

## GTDI Mission:

To foster global sustainable development, citizenship, and cross-cultural understanding by providing individuals from around the world with transformational learning experiences.



### ABOUT UCONN

The University of Connecticut (UConn) is dedicated to facilitating access to the knowledge, skills, and cultural know-how needed to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and interconnected world. It generates new knowledge about global affairs, promotes understanding of the foundations and practices of democracy, cultivates cultural knowledge and competencies, and fosters a shared sense of responsibility for humanity globally.

UConn is a research intensive university, a prestigious designation shared by only the nation's top higher education institutions. *U.S. News & World Report* (2008 America's Best Colleges) ranks UConn the No. 1 public university in New England and among the Top 26 in the nation.



## Global Training and Development Institute



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Since 1961, the University of Connecticut's **Global Training and Development Institute (GTDI)** has been expanding people's knowledge and skills to strengthen democracies and improve socio-economic conditions around the world. Our education and training programs have reached more than 9,000 government officials, business and non-profit leaders, and university students from 130 countries.

## Training for the World We Live in

GTDI programs bring individuals from other countries to the U.S. for a unique cultural



and educational experience and also sends American citizens overseas for volunteer service and hands-on learning experiences with socio-economic development projects. **GTDI** believes the ever growing interconnectivity of countries' economies, social issues, military conflicts, and environmental crises requires a new generation of leaders driven by a sense of global citizenry and equipped with the social entrepreneurial skills to create innovative sustainable solutions.

### Study Tours and Training Programs

These programs are conducted for government, business, non-profit and community leaders, as well as university students from other countries. Program curricula leverage the broad array of resources at UConn as well as other nationally recognized academic institutions and public, private and non-profit organizations located in the Boston, Hartford, and New York City corridor.



Individual sessions range from one to four weeks in length and cover a wide spectrum of themes related to:

- Civil Society and Governance
- Environmental Conservation
- Sustainable Economic Development (Small and Medium Enterprise)
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Health and Social Services
- Leadership and Organizational Development

“We came back to Iraq with a new perception about the U.S. and the American people. We had a useful experience, learned how to express our thoughts and ideas freely and have respect for each other irrespective of gender. The GTDI program has been one of the best (experiences) in my entire life.”

*Suhaib Abdullah, Iraq*

Each program is tailored to the unique needs and interests of the participants and the issues facing their countries. The learning environment ensures that participants:

- Enhance their knowledge and technical skills
- Experience cross-cultural sharing with U.S. counterparts
- Develop personalized action plans to drive change and innovation upon their return home
- Build a network of contacts for continued information sharing and learning

### Global Leaders in Social Entrepreneurship

GTDI offers a certificate from UConn in Global Leaders in Social Entrepreneurship. This transformational learning experience is academically structured for U.S. citizens to combine sustainable development concepts and theories with hands-on international volunteer service. The program fosters global awareness and citizenry and transforms participants' personal and professional outlook on world issues.

Program components incorporate intercultural workshops with social entrepreneurship on sustainability projects. Participants work closely with local community leaders to better understand community needs and to assist them to cultivate entrepreneurship and small enterprise development that strengthens the local economy while contributing to environmental sustainability.

### Executives Without Borders<sup>SM</sup>

This version of the certificate program is designed to assure that executives on sabbaticals and international cross-border volunteering assignments can leverage their time and company's investment into an extraordinary personal and professional development opportunity. The program expands today's business executives' global awareness, skills as authentic, purposeful leaders, and understanding of societal issues and unmet needs in emerging marketplaces.

### Research

GTDI faculty and staff leverage the vast and diverse resources of UConn to produce original research that contributes to the achievement of the Institute's mission of fostering sustainable development, global citizenry, and cross-cultural understanding.