



**MASHAV** - Israel's Agency for International  
Development Cooperation

together with

**MATC** – MASHAV Agricultural Training Center  
invite professional and leading staff to participate in a

International Study Visit on:  
**Development of the Agricultural  
Sector: The Israeli Model**

Israel, 24<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2025



## **Background**

The sustainable management of natural resources and the strengthening of the agricultural sector could improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable populations and mitigate the effects of desertification and climate change.

Since its independence in 1948, the State of Israel has been confronted with ensuring the food security of a constantly and sharply growing population while facing harsh climate conditions and limited land and water availability. And yet, with more than 50% of its territory classified as a desert, Israel has succeeded in developing a flourishing agricultural sector renowned for its accomplishments and characterized by high productivity and technological innovation.

Within the framework of a national development policy, the various sectors have worked together to find solutions for the efficient use of scarce resources and to ensure high yield and quality food production. Farmers' commitment and their close collaboration with the research and extension institutions, together with a thriving industry, have driven the development of intensive and highly technified agricultural production, capable of responding to new challenges and the demands of both domestic and export markets.

Global changes such as climate or markets, require continuous adaptation and new strategies. Israel's present agricultural policies aim to promote a dynamic rural sector, committed to the preservation of natural resources and the environment, encouraging entrepreneurship, creating new sources of income and safeguarding the well-being of the rural community.

## **About the program**

### **Aims**

This training program aims to convey and share with participants the vision, strategies and holistic management that Israel has implemented in the development process of its own agricultural sector. It aims also to create a framework for the exchange of knowledge and experience between the participants and to enable participants to identify new possibilities that may enhance their own action plans for the development of the agricultural sector in their respective countries.

### **Main Subjects**

The program will include professional lectures and field visits on:

- The agricultural sector - Organization, policies & strategies
- Agricultural supporting systems
- Intensive production systems and applied technologies
- Agricultural entrepreneurship
- Agriculture, environment & rural community

## **General Information**

### **Arrival and Departure**

Arrival date: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Official opening: 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Departure date: 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Early arrivals/late departures if required, must be fully coordinated in advance with the embassy of Israel. Participants will have to cover any additional costs that may be incurred from early/late arrival/departure.

### Location and Accommodations

The training program will take place at - or near MATC - MASHAV's International Agricultural Training Center in Kibbutz Shefayim situated 20 km north of Tel Aviv and near the coastal city of Netanya. Participants will be accommodated in double rooms on a FB basis. (The specific hotel will be confirmed). MASHAV awards a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship covers the cost of the training program including lectures and field visits, full board accommodation in double rooms, health insurance and transfers to and from the airport. Airfares and daily allowance are not included in the scholarship.

### Application Requirements

The program is geared towards senior policy makers, officials and professionals from governmental and non-governmental institutions, directly involved in agricultural development on a national, regional or local level. A full command of English is required.

### Registration

Interested candidates are asked to complete the Online Application Form:

<https://mashav-mfa.formtitan.com/ftproject/mashavhome>

Select the language and enter the course code: **7150**. The completed application form, including health declaration & other documents, must be submitted until **21 February, 2025**.

### General Health Services:

1. **MASHAV'S Medical declaration** must be completed and submitted together with the application form.
2. Participants will be covered by a medical insurance contracted by MASHAV. The medical insurance coverage applies only for the duration of the training, and does not include additional days, in cases of early arrivals or late departures.

**MASHAV'S medical insurance** covers only medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic or existing conditions, specific medications taken by the participant on a regular basis, dental care and eyeglasses. Participants will be responsible for all other expenses, which are not covered by the insurance policy. Israeli Health authorities recommend that all visitors to Israel make sure they **have been vaccinated against tetanus in the last ten years**.

### About MASHAV

**MASHAV** – Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation is dedicated to providing developing countries with the best of Israel's experience in development and planning. As a member of the family of nations, The State of Israel is committed to fulfilling its responsibility to contribute to the fight against poverty and to the global efforts to achieve sustainable development. **MASHAV**, representing Israel and its people, focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel's own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives. **MASHAV's** approach is to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, and is taking active part in the international community's process of shaping a better future.

**MASHAV's** activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health, empowerment of women and education. <https://mashav.mfa.gov.il/>

## About MATC

**MATC** - MASHAV's International Agricultural Training Center - specializes since 1963 in human capacity building and training programs in the fields of agriculture, water management, environment and rural development. **MATC** conducts international, regional and country tailor made training programs as well as professional visits, workshops and conferences based on Israel's development experience, sharing both agricultural know-how, and Israel's unique spirit of innovation. MATC's training programs conducted in English, Spanish, French, Russian and Arabic, are specifically designed to improve agricultural production in developing countries, to promote food security and to create partnerships through ongoing international cooperation, for enhancing global sustainable development. To this purpose, **MATC** works in close cooperation with Israel's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and its Agricultural Research Organization (ARO), as well as with Israel's universities, agricultural organizations, farmers and the private sector.

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