



Information management and knowledge sharing

Course: Building electronic communities and networks

The course provides an overview of the opportunities and challenges of using ICTs to enhance existing methods of collaboration and knowledge sharing, and covers the procedures for developing and facilitating electronic communities.



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Who is the course for?

This course is targeted to facilitators of communities related to agricultural and rural development: network and community users, moderators, managers, policy and decision makers, educational and training centers and public and private sector agricultural extensionists.



Up to 22 hours of learning, depending on learning needs



Available in English, French and Spanish

You will learn about

- Assessing community member's needs
- Issues to consider when designing your online community, skills, privacy, security and usability, multilingual computing, marketing and training
- Existing technical options and tools
- Tasks, methods and techniques for online facilitation

Key partners

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