Short term training on Environmental Journalism

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Background
The United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) is one of the 15 Research and Training Centres / Programmes that constitutes the United Nations University’s (UNU) worldwide network. The Institute’s aim is to contribute to the sustainable development of Africa’s natural resources through capacity strengthening.

Environmental information and environmental action are said to be inseparable. UNU-INRA therefore recognizes the need for reaching the mass with simplified and accurate environmental information, as well as the pivotal role that the mass media can play in disseminating environmental information.

In accordance with its mandate to promote efficient and sustainable use of the continent’s natural resources, the Institute is organizing short term training on Environmental Journalism.

Objective
Impart hands on training in accurate assessment of changing human environment interaction so that the participants can report environmental issues in a credible manner.

Learning outcomes
Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:
- Identify key aspects of human environment interactions
- Describe the state of natural resources/environment in Africa
- List key ethical guidelines in environmental journalism
- Discuss environmental reporting challenges
- Interpret scientific data relating to environmental issues accurately
- Define data types relating to the environment (temporal, spatial and auxiliary data)
- Report on environmental issues in the context of socio-cultural and socio-economic realms

Target audience
The Environmental Journalism course is intended to enhance the capacity of active African journalists who have:
- A minimum of first degree in journalism or related fields or
- A diploma with over 5 years experience in journalism.

Course content
- Human environment interaction in the globalized world
- The state of African environment/natural resources
- Sustainable development ideals
- Environmental change assessment
- Science and environmental journalism
- Social Media and Environmental Reporting

Venue/duration
Environmental Journalism 2014 will be held at the UNU-INRA headquarters, in Ghana, located in the International House Building at the University of Ghana Campus from 3rd -14th November 2014.

Language
The language of the course is English. Therefore, fluent English is essential.

**Registration**
Please register by completing the application form below.

**How to apply**
Applicants should fill in the attached application form and send it together with their curriculum vitae **before 15 October 2014** to [nutakor@inra.unu.edu](mailto:nutakor@inra.unu.edu) / [dessie@inra.unu.edu](mailto:dessie@inra.unu.edu) or call +233-244093010 for further information.