HUDCO's HSMI provides training for professionals on a variety of issues of housing, urban and regional planning and development. It has considerable experience of conducting short term/ long term training programmes. HUDCO's HSMI has imparted training to over 54,400 professionals through over 1800 nos. of programmes, including 56 MEA-ITEC programmes (50 physical + 6 online) involving over 1177 overseas participants.



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ABOUT THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Over the last several decades, International Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has contributed substantially to capacity building in many parts of the world. ITEC programmes have attracted thousands of participants from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Central Europe for training in a diverse range of subjects at a large number of institutes across the country. So far Human Settlements Management Institute (HSMI), the Research and Training Wing of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has imparted training to over 54,400 professionals through over 1800 nos. of programmes, including 55 MEA-ITEC programmes (50 physical + 6 online) involving over 1177 overseas participants.

Course Rationale

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United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights embedded that access to decent, affordable housing is fundamental for the health and well-being of people as well as the smooth functioning of economies. At present across the globe, urban populations have increased rapidly, often outstripping available housing. This increasing rate of growth of urban population has led to increasing housing shortage, reducing privacy and overcrowding in small house, steady growth of slums and unplanned settlements and severe effect on civic services in urban areas. Embedded in such situation there is a critical need for adequate, safe, affordable and sustainable housing. Thus, provision of affordable housing has become one of the major tasks for many developing and under

developed countries. This has further been recognized globally with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 and more recently the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at Habitat III Conference in October 2016 at Quito, Ecuador.

The New Urban Agenda provides five key strategies to address the challenges of urbanization. These five strategies are: (1) the development of National Urban Policies including the National Housing and Habitat Policy for the housing sector; (2) the development of rules and regulations so as to provide legislative backup to the implementation of policy frameworks; (3) a focus on urban planning and design for managing urbanisation sustainably; (4) accompanying planned urbanisation with appropriate financing strategies to meet the cost of urbanization so to make it sustainable; and (5) appropriate, local institutional frameworks designed for successful implementation. The global commitments of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) need now to be translated into concrete local action. Towards this, all the stakeholders including the national government, sub-national governments, local authorities, need to join forces to implement the New Urban Agenda. The New Urban Agenda advocates for appropriate training and capacity building of key stakeholders involved in the provision of ensuring adequate and affordable housing.

One of the key components of right to adequate housing is affordability, which is a relative term having different meaning for different income groups. Affordable housing is generally defined in terms of cost of a house; size of a house; and spending on housing as a proportion to the total income of the household on a monthly/yearly basis. The average household income of urban poor population is found generally too low to buy or rent decent house in the urbanized area due to irregular employment and settlement pattern. Thus, parameters of affordable housing differ for urban poor category from other income categories.

Affordable housing cannot be achieved solely with construction of dwelling units. The other relative terms associated with the affordable housing are supply of land at affordable cost and at appropriate habitable locations, cheaper but durable construction materials, smooth and easily accessible housing finance, rapid construction technology methods quick supply, etc. Therefore, the issues relating to affordable housing are many and varied ranging from definition of affordability for different socio-economic groups to the various housing options and innovative financing, technology, planning and designing options.

India has been a pioneering nation in formulating and designing various affordable housing programmes right from the first five year plan (1950 -56) till date, the latest

being the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), i.e. Prime Minister's Housing Programme - Housing for All in urban areas by 2022. Therefore, some of the learning and innovations in affordable housing policies and programmes needed to be disseminated across the globe through offering customized international training programmes.

This customized training programme was designed to discuss and provide alternate solutions to the wide-ranging issues on right to adequate and affordable housing through the appropriate programme contents, so as to help the international participants design appropriate policies and programmes in the field of housing and habitat development & management in their respective countries for implementation of the commitments under New Urban Agenda as well as Sustainable Development Goals. The Course was also intended to discuss the strategies, policies, techniques and best practices on rights-based approaches to adequate and affordable housing, among other contents.

PROPOSED DATES AND LOCATION

The course is proposed to be conducted during February 5th – February 23rd , 2024 **at HUDCO's Human Settlement Management Institute, Khelgaon, New Delhi.**

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The aim of the course, therefore, is to provide the participants various concepts related to the rights-based approaches of adequate housing, especially adequate and affordable housing for urban poor population and suggestive methods for supply of it in the increasing global urbanization. The key objectives of the programme are as follows:-

- To sensitize various aspects of the New Urban Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals, and Paris Agreement for inclusive and equitable cities, with particular focus on provision of sustainable, adequate and affordable housing;
- To provide the participants with an understanding of affordable housing, issues, challenges and delivery strategies to meet the housing needs of all sections of the society, particularly the housing needs of urban poor population;
- To gather knowledge on various building and construction technology options available for provision of modern, cost-effective, green and sustainable housing;

- To disseminate and share country policies, schemes, practices and innovative ideas and solutions related to supply of adequate and affordable housing to urban poor; and
- To design a roadmap of reforms required for the provision of adequate, affordable and sustainable housing supply, through classroom studies, action planning exercises and technical site visits, as a step towards implementation of Habitat III New Urban Agenda.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE AND DETAILS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME

During the three weeks training programme the participants shall be exposed to the concepts and whole range of issues on right to adequate and affordable housing so as to help the international participants design appropriate policies and programmes in the field of housing and habitat development & management in their respective countries for implementation of the commitments under New Urban Agenda as well as Sustainable Development Goals. They shall be trained to devise strategies, policies, techniques, reform measures, apart from best practices on rights-based approaches to adequate and affordable housing. The programme structure has been evolved in smaller modules to address the specific sectoral challenges, issues and interventions in the sub areas of urbanization & population growth, SDGs, Habitat III New Urban Agenda; Housing and Urban Development Policy frameworks; Rights-based Approaches to Planning for Affordable Housing; technology & design guidelines for affordable housing projects; Financing and international best practices on right to adequate housing. Study visits and group exercises shall be part of programme.

