



ON LINE Short Course

On 16 October 2007, FAO will celebrate World Food Day with the theme the Right to Food. The Right to Food is the right of every person to have regular access to sufficient, nutritionally adequate and culturally acceptable food for an active, healthy life. It is the right to feed oneself in dignity, rather than the right to be fed. With more than 850 million people still deprived of enough food, the Right to Food is not just economically, morally and politically imperative - it is also a legal obligation.



OVERVIEW

The course is designed to provide FAO staff with an overview of the right to food, and to help clarify FAO's roles in assuring the realization of that right by all people.

Participants who complete the course should achieve a good understanding of the fundamentals of the right to food and its legal foundations, and the relationships of the right to their unit's work. In particular, participants should appreciate the ways in which the Right to Food Guidelines might be used in their work. The objectives of the short course are to provide the base knowledge on the Right to Adequate Food to FAO staff; and to increase understanding of the role of FAO staff in relation to the Right to Food.

The course will be conducted by Professor George Kent of the University of Hawai'i. Participants are expected to take a series of e-learning lessons and participate in discussions led by Professor Kent. The course will provide participants an opportunity to reflect on the Right to Food in their own work.

LEARNING GOALS

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COURSE FORMAT

The course will be delivered online allowing participants to follow the course at their own convenience from home or office. Topics will be introduced during the week through a series of interactive e-learning lessons and associated readings. These will be followed by web-based group discussion on the topics. We recommend that at least 1.5 hours a day be set aside from other daily activities by each participant to ensure focused attention.



PARTICIPATION, COSTS AND REGISTRATION

The course is open to policy and technical departmental staff at all levels at FAO Headquarters, Regional and Sub-Regional Offices; as well as FAORs, AFAORs and support staff in FAO Country Offices. The course is free of charge, but space is limited to 30 participants. Interested participants should write to Staff-Development-Group-AFHO@fao.org for a registration form. Participants will be selected on a first come basis, and selected participants will be contacted by e-mail.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

The course will be led by George Kent, Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Hawaii. George is one of the world's foremost specialists in the Right to Food. He works on human rights, international relations, peace, development, and environmental issues, with a special focus on nutrition and children. His books include "Freedom from Want: The Human Right to Adequate Food" (Georgetown University Press, 2005); and the forthcoming "Global Obligations for the Right to Food". Support throughout the course.

e-LEARNING MATERIALS

A series of lessons from the e-learning module entitled "A Primer on the Right to Food" will be used during the course. This module provides an interactive self-paced learning environment in which learners can understand the concept of the Right to Adequate Food. The module uses the latest instructional methods in e-learning such as storytelling, illustrative case studies, simulations and demonstration, as well as interactive tests and practice exercises. Additional materials will be made available online during the workshop, both from FAO and other sources.

AGENDA

Monday, 15 October - Fundamentals

The concept of the right to adequate food is introduced in an interactive lesson and discussed in the online forum. There will also be an opportunity to introduce yourself and reflect on how your work is related to right to food.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 16 and 17 October – Legal Foundations

Two days will be spent focusing on the legal aspects of the Right to Food. These will be introduced in two interactive lessons, followed by a discussion on the legal aspects of the right to food.

Thursday and Friday, 18 and 19 October – Guidelines

During the last two days of the course we will have a look at the Right to Food Guidelines. An overview of the guidelines will be provided by an interactive lesson followed by an online discussion. These days will also include a discussion in which the participants reflect on how they can use the knowledge gained in their own work at FAO.

The course space will open 5 days in advance of the official course start in which participants can familiarize themselves with the course space and edit their profile.

