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Interamerican Institute for Global Change Research
Launching of “Advances in Transdisciplinary
Research on Global Environmental Change in Latin
America and the Caribbean”

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Outstanding Features

- **Based on your experience as a transdisciplinary researcher and trainer, what stands out about the IAI training course?**
- Soundly contextualised: ‘Unique specifications for implementing TD in regions with greater democratic deficit’
- Grounded in fieldwork and country-case evidence makes it unique
- Case-studies from different country contexts and across different topics from conservation to fish-farming to coffee growing
- Short videos were not in lecture mode, but interviews making them quite interactive and relatable. Fact that interviewees spoke their own language where appropriate
- Assessment as learning: each question set was quite useful for self-testing one’s own progress
- Resources: the readings and references are a rich compendium of literature on TR in their own right and it helps that they are open access.

Outstanding Features

- Each module has about 4 units, or topics and each unit consists of an easy to read, well referenced slide of about 13 pages; a case-study, a video and a test of knowledge with 2-3 questions
- Every slide includes a picture and a small amount of text: the pictures were very localised which is very good
- Each module can be completed in 1 hr 30 mins including reading the case studies, and the required reading but not completing the reading of the Supplementary articles.

Addressing the capacity building needs in TR in Africa

- The training tool does address the capacity building needs in TR in Africa as well as in general
- Good coverage and explanation of general concepts such as co-production, social learning, boundary objects etc associated with TR globally and in general usage
- Good resources (publications) that speak to general issues in TR: concepts, team building, project management etc
- Recognises relatable, specific problems including building state-society trusts, infrastructure deficits, knowledge-practice gaps that are experienced in the African context.
- Case-studies (eg the Jamaican Women in Coffee) are very relatable as well
- The self-paced learning is useful for all categories of learners

Possible Uses of the Training Package

- What possible uses of the training package do you envision according to your practice and networks?
- Regional training package can be re-contextualised and the structure adapted
- The required readings can be put together on a platform as key resources for TR learning and shared with stakeholders
- It is very useful as guidance for those involved in preparing grants for funding TR projects (eg Modules on impact guidelines, data management, project management)

Areas to Improve

- Add downloadable texts to the videos to enhance accessibility.
- Case-studies can be videos as well, playable from same page rather than navigating to other buttons (AI can be deployed to save costs)
- Not all the literature in reference lists have DOIs.
- A library can be created with all of the resources on open access
- Audience



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Certificate of completion

Basirat Oyalowo

has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the course

**Advances in Transdisciplinary Research on Global Environmental
Change in Latin America and the Caribbean**

equivalent to 40 hours

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Increasing visibility and
coalescing work
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across continents

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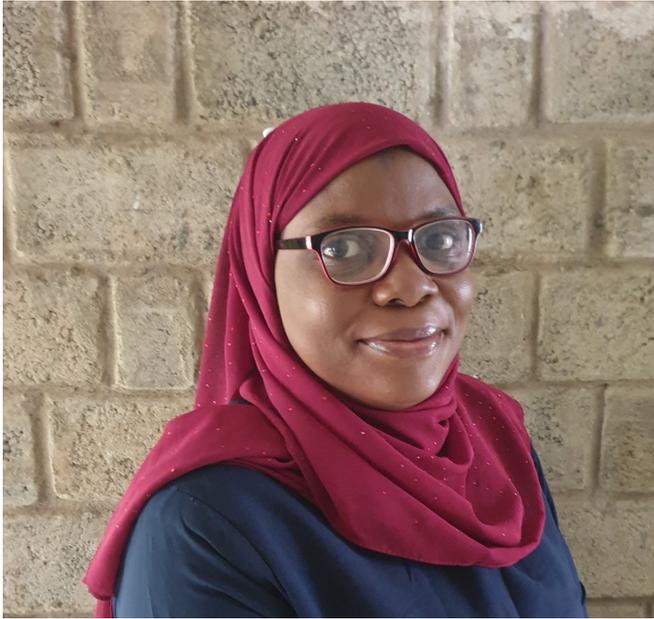
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