As the safety awareness on agricultural products increases, environmentally friendly agriculture is drawing attention. However, the majority of farmers are classified as small scale with low productivity, and their management bases are weak. Accordingly, this course aims to increase income as well as improving the standard of living in rural areas through environmental conservation type agriculture.

### Objective/Outcome

**Objective**

In the organizations involving in farming extension planning, an extension plan with effective use of resources in targeted region for small scale farmers to be formed.

**Outcome**

1. To understand basic concepts of environmental conservation type agriculture, and issues of participant's responsible region to be addressed.
2. To acquire necessary knowledge/techniques for implementing environmental conservation type agriculture.
3. To acquire essential knowledge for strengthening producer's management base.
4. To learn effective extension methods based on the needs of producers.
5. To make an Action Plan (draft) for extending environmental conservation type agriculture.
6. To join in former participants' Network (RED LAPOS: Latino Americana de Agricultura Organica y Produccion Sostenible), and to make a final Action Plan through observation of former participants' activities in Latin America.

### Target Organization / Group

- The organization to diffusion agricultural techniques such as
  - (1) Central/Local government organization
  - (2) Institute/Training Center
  - (3) NGO

- **Target Group**
  1. Those who are recommended by the government.
  2. Technicians, training officers, extension workers, or those who are responsible for training the extension workers.
  3. Experiences: more than 3 years
  4. The age: between 30 and 45 years old.
  5. Must be in good health both physically and mentally, pregnant woman is not acceptable.

### Contents

**Preparatory Program**

1. Formulation of Inception Reports
2. Learning Japan’s efforts on environmental conservation type agriculture: Organic agriculture, ECO farmers, special cultivation system, etc.
3. Learning efficient agricultural techniques: Cultivation management/production system, pest control, and effective use of livestock excrement in the region, etc.
4. Learning the necessary knowledge to strengthen the sustainable management system of producers conducting environmental conservation type agriculture: Producing, distribution, marketing, sales flow, market’s needs, and cost aspect such as pricing, etc.
5. Making, presentation, and discussion of an Action Plan (draft)

**Third-country Program**

1. Observing good practice/activity of Ex-participants Network (RED LAOPS)
2. Making and presentation of an Application Plan (final).

### Course Period

2019/7～2019/8

### Department in Charge

Rural Development

JICA Tsukuba (Training)

### JICA Center

Cooperation Period

2018～2020

### Implementing Partner

Under Planning

### Remarks and Website

Third-country program planned, to share ex-participant’s activities.

Ex-participants Network (RED LAOPS)

https://sites.google.com/site/redorganicaamericalatina/