



Project

Building capacity: international advanced training course on GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems) for the resilience evaluation in three different socio-environmental and bio-cultural frameworks: Africa, Asia e Latin America.

Introduction

FAO, in 2002, launched the initiative “**Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)**”, aimed at identifying and preserving worldwide agricultural systems of global importance, with their landscapes, agro-biodiversity, traditional knowledge and associated culture (<http://www.fao.org/giahs/en/>).

Registered sites in the GIAHS program must be of “global importance”. With this term, FAO intends to refer to all agricultural practices (a term that also includes animal, forest, marine and freshwater products) characterized by a historical origin and a current relevance, representing a heritage for the human race.

Within this framework, the Italian Cooperation has promoted the creation of the global formation center for GIAHS sites in Florence, Italy.

The project

General objective: To promote the conservation of traditional agricultural landscapes.

Specific objective: To spread the knowledge and presence of GIAHS sites in Italian Cooperation Priority Countries.

Expected results:

- **R1:** To train professionals able to identify, manage and submit applications for the FAO GIAHS program.
- **R2:** To identify potential GIAHS sites in the Priority Countries of the Italian Cooperation Abroad Program
- **R3:** To contribute to spread the knowledge about agricultural heritage and the FAO GIAHS program at international level.

The master course:

From January to June 2019 the first master course for GIAHS professionals will be held in Florence and Prato (Italy), at the University of Florence. For details on the course structure:

<https://www.agriculturalheritage.com/structure-of-the-master-course/>.

For this edition, a total of 18 scholarships will be available for professionals coming from the following countries: Albania, Bolivia, Bosnia, Cuba, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mozambique, Myanmar, Senegal and Tunisia.

The scholarships will cover all costs (travel, accommodation, etc).

The ideal candidate is no more than 35 years old, holds an MSc in agriculture or related disciplines and has a working experience in the field of landscape conservation and rural development, preferably in the public sector. Women are encouraged to apply. A good knowledge of English is essential.

Applications must be sent to <https://www.agriculturalheritage.com/master-costs-and-application/> within 30th of September.

For technical issues related to the application procedure, you may contact info@agriculturalheritage.com. (This address is not to be used for sending application materials, which can only be submitted through the website.)