

SPECIAL ANNEX

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The 2001 Microfinance Training Program

Greetings! We are very excited to announce that the Seventh Annual Microfinance Training Program will now be hosted by *Naropa University*—located in central Boulder, Colorado. Please note our new email address and other contact information. Naropa University will provide the program with an infrastructure and location that will enhance the participants' overall experience. Robert P. Christen, Senior Advisor at CGAP, the Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest, will continue to be the Academic Director. Almost all of the same excellent faculty that sponsors and participants have come to expect will also return. A broad range of class electives will again be offered.

MFT 2001: Sessions I & II

The Microfinance Training Program (MFT) focuses on the best practices in microfinance program design and management. In addition to the core course in microfinance, participants select from a number of electives to match specific interest areas.

Session I focuses on microfinance best practice program design. It provides a particularly good overview of the essential concepts, analytical tools, experiences, and readings that constitute a minimum basis for understanding current best practices in microfinance. Program officers in donor agencies, managers of newly established programs, staff from government agencies, and consultants all find Session I useful.

Session II focuses on microfinance business planning and management analysis. This session has highly specialized courses which provide specific tools required to achieve long-term financial sustainability and exponential growth. Those already working in the field who need a deeper understanding of the management problems associated with exponential growth and financial sustainability find this session most relevant.

Please contact the MFT Program at Naropa with questions as to which session may suit your needs.

Session I, Program Design: Monday, July 9, 2001 – Friday, July 27, 2001
Session II, Program Management: Monday, July 30, 2001 – Friday, August 17, 2001

Tuition: \$3700 Per 3-Week Session

Topics include:

Microfinance Product Design
Organization of Microfinance
Institutional Development
Impact and Sustainability Policy Issues
Business Planning and Financial Analysis
Governance Issues in Microfinance

Instructors

Academic Director: *Robert Peck Christen, CGAP*

Distinguished faculty who have taught for the MFT Program include:

Richard Rosenberg, *CGAP*
Maria Otero, *ACCION*

Martin Holtmann, *IPC*
Elisabeth Rhyne, *Independent Consultant*
Marguerite Robinson, *HIID*
Lawrence Yanovitch, *FINCA*
Charles Waterfield, *Independent Consultant*
Claudio Gonzalez-Vega, *Ohio State University*
Heather Clark, *UNDP*

Who Should Attend?

The MFT Program participants should have a vital professional interest in microfinance and should be working directly in the field. Participants have represented donor agencies (50%), microfinance organizations and consulting firms (30%), and private individuals (20%).

Why Attend?

MFT Program participants gain a thorough understanding of the essential principals and current ideas of microfinance best practices while becoming familiar with the most important examples of microfinance around the world. Participants also have the unique opportunity to discuss key issues and experiences with leading experts in the field. This year, course instructors will be available outside of scheduled class time to act directly as consultants. One of the most important outcomes of attending the MFT Program is that the participants generate networks of support and communication that last beyond the program itself.

Brochure and Application

The program brochure with detailed course descriptions, bios of faculty, exact schedule of courses, an application, and housing options will be available by *mid-February, 2001*. As soon as it is ready, it will automatically be e-mailed to you—then sent, to those without e-mail (or by special request), via mail or fax.

Your Contact Information, Questions

Please send your updated full contact information and all questions or concerns to our new address:

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