Training Course on Drip and Micro-Irrigation Technologies for Smallholder Farmers

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Agriculture	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of drip and micro-irrigation systems.
2. Identify components and design principles of low-pressure irrigation technologies.
3. Demonstrate installation techniques for cost-effective drip irrigation systems.
4. Analyze water-saving strategies to improve irrigation efficiency.
5. Explore climate-smart irrigation technologies suitable for smallholder contexts.
6. Evaluate the economic benefits of precision irrigation systems.
7. Implement soil moisture monitoring for optimal water use.
8. Promote sustainable farming practices through smart irrigation.
9. Apply data-driven irrigation scheduling techniques.
10. Understand gender-sensitive approaches in irrigation access and training.
11. Integrate renewable energy sources (e.g., solar pumps) in irrigation systems.
12. Build capacity in maintenance and troubleshooting of micro-irrigation units.
13. Leverage community case studies to scale irrigation adoption and impact.

Target Audiences

1. Smallholder farmers
2. Agricultural extension officers
3. NGO field staff in rural development
4. Government irrigation technicians
5. Environmental and water resource engineers
6. Agribusiness entrepreneurs
7. Agricultural students and researchers
8. Rural youth and women in agriculture

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Drip and Micro-Irrigation

- Overview of irrigation types
- Importance of micro-irrigation for smallholders
- Key differences between drip and sprinkler systems
- Benefits and limitations
- Adoption trends in Africa and Asia
- **Case Study:** Transforming maize yields through drip irrigation in Kenya

Module 2: System Components and Functions

- Emitters, tubing, valves, and filters
- Pressure regulation components
- Layout design options
- Irrigation kits for 0.25–1 acre
- DIY kits for smallholder use
- **Case Study:** Low-tech drip kits for peri-urban farmers in India

Module 3: Designing a Drip Irrigation System

- Land and crop mapping
- Water source assessment
- Flow rate calculations
- Cost estimation and budgeting
- System sizing and layout
- **Case Study:** Community-designed system in northern Uganda

Module 4: Installation Techniques

- Site preparation
- Pipe-laying procedures
- Fitting and connection of parts
- Testing for leaks and blockages
- Safety and efficiency practices
- **Case Study:** Farmer-to-farmer installation training in Rwanda

Module 5: Micro-Irrigation Scheduling and Water Management

- Crop water requirements
- Soil type and infiltration rates
- Moisture sensors and tensiometers
- Manual vs. automated scheduling
- Drought management tips
- **Case Study:** Tomato farming under scheduled irrigation in Tanzania

Module 6: Soil and Crop Compatibility

- Matching crops to irrigation types
- Water-efficient crop selection
- Irrigation for root vs. fruit crops
- Fertigation compatibility
- Organic farming and drip use
- **Case Study:** Onion drip irrigation in semi-arid areas

Module 7: Climate-Smart Irrigation Approaches

- Adapting to erratic rainfall
- Rainwater harvesting integration
- Conservation agriculture practices
- Enhancing resilience in drylands
- Early warning systems
- **Case Study:** Climate-smart irrigation pilot in Ethiopia

Module 8: Solar-Powered Drip Irrigation Systems

- Sizing a solar pump
- Connecting solar to irrigation systems
- Storage tank integration
- Solar panel maintenance
- Energy cost savings
- **Case Study:** Solar drip irrigation for women's groups in Malawi

Module 9: Maintenance and Troubleshooting

- Cleaning filters and emitters

- Detecting and fixing blockages
- System performance diagnostics
- Preventive maintenance routines
- Recordkeeping and system logs
- **Case Study:** Preventing downtime in drip systems in Zambia

Module 10: Water Use Efficiency and Monitoring

- Irrigation water auditing
- Minimizing water loss
- Remote monitoring apps
- Drip vs. flood irrigation analysis
- Integration with water harvesting
- **Case Study:** Water savings in citrus farming in Morocco

Module 11: Gender and Social Inclusion in Irrigation

- Barriers to women’s access
- Inclusive training strategies
- Customizing systems for elderly or disabled farmers
- Gender-responsive financing
- Women-led irrigation cooperatives
- **Case Study:** Women irrigators' cooperative success in Senegal

Module 12: Irrigation for High-Value Crops

- Drip irrigation for fruits and vegetables
- Increasing quality and shelf life
- Year-round production techniques
- Market linkages and planning
- Export compliance irrigation practices
- **Case Study:** Strawberry drip farms in Egypt

Module 13: Economic Analysis of Irrigation Systems

- Return on investment (ROI) tools
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Loan and subsidy programs
- Reducing operational costs
- Financial planning for smallholders
- **Case Study:** Microcredit-supported drip adoption in Nigeria

Module 14: Policy, Regulation, and Irrigation Programs

- National irrigation schemes
- Water rights and permits
- Irrigation subsidies and incentives
- Standards and certification
- Public-private partnerships
- **Case Study:** Government-supported irrigation rollout in Ghana

Module 15: Scaling and Innovation in Irrigation Technologies

- Mobile-based irrigation tools
- Smart drip technologies (IoT)
- Role of agritech startups

- Community-managed irrigation models
- Partnerships and innovation hubs
- **Case Study:** Start-up scaling smart irrigation in Burkina Faso

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and demonstrations
- Hands-on group exercises with demo kits
- Field visits to working drip farms
- Peer-to-peer learning and experience sharing
- Case study presentations and discussions
- End-of-module quizzes and feedback sessions

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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