

Dear colleague,

A forthcoming edition of the journal Irrigation and Drainage will focus on the important issue of capacity-building in the sector. This issue will mark the end of the tenure of ICID's Working Group on Capacity-Building, Training and Education (WG-CBTE) and will build on the outcomes of the recent series of workshops organised by WG-CBTE and IPTRID.

At this stage we envisage a series of articles covering such topics as:

- the theoretical framework for capacity-building;
- the capacity-building cycle
 - needs assessment
 - planning, financing
 - implementation
 - M&E)
- capacity-building at different scales
 - transboundary
 - ministry or department
 - WUAs
 - farmer level
- new or emerging issues
 - social learning
 - knowledge networks
 - building capacity to cope with climate change
 - capacity-building for research
 - capacity-building for public-private partnerships,)

This list is not exhaustive and we welcome suggestions for other topics that could be included.

We are inviting authors to submit a title and 500-word abstract, for consideration for inclusion in this issue. When submitting your abstract, please indicate which of the above topics your paper will be addressing, or make it clear that you are suggesting another topic.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact any of us if you need further information or discussion, and submit your abstract no later than January 31st, 2007. We hope you will take the opportunity to make a contribution to this important issue.

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