

Course Outline

- I. Title: Seminar on Sustainable Tourism and Resilient Development
- II. Organizer: International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training (ICLPST)
- III. Venue: 574 Zhongshan Rd., Taoyuan Dist., Taoyuan City 33058, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
- IV. Duration: 14 days, scheduled from November 4 to 17, 2026 (excluding arrival and departure)
- V. Target Audience: 15-20 international participants of medium and high-level government officials or experts in the fields of sustainable tourism, destination governance, local economic development, community development, cultural heritage, digital governance, and related areas
- VI. Goals:
 1. Promoting Sustainable Tourism and Local Economic Development: to explore how communities can integrate cultural, ecological, and tourism resources to develop local industries, create jobs, and support sustainable local economies.
 2. Strengthening the Sustainable Use of Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge: to share practices in cultural heritage, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), and natural resource management, while promoting cultural preservation, knowledge transmission, innovation, and community resilience.
 3. Deepening Digital Empowerment and International Cooperation: to explore digital applications in tourism marketing, business operations, cultural promotion, and destination governance, while strengthening cooperation networks and partnerships between Taiwan and its partner countries.
- VII. Methodology
 1. The seminar is designed with an appropriate balance between theory and practice. It takes into consideration of the needs of the participating countries and employs Taiwan's experiences as an important reference.
 2. The seminar is composed of the major components including lectures, participants' presentations, field trips, and cultural visits.
- VIII. Design:
 1. The seminar is composed of the following components:
 - (1) Opening and course overview, 0.5 day
 - (2) International Conference, 0.5 days
 - (3) Lectures, 1.5 days
 - (4) Participants' presentation, 2 days
 - (5) Field trips and cultural visits, 8 days (including free time)
 - (6) Closing and Wind-up discussion, 0.5 day
 - (7) Farewell luncheon and other activities (scheduled for noons or evenings)
 - (8) Arrival and departure, 1 day for each
 2. The International Conference of Asia-Pacific Federation for Information Technology in Agriculture aims to provide an influential platform for scholars, researchers, government officials and entrepreneur to explore topics including smart agriculture technologies, digital governance, Geospatial Technologies, etc. Link: <https://www.apfita.org/2026/>

3. The lecture portion aims to deal with the following areas:
 - (1) Local Economic Development and Sustainable Tourism
 - (2) Destination Governance and Community Engagement
 - (3) Cultural Heritage, Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Innovation
 - (4) Digital Empowerment and Tourism Development
4. Participants' presentation is one of the most important components in this seminar, where the participants can share and appreciate problems and difficulties faced in their respective countries, with a hope of finding some concrete and feasible recommendations and strategies. 2 days are reserved for this purpose, where each participant has to give a presentation in English on the issues and solutions for any project or program in their country which bears relevance to the theme of the course.

The presentation should include:

- (1) A country profile (around 2 minutes)
- (2) The specific project/program you are involved in (around 20 minutes)
- (3) Q&A (around 5 minutes).

Participants must prepare this before attending the seminar and are advised to rehearse the presentation so as to better control their time and achieve an effective delivery of the same.

5. The field trips and cultural visits are arranged in accordance with the main topics of the course; they typically take the participants to local industries, cultural destinations, tourism enterprises, and community-based development projects, etc.; within the trips and visits, the participants are given a chance to take in the beautiful views in some internationally renowned scenic spots and cultural sites, which are hoped to help the participants see and feel for themselves Taiwan's developments in its society and economy as well as its friendly people and good tradition.
6. The course emphasizes experience sharing and direct participation; lectures and participants' presentations are all conducted in English, while field trips and cultural visits are guided by the Center's staff members, who act as interpreters whenever necessary to enable the participants to better communicate and understand the hosts during the visits.