

Who can apply ?

Managers, officers, educators and others who work with seed production and quality in Danida-supported activities. Three years of relevant experience, good command of English and basic computer skills are requirements. For applicants not associated with Danida activities see: www.danseed.dk/training

How to apply ?

Application procedures are listed in the "Guidelines for Danida Fellowships". These guidelines as well as the fellowship application form and the application form for residence permit are available at the local Danish Embassy or they can be downloaded at Danida Fellowship Centre's website www.dfcentre.com. The fellowship form is to be filled in by the applicant and endorsed by the Danida programme/project with which the applicant is affiliated as well as the Embassy Desk Officer in order to ensure that the training is in line with the needs and capacity development plans of the nominating programme/project.

The application form for residence, in duplicate, must be forwarded together with the fellowship form, also in duplicate, to Danida Fellowship Centre via the Danish Embassy. The forms must reach the Embassy at **February 1st** to reach DFC a minimum of 12 weeks before the beginning of the course.

Selection of candidates (max 12) for the course will be carried out by Danida Fellowship Centre and the course providers based on incoming applications.

Where to find more information ?

www.danseed.dk/training

Danida Fellowship Centre -
www.dfcentre.dk - or email to
dfc@dfcentre.dk



Danida Fellowship Centre, DFC

What is the cost of training ?

For applicants whose participation is financed through Danida the cost of training is **54.500 DKK** (approximately 7300 euro). This price includes study fee, air travel, accommodation, allowance, insurances, social and cultural activities, and administration. For participants not financed through Danida the price and conditions for application are different - see further information on the website: www.danseed.dk/training



Seed

Production & Quality



Advanced professional training for developing countries

19. May - 27. June 2008

Introduction

Production of seed involves a chain of different stakeholders ranging from breeders, farmers and seed technologists to salesmen and legislators. High seed quality requires the concerted action of all stakeholders and the ability to address quality at all levels.

Thus, good seed is about agronomy and technical knowledge as well as efficient organisation and communication within the seed chain. Moreover, economies and tradition vary from country to country and each seed chain must be adapted to fit local demands and resources. Efficient seed production and high seed quality thereby represent both important goals and important challenges in agricultural development.

Course content

In six weeks the course provides a solid theoretical background within the topics :

- **Breeding:** Selection, germplasm, property rights
- **Variety testing:** Breeders seed, field plots, UPOV
- **Multiplication:** Pollination, agronomy, contracting
- **Processing:** Drying, cleaning, new technology
- **Testing :** Germination, moisture, purity, seed health
- **Certification:** Legislation, authorisation, inspection
- **Storage:** Technology, climate and costs
- **Trade:** ISTA and OECD rules, quarantine, marketing

Finally, the course will focus on overall design of seed supply systems in a development context. Through an individual assignment each participant will receive supervision for analyzing specific problems relating to his own organisation.

Company visits and seed testing laboratory exercises are included in the course.

Teaching language: English

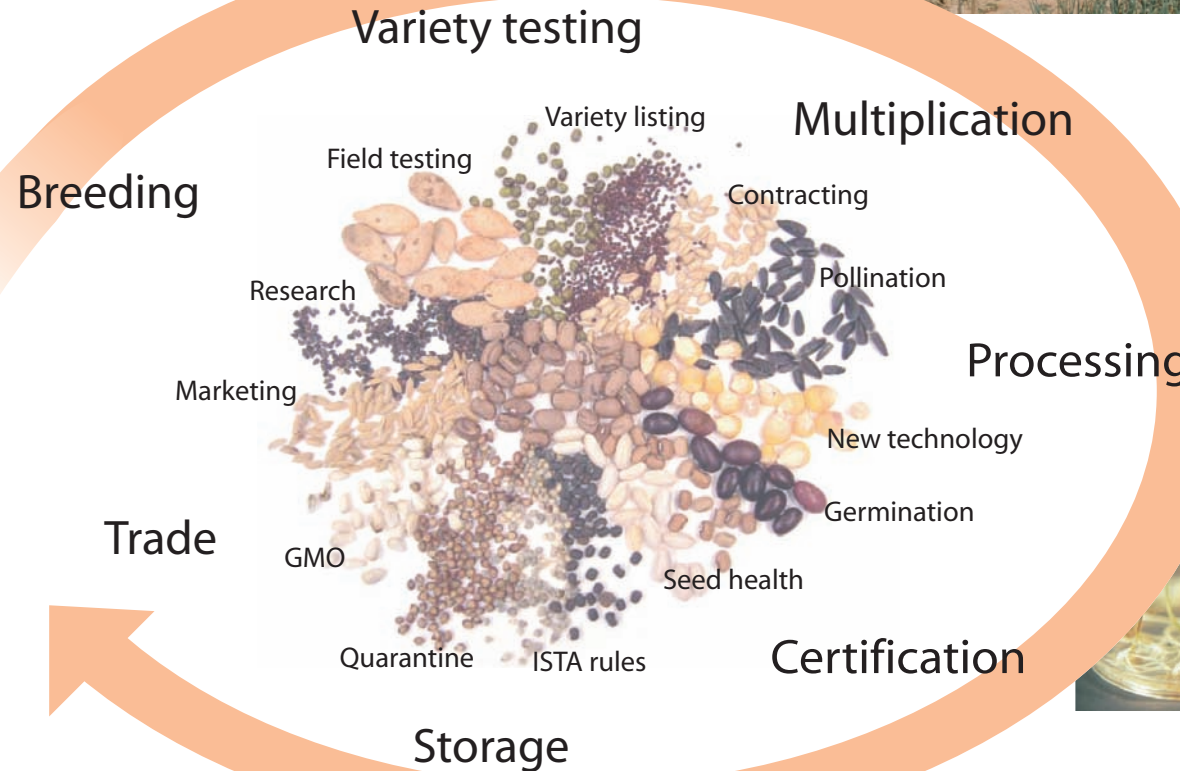
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Who should attend ?

- Key staff in all parts of the seed chain
- Decision-makers (companies/institutions)
- Educators and extensionists
- Researchers and developers
- People building a seed sector career

Expected background: min 2-3 years of professional experience

The Seed Chain



Training consortium

The Danish Plant Directorate and Danish Seed Health Centre for Developing Countries are responsible course providers. Breeders and seed companies are visited and Universities of Aarhus and Copenhagen are participating in teaching.

Denmark is per capita one of the biggest producers and exporters of seed in the world. The course organizers have more than 40 years experience of developmental collaboration with seed sectors of Asian, African and American countries.



Why attend ?

- Improve strategy of your organisation
- Enable seed export based on international standards
- Qualify communication in your seed chain
- Obtain an overview to prioritize investments
- Improve national education
- Enhance relevance of research
- Career building

How to sign up ?

The 6 week course is running from 19. May-27. June 2008. Registration for the course should be done before **1. February** 2008. Registration for the course is done through DANIDA Fellowship Centre (See back side of this folder). Maximum participants: 12.