Programme Contents

The course is divided into six modules (two modules per week) and site visits , the key components of which are as under:

Module 1: Housing and Urban Development Policy frameworks and contexts.

This module includes the concepts of right to adequate housing, affordable housing, policy framework and implementation techniques in the housing and urban development, especially in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda (NUA). The concepts covered in this module include:

- Significance of right to adequate housing in the context of SDGs and NUA;
- Concepts of housing, housing typologies- Slum, Squatters, Informal sector housing;

- Policy frameworks for affordable housing and urban development - Formulating National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy: Issues, Strategies, Specific Action Areas and Role of different Stakeholders
- Housing situation and Public Intervention.
- Sharing of country experiences by participants

Module 2: Rights-based Approaches to Planning for Affordable Housing at city level

This module includes an analysis of inclusive urban planning techniques and supply intervention of affordable housing by different housing agencies including Urban Local Bodies. This module looked into the strategies and schemes being implemented for construction of affordable houses in the urban areas. The concepts covered in this module include:

- Inclusive Urban Planning Techniques for adequate and affordable housing;
- Innovative land planning and land-use management techniques for affordable housing;
- Planning for various income groups, group housing and slum rehabilitation schemes.
- Legal & Institutional Framework for supply of affordable houses in the urban areas.
- Latest developments of affordable houses, planning and strategies involved in the schemes through presentations by practitioners.

Module 3: Aspects in Design of Affordable Housing Projects

This module shall showcase some successful experiences of affordable housing. The classroom sessions included the design aspects of affordable housing, housing layouts, construction technology, energy efficient building materials, etc. The concepts covered in this module include:

- Various innovative designs for affordable housing;
- Modern, Innovative, Cost-effective, Green and Sustainable Construction Technology Options for rapid supply of affordable and sustainable housing;
- Low cost energy efficient materials, Disaster resistant construction materials; and
- Energy reduction and use of renewable energy in housing.

Module 4: Financing of affordable housing projects and Action Planning

Availability of cheaper and long-tenor finance is one of the key challenges for success of any affordable housing project. This module evaluated the financial environment for affordable houses in terms policies, programmes, financing instruments, sources of

finance, regulation at national and local level. Role of institutional financing organisations such as Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), National Housing Bank (NHB), Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), various international donor/financing agencies, and micro finance institutions in affordable housing was discussed through classroom sessions. The module shall include the following:

- Affordability and housing finance - Innovative Financing options for affordable housing including PPPs;
- Public Private Partnership (PPP) models for land and housing- Emerging Options and Strategies;
- Housing finance requirements of EWS category, methods of finance;
- Present trend in housing finance in India and in other countries;
- Micro Housing Finance for informal sector; and
- Best practices in the housing finance category for affordable housing.

Module 5: Learning from Global experiences, Indian best practices and field examples of affordable housing projects.

This module shall focus on evaluation of global experiences of affordable housing, case examples recognized as best practices in terms of affordability by detail case study and physical visits including interaction with the stakeholders. The module included the following concepts:

- Innovative Country-specific Sustainable Housing delivery models for all socio-economic groups including Government employees housing scheme;
- Indian best practices of affordable housing projects; slum improvement & rehabilitation projects; etc.;
- Community Initiatives and Participation in affordable housing;
- Infrastructure and services for affordable houses; and
- Field visits to successful affordable housing projects in Delhi and other places in India.

Module 6: Roadmap of reforms for Implementation of affordable (social) housing projects

The social housing is always a time consuming and critical task for implementation. This module focused on the aspects for implementation of social housing projects particularly focusing towards the affordability for the urban poor. Concepts in this module shall include:

- Housing Policy, Framework and Development Control Rules for affordability;
- Public participation & intervention in policy framework and implementation;
- Implementation strategies of affordable housing in Core City, Fringe Areas and New Areas;
- Housing and Livelihood Issues;
- Affordable Rental Housing; and
- roadmap of reforms and strategies for implementing rights-based approaches for adequate and affordable housing.
- Site Visits

METHODOLOGY OF THE PROGRAMME

The training programme shall be imparted through classroom lectures, online sessions, presentations, team building games, group exercises and field visits. Resource persons invited to interact with the participants shall be drawn from among the experienced in house faculty of HUDCO's HSMI, senior professionals from HUDCO, eminent professionals of repute from outside HUDCO including those from central/ state government, major institutions and nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) such as, Building Materials Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) New Delhi, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) New Delhi, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), UN-Habitat, Institute of Social Science (ISS), World Resources Institute (WRI) etc.