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Summer School in Human Development and Food Security

1. Background and objectives

The Faculty of Economics “Federico Caffè” of the University of Roma Tre, within the framework of its Master programme in Human Development and Food Security, offers a **Summer School** in Human Development and Food Security. The Summer School will take place in Rome, at the University of Roma Tre, from June 23rd to June 28th 2008.

The Master in Human Development and Food Security, which started in 2003, aims at offering the means to understand the theoretical and practical aspects of poverty and food insecurity and at ensuring the acquisition of tools that enable graduates to contribute to fighting hunger and poverty.

The Master Programme aims at meeting a two-fold objective:

- To meet the needs for qualified specialists working for government offices, non governmental organisations and international institutions
- To meet the growing request for specific high level academic training and research in food security, human development and related fields

The Master Programme benefits of the environment of three major Rome based international institutions dealing with food security and development and of partnership agreements with a number of institutions.

The international community has placed food security and human development high on its agenda. In fact the first of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) approved by the UN General Assembly in 2000 specifically refers to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger by reducing by half, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people living with less than a dollar a day and also by reducing by half the proportion of people suffering from hunger.

The **Summer School** in Human Development and Food Security offers a complete overview of the main concepts, definitions and tools required to better understand the problematic of human development and food security and also the actions undertaken by international and national actors for fighting hunger and poverty.

By the end of the week dedicated to this Summer School participants will receive a certificate of attendance delivered by the University of Roma Tre. Participants will by then have a good understanding of the problematic of food security and human development and also of the related approaches and theories. Finally participants will be aware of the various institutional and technical steps governments, institutions and experts are going through to address food insecurity, extreme poverty and related problems as well as the related governance arrangements.

2. Participants

The **Summer School** in Human Development and Food Security is open to Ph.D. students in economics, development, nutrition, environment, agricultural economics and related fields, to post doctoral students, to young academics, researchers and to practitioners including those actually working in the field and those having to participate in the development and food security Governance process.

3. Applications

Applications should include the explanations of the motivation to attend the course, evidence of the working knowledge of English as well as a Curriculum Vitae and should be forwarded to:

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Or send by electronic mail at the following address:

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As the number of participants will not exceed 35 persons the applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, candidates having submitted a request for fellowship or financial support to their employer or any other instance are advised to contact the Summer School secretariat as soon as possible in order to be included in the applicant's list and to get the confirmation of eligibility.

Applications should thus be submitted as soon as possible and not later than 30 April 2008. Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their applications within one week. Participation will be confirmed after receipt of the advance payment, the procedure of which will be forwarded to applicants with their confirmation of eligibility.

4. Budget

The budget to be foreseen for this summer school is of 1,050 euro, excluding travel, made of 550 euro inscription fee to be paid to the University, and an estimated 500 euro for accommodation and related expenditures. The fee includes five and a half days of lessons, 5 lunches at the university, 10 coffee breaks, 3 dinners and all documents and material. The estimated additional 500 euro includes accommodation for 6 nights, 3 dinners and miscellaneous expenditures. Upon receipt of the application and confirmation of eligibility participants will receive precise information regarding practical arrangements and accommodation for which some flexibility exists that may also reflect in the final budget. Accommodation and other extras will be paid directly by participants.

5. Programme and tentative schedule

The tentative programme is as follows:

Monday 23rd June

08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction – Presentation of the objectives of the Seminar
09:30 – 12:30	Human development
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Human development
20:00	Welcoming dinner

Tuesday 24th June

09:00 – 12:30	Food Security
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Food Security

Wednesday 25th June

09:00 – 12:30	Food Security
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:30 – 17:00	International Seminar at FAO
20:00	Dinner with special guests

Thursday 26th June

09:00 – 12:30	Food security, vulnerability, nutrition
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Food Security markets and commodity prices

Friday 27th June

09:00 – 12:30	Rural Development
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:30 – 17:00	International Seminar at IFAD or WFP
20:00	Dinner

Saturday 28th June

09:00 – 12:30	Human Development and Food Security Wrap up and distribution of documents
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