

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

HUDCO's Human Settlement Management Institute



Six-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'

Date : 9th January- 17th February 2023

Venue: HUDCO's HSMI, New Delhi

Under ITEC

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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

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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. 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 more recently the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at Habitat III Conference in October 2016 at Quito, Ecuador.

The aim of this course is to provide the participants the 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 international 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 New Urban Agenda as well as Sustainable Development Goals. The best practices to be discussed in the programme would give them practical exposure in this subject.

PROGRAMME CONTENTS

The key-themes to be discussed and the contents of the programmes are as under:

- Housing and Urban Development Policy frameworks and right to adequate housing in the context of SDGs and NUA;
- Rights-based Approaches to Land & Planning for Affordable Housing at city level
- Legal & Institutional Framework for supply of affordable houses in the urban areas
- Innovative designs and Green Construction Technology for rapid supply of affordable and sustainable housing
- Financing of affordable housing projects including innovative Financing options and instruments for affordable housing
- Learning from Global experiences and Indian good practices of affordable housing projects
- Roadmap of reforms and strategies for implementing rights-based approaches for adequate and affordable housing;

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

At the end of the programme, participants would be able to:

- Understand various components of right to adequate housing.
- Define the concept of affordable housing and understand its relations with other associated terms in the urbanization.
- Develop an understanding of planning & policy measures and innovative practices in the field of affordable housing.
- Develop innovative financing options and strategies for the provision of cheaper and long-tenor funds for affordable housing sector.
- Draw a roadmap of reforms for provision of adequate, affordable & sustainable housing supply, as a step towards implementation of NUA in their respective countries;

TECHNICAL SITE VISITS

Structured visits to in-situ improvement, resettlement and rehabilitation projects, livelihood and technological options relevant to the programme will be organized to impart practical experience to the participants. The visits to projects implemented by Central and State Governments, major public and private sector undertakings, NGOs and CBOs will also be undertaken.

TARGET GROUP

This programme is primarily designed for policy makers, engineers, architects, town planners, landscape architects, urban designers, social scientists, finance professionals, community development professionals, health workers, education and literacy campaigners and technologists. Participation of Non-Government Organizations as well as some elected representatives engaged in urban affairs shall strengthen the interaction among managers of urban development.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants should 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.

Age group 25-45 years,

Should be proficient in English language.

ABOUT HUDCO's HSMI

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) was set up in 1970 by the Government of India to accelerate the pace of housing and urban development in the country. It is a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, with more than 51 years' experience in providing loans for housing and urban infrastructure projects in India. HUDCO has established itself as a premier techno-financing company. 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 Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) is the research and training wing of HUDCO. HSMI provides training for professionals on a variety of issues of housing, urban and regional planning and development. HSMI has considerable experience of conducting short term/ long term training programmes. It has conducted 47 ITEC programmes in which more than 1000 participants have been trained. So far, HSMI has organized over 1790 nos. of programmes.

DETAILS OF MATERIAL/ LITERATURE TO BE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

The reading material shall be shared in advance on the Key - themes including the following:

Background paper on International Covenants on Right to adequate housing; New Urban Agenda-Habitat III outcome document; Government of India's Operational Guidelines for Urban Missions- PMAY, AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission, SBM; India's housing policies; and other relevant study materials.

The programme is run on highly participative lines ensuring maximum involvement of the participants. Each participant is required to make a presentation on his/her work profile. There will also be Action Planning exercises in groups. In this context, selected participants are requested to share relevant data and case studies covering the following:

Policy papers relating to housing, urban development, urbanization trends, status of implementation of housing rights in their respective countries, housing policies & programmes, innovative financing for housing, etc.

LANGUAGE OF THE COURSE

The course will be conducted in English.

FELLOWSHIP

As per Government of India's regulations indicated to the participants by respective Indian Mission under ITEC.

DELHI WEATHER

The winter season starts in December and lasts until mid-February and Delhi is quite cold in January. The temperature varies between 21° Celsius during day and around 7°Celsius in night. Participants are advised to carry clothes suitable for the weather.



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Realizing the Right to Adequate Housing in the Context of Habitat III New Urban Agenda - Policies, Planning & Practice (6 weeks)



Course Rationale:

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.

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, the largest housing programme in the world with its scale and performance. Therefore, some of the learning and innovations in affordable housing policies and programmes need to be disseminated across the globe through offering customized international training programmes.

