

## Introduction to the ICLPST

The International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training (ICLPST) was established in 1968. It is an autonomous and nonprofit international organization, jointly sponsored by the Council of Agriculture (COA), Executive Yuan, the Republic of China, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP), Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Before January 1st, 2000, it was named Land Reform Training Institute (LRTI).

The establishment of the Center was based on the Taiwan land reform experience. It is devoted to providing training and research opportunities for government officials, professionals and others interested in land and tax policies and rural development. Since the 21st Century, the Center expanded its training fields by increasing agricultural related topics and conducting training courses and cooperative projects on specific themes commissioned by other countries. Through cultivating agricultural man power, the overall economy shall be raised and living standard improved.

At the Center the training programs blend theory and practice in order to suit the diverse needs of the participants. Through training, participants acquire the skills and techniques needed to better understand and manage land policies, rural development, and tax programs in their respective countries. The often-competitive selection of participants for international training courses and various foreign commissioned training projects all have borne out the fact that training courses offered and organized by the Center are much in demand by the professional circles of agriculture and land management.



Outside of the Center

## Organizational Setup

The organizational structure is three-tiered, comprising the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the administrative office.

The Board of Directors is the Center's guiding unit, which formulates general policies of the Center and approves its annual programs and budget. The Chair and Co-chair are appointed respectively by the COA of the Republic of China and the LILP, USA. The Board members are nominated by both sides.

The Executive Committee oversees curriculum development, supervises programs, and provides advice on the annual budget and is responsible for the selection of

Participants and faculty members. Currently it has seven members, with its Chair and Co-chair appointed respectively by the LILP and the COA.

The administrative office is headed by the Director, who formulates and presents the annual programs and the budget to the Board through the Executive Committee. In response to the tremendous staff downsizing and the current need for its operation, the administrative office was reorganized. In 2015, the original three divisions under the Director were integrated into two to execute and manage all the projects. They are the Training Division and the Administration Division.

### Organizational Chart

