

Advanced Specialised Course on **Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities** 5 May – 11 July 2025

CIHEAM BARI is launching the sixth edition of the advanced specialised course on the Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities, funded by the Italian Cooperation.

Objective

The course focuses on the sustainable development of coastal communities and the blue economy, promoting the integration of diverse and effective strategies for managing coastal areas, preserving cultural heritage and local practices, safeguarding environmental resources, and fostering sustainable economic growth.

At the heart of the program is a co-learning approach that unites participants, lecturers, and sectoral experts in a collaborative environment, blending academic knowledge with practical insights. This dynamic methodology goes beyond traditional training by integrating lectures, workshops, case studies, and field visits, offering a comprehensive and interactive learning experience.

Participants actively share their professional expertise, engage in open dialogue, and collaborate to address challenges and develop context-specific solutions. Field visits enhance the programme by offering firsthand opportunities to observe best practices, explore applied processes and technologies, and draw inspiration from innovations.

Guided by lecturers and experts from renowned international institutions, universities, research centres, development and cooperation agencies, and NGOs, this process fosters mutual learning and empowers participants to co-create effective strategies tailored to their specific needs. This approach not only facilitates knowledge exchange but also fosters lasting networks and collaborative relationships among professionals committed to sustainable development.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Design initiatives that promote the Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities through an integrated cross-sectoral approach.
- Acquire knowledge of good practices in managing sustainable coastal activities, including fisheries, aquaculture, integrated agriculture, value chains, value addition, diversification, environmental services, eco-tourism, cultural heritage, and innovation.
- Establish new institutional networks that foster regional cooperation and develop policies for sustainable coastal communities worldwide.

16 TARGET COUNTRIES

Albania, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ghana, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda and Vietnam.

LOCATION: CIHEAM Bari | Tricase Office, Lecce, Italy

DURATION: 10 WEEKS, from 5 May to 11 July 2025

LANGUAGE: English

BENEFICIARIES & ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The course is designed for a maximum of 16 officials from key Ministries including agriculture, fisheries, foreign affairs and international cooperation, economy, engineering, environment, and social policies. It is also open to technicians, researchers, agents, and experts from national agencies, research institutes, and other governmental bodies involved in the planning, management, and policymaking for coastal areas.

Candidates must hold a university degree and possess a good command of the English language.

Eligible candidates may include:

- National administration officials, mid-level managers, technical staff, field personnel, researchers, and experts engaged in the sustainable planning and development of coastal zones;
- Planners, policymakers, and programme managers addressing the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of coastal communities.

Candidates should be nominated by the relevant Ministries or government bodies responsible for the above areas. Nominees are required to submit their applications, along with CV, supporting documents and contact details to the following email address: didattica@iamb.it no later than **07 February 2025**. Nominees will be selected through a rigorous selection process, which includes an oral interview.

The 16 final participants will benefit from full scholarships covering all course-related expenses, including travel, board and lodging, insurance, and pocket money.

PROGRAMME 2025

- **UNIT A.** INTRODUCTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES
- **UNIT B.** INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AND CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACH
- **UNIT C.** FOOD SECURITY AND QUALITY, TECHNOLOGIES AND VALUE CHAINS
- **UNIT D.** COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: THREATS, INNOVATIONS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS