Course Title

**Governance and Institutional Development**

Rome 2023

Course Overview

The seminar (21 hours) will focus on the role of good governance and institution building in promoting economic growth and pro-poor development. It will provide an overview about the conceptual underpinnings for governance and institutional development policies. Using case studies participants will discuss governance and institutional reform challenges and priorities including prevailing political economy issues. The participants will learn how to systematically assess and evaluate a country’s governance system and determine policy options for potential reforms from the perspective of various stakeholders within society. Participants will also discuss how to effectively engage on relevant reforms and to deal with “reluctant clients”.

Prerequisite(s)

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

Course Aim

The aim of the course is to introduce the concept of governance and institution building and the relevance for economic and social development. The course will outline and systematize basic governance issues and institutional development issues and challenges. The participants will learn how to systematically assess and evaluate governance systems and determine policy options for potential reforms from the perspective of various stakeholders within society.

Course Objectives

On completion of this course students should:

* Understand the concept of governance/institutional development and the methodology to assess a governance system.
* Learn how to systematically structure and address governance issues and challenges.
* Understand the concept of behavioural change and management to overcome governance issues and challenges.
* Learn how to deal with multiple stakeholders and diverging interests to address governance issues and challenges.

Course Assignment

The course assignment (not more than 6 pages) is based on a case study that aims at evaluating the participants understanding about the main issues raised during the course. The task will be in a first step to evaluate and summarize the issues and challenges with regard to governance and institutional development. In a second step, the participants will be requested to propose and to justify policy reform options. The assignment has to be submitted at the very latest by June 30.

Key Readings

Key reading material is a combination of basic literature focused on the link between governance, institution building and economic development, specific material from the World Bank focusing on the course topic:

* The World Bank – Governance and The Law, World Development Report 2017 (made available electronically)
* The World Bank – Making Services Work for Poor People, World Development Report 2004 (made available electronically)
* North, Douglass – Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance, Cambridge University Press, 1990
* Mungiu-Pippidi, Alina – The Ques for Good Governance – How Societies Develop Control of Corruption, Cambridge University Press, 2015
* Acemoglu, Daron; Robinson, James, The Role of Institutions in Growth and Development, Commission on Growth and Development, Working Paper No. 10, 2008 (made available electronically)

Additional handouts (e.g. case studies and PowerPoint presentations) will be provided.

Course Schedule

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|  | **April 17** | **April 18** | **April 19** | **April 20** |
| **9-10h** | *Introduction: governance issues and challenges* | *First case study on governance challenges (group work)* | *Reluctant client case study (group work)* | *Governance and managing change*  *Introduction of the final assignment* |
| **10-11h** |
| **11-12h** |
| **12-13h** |
| **13-14h** |
| **14-15h** |  |  |  |

Course Instructor

Dr. Günter Heidenhof is a German national with more than 20 years of experience with development issues.  He began his career in the German government.  He joined the World Bank in 1998 and served as Advisor and Manager for governance and institutional development in Africa, India and the Middle East.  Until 2017 he was the Manager for Public Sector and Governance in the Africa Department of the World Bank.  He teaches governance and economic development at various universities across Europe.