The customized training programme is 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 would 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 from **9th January 2023- 17th February 2023 at HUDCO's Human Settlement Management Institute, Khel Gaon, New Delhi.**

Aim of the course:

The aim of the course is to provide the participants the 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 international 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 New Urban Agenda as well as Sustainable Development Goals.

Objectives of the Course

- 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 provide exposure through classroom study, and technical site visits of field issues and technical solutions to affordable housing issues;
- 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, as a step towards implementation of New Urban Agenda.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the course, the course participants should be able to:

- Understand various components of right to adequate housing.
- Define the concept of affordable housing and understand its relations with other associated terms in the urbanization.
- Develop an understanding of policy measures and innovative practices in the field of affordable housing.
- Develop sound understanding of the inclusive planning and design instruments for promotion of affordable housing.
- Develop innovative financing options and strategies for the provision of cheaper and long-tenor funds for affordable housing sector.
- Draw a roadmap of reforms required for the provision of adequate, affordable and sustainable housing supply, as a step towards implementation of New Urban Agenda in their respective countries.

Target Group:

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Eligibility

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- Age group 25-45 years,
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Course Contents

This International course is planned as a learning workshop where participants will be expected to participate in the teaching and learning process. It is a leadership programme on the various aspects of sustainable, adequate and affordable housing including rights-based approaches, policy evolutions, challenges, strategies with a focus on developing roadmap for achieving the goal of 'Adequate, Affordable and Sustainable Housing for All' in the context of increasing urbanisation, huge housing shortage, and focus of the New Urban Agenda of UN-Habitat. The programme will include guest lectures, presentation by experts, interactive sessions, Action Planning exercises and field visits. The themes of the programme would be explained in multimedia pedagogy and project case studies drawn from national and international examples. The course would have six modules, the key components of which are as under:

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

This module will introduce 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 to be 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 will focus on analysis of inclusive urban planning techniques and supply intervention of affordable housing by different housing agencies including Urban Local Bodies. This module will look into the strategies and schemes being implemented for construction of affordable houses in the urban areas.

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

The concepts to be covered in this module will 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: Learning from Global experiences, Indian best practices and field examples of affordable housing projects.

This module will 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 will include these 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 5: Financing of affordable housing projects.

Availability of cheaper and long-tenor finance is one of the key challenges for success of any affordable housing project. This module will evaluate 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 will also be discussed through classroom sessions. The module will 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 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 will focus on the aspects for implementation of social housing projects particularly focusing towards the affordability for the urban poor. Concepts to be covered in this module are:

- 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;
- Disaster Preparedness and mitigation measures;
- Maintenance and upgradation of houses;
- Formulating Housing information system; and
- roadmap of reforms and strategies for implementing rights-based approaches for adequate and affordable housing

USP of the proposed course

This course is the first of its kind in India to discuss rights-based approaches to adequate housing after the adoption of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Habitat III New Urban Agenda (NUA) which commits countries to ensure 'right to adequate housing' as part of the right to an 'Adequate Standard of Living' enshrined in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This course held during February –April 2020 (which was prematurely closed in March 2020 due to outbreak of Covid19 pandemic) was very well appreciated by the overseas participants for the well-structured modules and the experts for the programme. The participants expressed the desire that more programmes on this subject should be held every year in order to sensitize the participants about the significance of the subject and roadmaps for realizing the right to adequate housing. Moreover, MEA had sanctioned one programme on this subject for the financial year 2020-21, which could not be held due to prevailing COVID19 Pandemic. The course will be conducted with the help of subject experts drawn from the field and professionals as well as high level Government of India officials to interact with the participants and help them sensitize various aspects of the subject and formulate strategies and action plans for practical use. The proposed course shall be different from those offered from other institutions, as HUDCO's HSMI has been identified as one of the National Resource Centres as well as the Anchor Institution for Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India for habitat related research, training and capacity building activities. HUDCO's HSMI has four specialised Centres of excellence, namely, Centre for Urban Poverty, Slums and Livelihood; Centre for Project Development & Management; Centre for Sustainable Habitat; and Centre for Affordable Housing. These Centres carry out action-oriented research and impart training & capacity building support to professional urban managers on the themes related to all aspects of sustainable habitat including affordable housing. Further, HUDCO, being a techno financing Institution, has developed an overall expertise in the field of housing and urban development. HUDCO is also the arm of the Government of India in implementation of various schemes with appraisal, financing, consultancy and capacity building support. Apart from in-house faculty, the other resource persons in the programme shall be eminent persons from UN-Habitat India, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, GoI, School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Building Material & Technology Promotion Council, Hindustan Pre-fab Limited, The Energy and Resources Institute, etc.