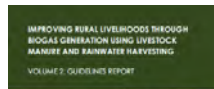
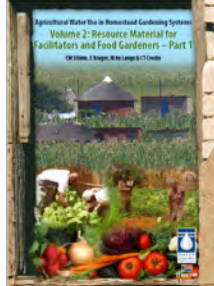
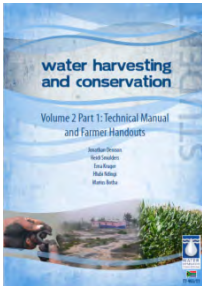


Are the small scale farmers and household food producers you work with struggling to get enough water for their crops?

Are you looking to network and improve your understanding of rainwater harvesting and conservation practices?

Are you looking for working solutions to alleviate water scarcity in your farming community?

Then this Training of Trainers course is for you!



Up-to-date Learning Materials

All participants on the ToT course will receive a full set of **eight** up-to-date, practical learning materials that support rainwater harvesting and conservation practices, produced by the Water Research Commission.



To apply:

Fill in the application form attached and email it to:

Ms Samantha Abdul

Environmental Learning Research Centre

Rhodes University

e-mail: Nqabisa Booï on n.booi@ru.ac.za

Or call her on 046-6038390 to register your interest in participating in the programme.

Applications close on 20 October 2017

Please note that while the course is free of charge, all course sessions are compulsory, so **please make sure you are able to make all three of the course dates before applying.**



Sharing rainwater harvesting and conservation knowledge for small scale farming and household food production

Training of Trainers Course

Eastern Cape, South Africa



Increasing water scarcity in South Africa is proving a major challenge to small holder farmers and household food producers.

Rainwater Harvesting and Conservation (RWH&C) practices can contribute to meeting this challenge.

The Water Research Commission have produced valuable knowledge of RWH&C Practices that needs to be activated into use.

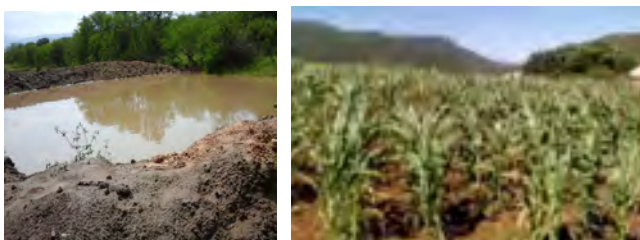
The Amanzi [Water] for Food Training of Trainers (ToT) course will focus on **sixteen different Rainwater Harvesting and Conservation Practices** for small scale farming and household food production. It will also focus on grey water harvesting, and on how RWH&C practices can be used for supporting freshwater aquaculture and biogas generation.

The course is intended for those who work with people involved in small-scale crop farming and homestead food production, including:

- * Lecturers, trainers and technicians at Agricultural Training Institutes (ATIs), universities, colleges and Agricultural High Schools;
- * Agricultural extension officers; Agricultural innovators
- * Non-governmental organisations (NGO); Community-based organisation (CBO) and Faith-based organisation (FBO);
- * Media practitioners (radio and print media);
- * Representatives of Farmers' Associations and Farmers' Forums; and Small-scale Farmers

Course Objectives

- To develop skills in the sharing of information related to Rainwater Harvesting and Conservation for food production.
- To promote and encourage sustainable agriculture and food security curriculum innovation through water use knowledge and practice.
- To share knowledge from WRC publications on harvesting, storing, and using rainwater and greywater to improve food production.
- To establish and support local Learning Networks of agricultural practitioners, agricultural extension services and agricultural education and training institutions.



Course Content

- Understanding of Rainwater Harvesting and Conservation (RWH&C) practices.
- Using different media for accessing and sharing information on such practices.
- Understanding how people learn within the agricultural sector.
- Applying this learning to the development of new curricula, training programmes and productive demonstration sites related to RWH&C.

Course Dates, Venue and Accreditation

The course comprises 3 x 1 ½ day contact sessions at 4-6 week intervals. Dates are:

2 & 3 November 2017

8 & 9 February 2018

3 & 4 May 2018

Please note you will only be offered a place on the course if you are able to attend all three sessions.

Course sessions will be run at the For Cox Agricultural Training Institute, Eastern Cape.

The course will be offered **free of charge** (funded by the Water Research Commission); **BUT it is essential to attend all three sessions.**

Participants wishing to attain formal accreditation and a **Certificate of Competence** from Rhodes University and the Fort Cox ATI will be required to complete **short assignments and a change project** involving contributions to development of a productive demonstration site and/or a new / revised curriculum or learning programme incorporating knowledge of rainwater harvesting and conservation practices between the sessions and at the end of the course.

The 12 credit course is run at NQF levels 5 and 6, with participants given the option to choose which level they wish to follow. It is not essential for participants to attempt to achieve formal accreditation.

