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Course Profile Document

Land, Agriculture and Food Sciences

Managing Sustainable Rural Development

Prepared as a professional course profile for delegate review, sponsorship approval and organisational training planning.

COURSE CODE	DELIVERY	DURATION	PREPARED FOR
MSD2510	**Online / Face-to-Face**	**Flexible**	**Organisation Approval**

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Course Overview

This professional development course by **Magna Skills** is designed to empower development practitioners, government officials, NGO staff, and community leaders with the practical tools and knowledge needed to drive sustainable transformation in rural communities. The course emphasizes a holistic approach to rural development—balancing social, economic, and environmental priorities—while promoting inclusive and participatory strategies that align with global best practices. Delivered by seasoned experts, the course integrates real-life case studies, interactive group work, and field-proven strategies to prepare participants for impactful rural development leadership.

Course Outcomes

- Understand the core principles of sustainable rural development and apply them to real-world settings.
- Utilize participatory tools and inclusive approaches for engaging rural communities effectively.
- Analyze institutional, policy, and governance structures influencing rural development.
- Integrate climate resilience, gender equity, and sustainable resource use into rural programs.
- Design and manage practical rural development projects with support from **Magna Skills** toolkits and templates.

Course Outline / Curriculum

1. Foundations of Sustainable Rural Development

- Key concepts and definitions
- The role of rural development in national growth
- Magna Skills' approach to sustainability

2. Rural Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction

- Understanding rural poverty
- The Sustainable Livelihoods Framework
- Case examples from Magna Skills’ training impact

3. Participatory Planning and Community Engagement

- PRA tools and techniques
- Building trust and ownership in rural communities
- Facilitated exercises using **Magna Skills** engagement models

4. Governance, Policy, and Institutional Dynamics

- Government roles in rural service delivery
- Local governance and decentralization
- Custom policy analysis tools provided by Magna Skills

5. Natural Resources and Environmental Management

- Climate change and rural development
- Agriculture, water, and forestry practices
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- Environmental sustainability case studies from the Magna Skills network

6. Gender, Youth, and Inclusion in Rural Contexts

- Gender-sensitive planning
- Empowering women and youth
- Tools for inclusion developed by Magna Skills trainers

7. Rural Enterprises and Economic Empowerment

- Entrepreneurship development
- Access to finance and value chains
- Supporting local economic initiatives through **Magna Skills** mentoring

8. Digital Tools and Innovation in Rural Development

- Leveraging ICT for rural transformation
- Innovations in digital agriculture
- Demonstrations using digital platforms from past Magna Skills programs

9. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL)

- Key performance indicators and tools
- Learning loops and adaptive programming
- MEL templates provided by **Magna Skills**

10. Action Planning and Project Design Workshop

- Designing realistic and impactful rural development projects
- Budgeting, partnerships, and funding opportunities
- Presentation of action plans with feedback from Magna Skills facilitators

Target Audience

Managing Sustainable Rural Development

Key Course Benefits

Work-Ready Skills

Delegates leave with practical tools, templates and methods they can apply immediately at work.

Better Institutional Results

The programme supports stronger planning, reporting, compliance, accountability and service delivery.

Sponsor-Friendly

This document is designed to help supervisors, HR units and sponsors approve delegate participation quickly.

Professional Recognition

Delegates receive training documentation and a certificate of completion after successful participation.

Our Training Centres & Delivery Options

Magna Skills offers flexible delivery through face-to-face training centres across Africa and beyond, plus Online / E-Learning for delegates who prefer remote participation.

Southern Africa

Practical training destinations with strong travel access and delegate support.

- Pretoria, South Africa
- Vic Falls, Zimbabwe
- Livingstone, Zambia

East Africa

Popular regional centres for government, NGO and donor-funded project teams.

- Kigali, Rwanda
- Kampala, Uganda
- Nairob
- Zanzibar, Tanzania

West Africa & Islands

Strategic locations for regional networking and executive capacity building.

- Accra, Ghana
- Port Louis, Mauritius

International Executive Venue

Premium destination training for senior teams and international delegates.

- Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Online / E-Learning

Attend from anywhere through live online, blended or self-paced learning options.

- Online, E-Learning
- Remote Teams
- Flexib

Organisation-Based Training

Magna Skills can also arrange dedicated in-house training for ministries, NGOs and companies.

- Onsite
- Custom Dates
- Group Training

Ready to Nominate Delegates?

Use the links below to register, review the live course page or contact Magna Skills for organisation-based training

support.

Register / Apply Online | **View Full Course Page**

About Magna Skills

Magna Skills Development Institute provides practical capacity building programmes for government departments, NGOs, public institutions, donor-funded projects and private sector professionals across Africa. Our training approach combines expert facilitation, real workplace case studies, practical tools, post-training support and professional documentation that helps organisations strengthen staff performance and service delivery.

Government Training | NGO Capacity Building | Corporate Workshops | Online Learning | Face-to-Face Training | Certifica

Approval & Authorisation Form

This section may be completed by the organisation, department, HR office, finance office or sponsor approving delegate participation. It can be attached to an internal memo, procurement request or training approval submission.

Organisation / Department	
Delegate Name(s)	
Approved Course	Managing Sustainable Rural Development
Preferred Delivery Mode	☐ Online ☐ Face-to-Face ☐ Organisation-Based Training
Preferred Training Venue /Date	
Estimated Number ofDelegates	
Budget / Vote Number	
Contact Person	
Email / Mobile	

Authorised Name _____ Signature / Stamp _____ Date _____