

9th International Agroecology Shortcourse
Yucatan, Mexico June 29-July 12, 2008

Traditional Knowledge, Sustainable Rural Development, and Global Change

Description

The International Agroecology Shortcourse, combining theory with practice, will be held in the Yucatan, Mexico from June 29-July 12, 2008. This year we seek to have participants develop their conceptual, methodological, and instrumental capacities in order to incorporate the foundations of agroecology in the design and execution of programs and practices of sustainable rural development, taking into consideration the challenges that traditional knowledge faces before global change. The course will be organized together with the Department of Management and Conservation of Natural Resources at the Independent University of the Yucatan (PROTROPICO), the agroecology group of the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), the non-profit organization Proenlaces, Heifer International, and the non-profit organization Community Agroecology Network.

Academic Activities

The course consists of readings, presentations, and field practice. The discussions and experiences shared between participants will enrich the concepts taught in the course by invited specialists. There will be discussion groups, assigned readings, field practice and individual as well as group presentations.

Participants

Participants may include professionals, students, teachers, representatives of public and private institutions, and farmers and researchers interested in learning, implementing, promoting and comparing experiences in agroecological management of natural resources. This course is limited to 40 people and will be conducted in Spanish, therefore participants are required to have fluency in the language.

Admission Requirements

Interested applicants must send in a resume and a letter of interest to participate in the course. Applicants will be selected by a committee of representatives from each of the organizations sponsoring the course and will be notified within 2 weeks of whether or not they have been accepted. Upon receiving a letter of acceptance, participants must pay their course fees. At the end of the course each person will receive a certificate of participation.

Costs

Early registration: \$1300 before May 30th

\$1500 after May 30th

We will receive applications until we reach the maximum number of participants (40 people).

The costs include lodging from the night of June 29th until July 12th, food, transportation during the course, materials, and classes. It does not include airplane tickets, visas, or airport taxes. It is important that each participant find out in their countries if a visa is required to enter Mexico and if any documents are needed to verify your participation in the course.

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