2012 Short Courses and Workshops

Solar Thermal Power Technologies

Course Objectives:
To equip participants with skills to undertake project design, analysis and feasibility studies in Solar Thermal Technologies.

Course Description:
Overview of solar thermal technology and trends; Solar radiation resource assessment and data processing; Intro to design of flat plate collectors; Heat transfer analysis of flat-plate collectors and application to air heating.

Target Participants:
Power and transmission utilities, practising engineers and scientists, researchers, graduate students, etc

Date: 23 Jan–3 Feb, 2012 Fee: $400 Places Available: 20

Installation & Monitoring of Grid-Connected Solar PV Systems

Course Objectives:
To equip participants with the know-how in the design, installation and monitoring of key parameter in grid-connected solar photovoltaic systems.

Course Description:
Power conditioning, maximum power point tracking (MPPT) Technical standards for grid integration, Inverter sizing, etc.

Target Participants:
Power generation transmission and distribution utilities, practising engineers, graduate students, etc

Date: 6–11 Feb 2012 Fee $250 Places Available: 20

Energy Policy & Planning

Course Objectives:
To provide students with the current tools and instruments for planning sustainable national and regional energy systems.

Course Description:
Global and local trends and developments in Renewable Energy Technologies, Introduction to Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning (LEAP), review of national and regional renewable energy policy documents in both developing and industrialized nations.

Target Participants:
Energy Institutions, planners, policy makers, etc.

Date: 13 – 24 Feb, 2012 Fee: $400 Places Available: 30

Renewable Energy Project Analysis (RETScreen & WAsP)

Course Objectives:
To enhance skills of participants at using world-class tools in the analysis of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Course Description:
Overview of tools available in RETScreen Clean Energy Analysis Software; Application of RETScreen for Solar PV project analysis; Assessment of Wind and Solar Water Heating using RETScreen;

Target Participants:
Practising engineers and energy economists, renewable energy project developers, energy planners, graduate students, etc

Date: 27 Feb-10 Mar 2012 Fee: $400 Places Available: 30
**Design and Installation of Stand-Alone Solar PV Systems**

**Course Objectives**
To train participants to design, install and manage off-grid solar PV systems.

**Course Description**
Solar radiation resource assessment; characteristics of commercially available PV Cell technologies; PV System Design Installation, System maintenance and Management

**Date: 14–18 May, 2012  Fee: $170  Places Available: 25**

**Biofuels Technology and Economics**

**Course Objectives**
To train participants to acquire skills in the extraction and processing of biofuels from various feedstocks.

**Course Description**
Classification and assessment of feedstocks for biofuel production; mechanical, thermal and chemical techniques for biofuels extraction and processing; comparison of performance and emission characteristics of biofuels and conventional petroleum fuels; economic evaluation of biofuels extraction and processing

**Date: 14–18 May 2012  Fee: $ 170 Places Available: 25**

**Biogas Systems Design & Construction**

**Course Objectives**
The course aims at training participants in the design, construction and management of biogas systems.

**Course Description**
Biogas feedstock assessment; estimation of recoverable biogas under design conditions; Cost assessment of biogas projects, etc.

**Target participants:**
Practising engineers and technicians and researchers

**Date:** 21–25 May 2012  **Fee:** $170  **Places Available:** 25

**WORKSHOPS**

- **Second Generation Biofuels Workshop**
  28 – 30 August, 2012

  29 – 31 May, 2012

The 2nd I-SEE Workshop will bring together experts in energy technology and policy, with the view to learn from the store of knowledge within the West African sub-region in particular and Africa as a whole. Participation is usually by invitation, however persons not invited, but who wish to participate may send their request to the event organizers through the contact provided in this brochure.

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All fees paid include snacks, lunch and course manuals, but does not include accommodation in Kumasi. Persons who require assistance in arranging accommodation may contact us.

ECOWAS citizens do not need entry visa to Ghana, non-ECOWAS citizens may also contact us for the necessary support in obtaining entry visas.

All the events both trainings and workshops will take place at The Energy Center of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi Ghana.

A 25% discount is available for qualified female participants in training programmes and workshops.

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