

Capacity Development of Community Organizations for Tourism Development and Planning in Shiraz, Iran

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ABSTRACT A lack of organizational capacity development has been identified as a barrier to tourism development in Third World countries. Hence, the study provides a focused academic analysis of this issue within local communities of Shiraz, Iran. Information for this study was derived from survey questionnaires and focus group discussions. The study has identified that lack of organizational capacity is an important barrier for tourism development in the local communities of Shiraz.