



**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**

Initiative in Education & Lifelong Learning

## **Appreciation Programme**

# Participatory Social Audit: A Tool for Social Accountability

### **Guidelines to the Course**

## **Course Summary**

The key objective of monitoring services is ensuring accountability of the service providers in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities, whilst charging their fee from the exchequer.

The course illustrates entry points in projects and programmes where social audit is most relevant and illustrates the challenges that are faced in its implementation.

Through well documented case studies, the flexibility of this methodology, whether used by community members or external parties, is amplified.

Social audit has the impact of building a long-term positive environment in a community and helps to develop a sense of ownership amongst various stakeholders. It is useful in providing an assessment of the impact of an organisation's non-financial objectives through the systematic and regular monitoring of its performance based on the views of its stakeholders.

## **Moodle**

Our courses are based on the principles of Open and Distance Education (ODL), as well as, the philosophy of Adult Learning.

The ODL approach ensures that the materials are designed so as to support autonomous and self-directed learning. Self-directed learning focuses on the process by which adults take control of their learning. They set up their learning goals; look for appropriate resources; decide on their learning styles and evaluate their progress, with support from the instructor/facilitator.

Keeping in mind the philosophy of adult education and that each of you learners are adults; the materials are intended to relate to each learner's experience. These prior experiences are considered as an excellent knowledge as learning is best when presented in a real life context. Further, adults have high motivation to learn when they perceive that the new knowledge they gain can help them gain clarity in resolving some of the challenges they face in their daily lives.

All courses at the PRIA Academy are conducted through the Moodle, which is a web-based platform, used by premier educational institutions across the world. This virtual platform is used to maximize interaction between the instructors and the learners. We at the Academy have a strong faculty of practitioners and academicians, who facilitate our courses, as well as international guest faculty who bring in their expertise and enrich learning and discussions.

## Time Table (September 27<sup>th</sup> - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

The timetable given below will help you navigate through the course modules and assessments according to the scheduled time plan. Please refer to it regularly, as it will help you remain focused throughout the course.

| <b>Appreciation Programmes</b>          |                   |                 |                        |  |
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| <b>Delivery Schedule September 2013</b> |                   |                 |                        |  |
| <b>Week</b>                             | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> | <b>Activity</b>        | <b>Active features on Moodle</b>   |
| Week 1                                  | Sept. 27          | Oct. 03         | Introduction           | Self-Introductions<br>Instructional guidelines<br>Video                        |
| Week 2 & 3                              | Oct. 04           | Oct. 17         | Module 1               | Module 1 Course Content<br>Discussion Forum                                    |
|   | Oct. 18           | Oct. 20         | Quiz 1                 | Module 1 Assessment Quiz   |
| Week 4 & 5                              | Oct. 18           | Oct. 31         | Module 2               | Module 2 Course Content<br>Discussion Forum                                    |
|   | Nov. 01           | Nov. 03         | Quiz 2                 | Module 2 Assessment Quiz   |
| Week 6 & 7                              | Nov. 01           | Nov. 14         | Module 3               | Module 3 Course Content<br>Discussion Forum                                    |
|   | Nov. 15           | Nov. 17         | Quiz 3                 | Module 3 Assessment Quiz   |
| Week 8 & 9                              | Nov. 15           | Nov. 28         | Module 4               | Module 4 Course Content<br>Discussion Forum                                    |
|   | Nov. 29           | Dec. 01         | Quiz 4                 | Module 4 Assessment Quiz   |
| Week 10                                 | Dec. 02           | Dec. 06         | Wrapping up the course | Feedback Form<br>Evaluation Report<br>Online Certification<br>Discussion Forum |