

# GENDER AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

TRAINING COURSE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINERS  
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Role Play, council debate on gender issues during 2009 Training Course © Bernhard Barth/UN-HABITAT

The Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV), in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) jointly organize a training course on Gender and Local Governance.

The objective of the course is to strengthen gender in local government through training of trainers. The participants will:

- Increase their understanding of why gender is important in urban planning, access to basic urban services, land rights and housing, budgeting, economic development, media, urban environment and climate change and violence in cities as well as other fields of urban development
  - Recognize gender biases in local governance and obstacles to the equal participation of women
  - Familiarize themselves with existing tools for gender and local governance training
  - Enhance their confidence and skills to deliver gender training to diverse groups
  - Experience concrete examples of gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment in Israel during study visits
- The programme of the workshop includes various themes relating to gender and governance, which are approached through different methods, for example presentations, sharing of experiences and learning by doing. As the course is designed as a training of trainers event, particular emphasis is placed on group discussion and experimental learning. The themes of the workshop include:
- \* Introduction to Gender training
  - \* Participation of women in local government and the role of quotas.
  - \* Women/Gender in the Israeli Society
  - \* Women and land rights/housing
  - \* Gender and Urban Planning
  - \* Gender Budgeting/Women and local government financing
  - \* Women and local economic development
  - \* Gender and access to basic urban services
  - \* Media and gender
  - \* Gender and the Urban Environment/Climate Change
  - \* Violence against women/Safer Cities
  - \* Development of Gender Action Plans



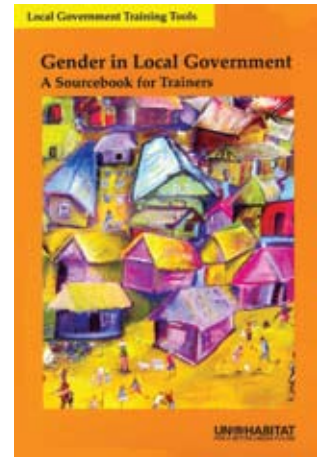
**View over Haifa and Bahai Gardens (within walking distance from MCTC) © Bernhard Barth/UN-HABITAT**



**Excursion to Jerusalem during 2009 Training Course © Bernhard Barth/UN-HABITAT**



**Working Groups during 2009 Training Course © Bernhard Barth/UN-HABITAT**



**In addition the participants of the workshop will join two excursions:**

A two day tour to Southern Israel, including the Dead Sea, a Kibbutz in the Negev and a visit to meet Bedouin Women and a day tour to Jerusalem and Nazareth.

**Who should apply:**

The course targets local government trainers from government affiliated training institutes and NGOs. Anyone who provides training for elected councilors or local government staff may apply. Gender trainers wanting to expand their training to local governments may also apply. Gender training experience is however not required. Course language is English only.

**Costs:**

Participant's tuition, board, lodging (two participants to a room) and excursions in Israel will be covered by MASHAV. UN-HABITAT will cover air travel. Other expenses are to be covered by participants.

**How to apply:**

To apply please download the MASHAV questionnaire from the website <http://mashav.mfa.gov.il> and send it to the Israel Embassy in the country you are residing and copy: yifat.reuveni@mfa.gov.il, havak@mctc.co.il and Bernhard.Barth@unhabitat.org **no later than September 1, 2010.**

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