



Vietnam Development Information Center, in collaboration with United Nations Capital Development Fund, Asian Development Bank Institute and Tokyo Development Learning Center, invites you to

THE SECOND BLENDED LEARNING COURSE ON MICROFINANCE

From October 20, 2005 to January 19, 2006

at Vietnam Development Information Center, Ground floor, 63 Ly Thai To, Hanoi

Overview

Microfinance has demonstrated its potential to improve the livelihoods and reduce the vulnerability of poor and low-income people. However the gap between microfinance supply and demand is huge.

From February to June 2005, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC) and the Vietnam Development Information Center (VDIC) jointly sponsored and successfully organized a blended distance learning course on Microfinance to six Asian countries (Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Vietnam, Philippines and Japan), of which 10 participants become UNCDF accredited trainers, 16 successfully completed the training of trainers (TOT) and more than hundred regular participants from the above six countries and Timor Leste attended four videoconference sessions (VCs) and did self-study on the Microfinance learning package.

This second course, to be held from October 20, 2005 to January 19, 2006, aims to train and accredit more trainers for more countries in Asia as well as involve more microfinance professionals in the VCs. As the selection of TOT participants has been completed separately, this invitation is extended to you to participate in the VCs, the local sessions and access the learning package.

Target Audience

Policy makers, donor staff, working professionals, practitioners, socially responsible investors, students, and others working in development and microfinance

Mode of delivery

A blend of 4 VCs, 4 local face-to-face sessions and self-study on Microfinance learning package, which is available online at <http://www.uncdf.org/mfd/> or can be purchased at VDIC at USD 15 per set.

Participation fee: Complimentary

Language

VCs: English, with interpretation into Vietnamese
Local face-to-face sessions: Vietnamese

Program Sessions and Timetable (Hanoi time)

Module 1: *Commercial Microfinance*

Fundamental concepts, clients and services of microfinance, microcredit methodologies, and effects of the local environment in commercial contexts

Local session: Oct. 19, from 09:00 to 11:00 a.m

VC: Oct. 20, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Module 2: *The World of Microfinance*

Local session: Nov. 15, from 09:00 to 11:00 a.m

VC: Nov. 16, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Module 3: *Financial Analysis*

Reading financial statements, measuring delinquency, key financial factors, interest rate practices, measuring financial viability

Local session: Dec. 20, from 09:00 to 11:00 a.m

VC: Dec. 22, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Module 4: *Institutional Analysis*

Gauging institutional viability, donor/MFI relations

Local session: Jan. 18, 2006, from 09:00 to 11:00 a.m

VC: Jan. 19, 2006, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Facilitators: As per the page attached

Registration:

Please fill out the attached form and send it **no later than Oct. 18, 2005** to:

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