



DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC

Programme in Managing Food Security

SPECIALIST PROGRAMME

SOUTH AFRICA



The Programme in Managing Food Security as a development opportunity

The management of food security provides a growing opportunity for producers, those involved in post-harvest processes throughout the different supply chains, and retailers.

For those working across the food system,

it is a huge challenge to ensure enough safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate food. Addressing the challenges of the food system requires producers, managers, retailers, supply chain managers and policy makers to understand the changing context of the food system. Understanding the context will result in people across the system reducing waste and losses and ensuring that more efficient, safe and nutritious food is available. Failure to understand the system results in inefficiency, waste, poor service delivery, unsafe and even insufficient food.

Managing food security needs to be addressed and managed within the framework of sustainable development. There is a critical knowledge and skills gap in understanding the various food system pressures, such as land reform, governance, production and consumption trends, climate change, state interventions and the availability of affordable safe, nutritious food to those who are food insecure. Understanding the food system challenges enables people to undertake accurate scenario planning and to better manage the diverse set of risks. This will result in adaptation and change management plans.

USB-ED, in collaboration with the University of Stellenbosch Food Security Initiative, developed the Programme in Managing Food Security in recognition of this critical knowledge and skills gap. This programme is a first for Africa, providing participants with a learning experience that will translate into action plans in the work environment.

When & where

CAPE TOWN

One programme option:

2 – 5 March 2015

Class times: 08:15–17:30

Fees* R12 000 (excl. VAT)

Fees include programme fees, learning material, lunch and refreshments, and is payable in full prior to the commencement of the programme. Fees exclude VAT.

Cancellation policy

A cancellation fee of 10% will be payable for cancelling fewer than 14 days prior to the commencement of the programme.

* Please note that programme fees, faculty and dates are subject to change.

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Who should attend?

You will benefit from this programme if you are a supply chain or procurement director; or a value chain manager, commercial manager, sustainability manager, strategy manager, risk manager, retailer, risk auditor, agri-processing manager, consumer goods manager; or a government official without training in food security risk and scenario management.

What does it cover?

The programme will include the following modules:

- Food security in southern Africa – the context of production, land, processing and distribution
- Systems thinking and organisational change
- Futures thinking and scenario planning
- Sustainable competitiveness

What is your return on investment?

This programme will investigate the main issues relating to food security management, both theoretically and practically. However, the emphasis throughout the programme will be on practical application in a real-world setting and the use of case studies as a learning approach. After completing the programme, successful participants will be equipped to:

- Analyse risks in their environment and identify strategies to reduce risks and reduce losses
- Develop plans of action to address food security challenges, with specific reference to their area in the food system
- Debate and discuss food supply chain issues such as land and resource challenges, the maintenance of cold chains and financing of supply chains, as well as opportunities to improve food systems in Africa
- Identify opportunities for change in the food system
- Construct scenarios as part of decision making that will result in developing and growing businesses in changing economic, political and climatic conditions; and
- Address sustainable development as a business case in their own particular environment.

The programme will also provide the necessary foundation for individuals who wish to prepare themselves for further studies in Food Security at a later stage in their careers.

What will be required of you?

You will be required to attend one classroom-based study block of four days from 08:15 – 17:30. Participants will be expected to prepare prior to the study school through pre-reading as well as pre-course assessments. Individual assignments need to be completed after the study school and must be submitted a month after the conclusion of the programme.

NQF alignment

The scope and presentation of this programme is aligned with the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Level 7.

Admission requirements

No formal tertiary qualifications are required. Participants should have English language competence at NQF level 4 or equivalent, and sufficient ability to comprehend learning material, write assignments and follow/participate in discussions on issues in the development area.

Certificate

On successful completion of the programme (which includes attending the classroom-based study block as well as passing the assignment), you will receive a certificate of competence from Stellenbosch University.

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About us

USB Executive Development (USB-ED) is the public executive development company within the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB). USB-ED offers open-enrolment programmes for the individual, in-house and customised programmes for organisations, and strategic consulting. We collaborate with international business schools and leading corporate partners to offer our participants world-class business learning opportunities. As USB-ED is the executive development arm of the USB, all programmes presented must adhere to and fall within the quality assurance and accreditation regulations which govern the USB.

Where we are

USB-ED has a presence in Cape Town, KwaZulu Natal and Johannesburg (South Africa). We also offer programmes in 13 African countries including Gaborone (Botswana), Nairobi (Kenya), Maseru (Lesotho), Matsapha (Swaziland), Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Mauritius and Saudi Arabia.

Centres of Excellence

USB-ED realises the importance of sound research to support both academic and practical learning. Having identified core areas of research, USB-ED inaugurated the following Centres of Excellence:

- Centre for Business in Society
- Centre for Applied Entrepreneurship

- Transnet Centre for the Business Management of Projects
- Centre for Positive People at Work

Accreditation

South Africa

The University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) is accredited with the Higher Education Quality Council (HEQC) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE) under the auspices of Stellenbosch University. Public higher education institutions, such as USB-ED, do not however receive provider accreditation/ registration numbers from the Department of Education or from SAQA. Employees may include our programmes in their work place skills plans (WSP).

International

USB is a member of leading bodies in the international and African business school community such as the Association of African Business Schools (AABS) and the Global Business School Network (GBSN). The USB's international standing and reputation is confirmed by the triple crown international accreditations, EQUIS, AMBA and AACSB.

