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Fellowships

Fellowships are available to candidates who qualify.

Applications

Applications to participate should be sent by e-mail (normesturin@itcilo.org) or by fax (+ 39 011 6936906) to:

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They should be supported by a curriculum vitae and a nomination letter from the sponsoring/funding institution.

In line with the ILO's mandate to promote social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, the Turin Centre encourages applications from women.

The ILO Turin Centre's facilities

Located in an attractive park on the banks of the River Po, the Centre's campus provides a congenial environment in which to live and study.

It contains 21 pavilions with fully equipped modern classrooms, conference halls and meeting rooms fitted out for multilingual simultaneous interpretation, a computer laboratory, and a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 287 study/bedrooms, all with private bathrooms, telephones and cable television. It also has:

- a reception desk open 24 hours a day;
- a restaurant, a self-service canteen and a coffee lounge, all catering for international dietary needs;

- a bank;
- a travel agency;
- a laundry service;
- a post office;
- an internet point;
- a recreation room;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- an infirmary.

Social events are regularly held both on and off campus, so that participants from different cultural backgrounds can make the most of the stimulating international climate.

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The course aims to strengthen international, national and local capacity to promote and apply indigenous peoples' rights and to integrate indigenous peoples' rights and perspectives into development frameworks.



Background

Over 370 million individuals belong to indigenous and tribal peoples. They comprise approximately 5,000 distinct peoples, and their cultures are a heritage of diverse knowledge and ideas that is a resource for the whole world. However, many have lost control over their own development path. They are often excluded from political participation and their economies are being undermined by their lack of control over land and resources. Consequently, indigenous and tribal peoples are often the poorest segment of society and are disproportionately the victims of human rights abuses, conflict, discrimination, child labour, forced labour and trafficking. Indigenous women face additional, gender-based marginalization and discrimination.

Against this background, what are the options for indigenous and tribal peoples, and their support organizations, for securing their rights better and for participating equitably in national and local development processes? What options do national and local governments have for respecting indigenous and tribal peoples' rights and for launching inclusive, participatory processes of development that are based on the assets of these communities rather than their perceived deficiencies and needs?

These are some of the questions that this course will address, drawing on the long experience of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the promotion of indigenous peoples' rights.

The ILO has been working with indigenous and tribal peoples since the 1920s and has a double role concerning indigenous issues: it seeks specifically to promote and protect the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples through its Convention No. 169; and it seeks to ensure that indigenous and tribal peoples' issues are taken into account, and that these peoples participate in broader programmes on poverty reduction, social and economic development, employment promotion and the application of international labour standards within ILO member States.

With the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007, the UN as a whole took a major step forward in the promotion and protection of indigenous and tribal peoples' rights throughout the world. The challenge now is to devise strategies and action with which to implement these instruments, in order to change the situation of indigenous peoples for the better.



Objectives

The course aims to enable participants to:

- acquire an in-depth knowledge of the main ILO and UN instruments concerning indigenous peoples' rights and other ILO instruments that are relevant to indigenous peoples;
- become acquainted with the main international institutions, processes and networks relevant to indigenous peoples;
- examine the main issues for indigenous peoples;
- provide policy advice and training concerning indigenous peoples' rights;
- integrate indigenous peoples' rights and perspectives into broader development frameworks.



Participants' profile

The course is designed for all those who are involved in the promotion, design or development of policies, strategies and projects that directly concern or affect indigenous people, such as:

- civil servants from ministries concerned with tribal and indigenous affairs;
- representatives of indigenous peoples and their organizations;
- officials of bilateral and multilateral agencies concerned with indigenous issues;
- representatives of NGOs concerned with indigenous issues.

The course will be in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation. A good command of one of the two language is therefore required.



Structure and content

The course will cover the following main subject areas:

- the identification of indigenous peoples;
- the main issues, concerns and priorities of indigenous peoples;
- the role of the ILO and UN mechanisms for the promotion and protection of indigenous peoples' rights;
- the main international instruments concerning indigenous peoples' rights (the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention No. 169);
- challenges, experiences and lessons learnt related to the promotion and implementation of these instruments;
- international labour standards concerning fundamental human rights at work and their relevance to indigenous peoples with particular attention to ILO Convention No. 111 on Discrimination (Employment and Occupation);
- gender issues in indigenous communities;
- indigenous peoples' perspectives on poverty and development;
- policies and approaches for indigenous peoples to participate effectively in poverty reduction and development frameworks.



Methodology

The learning approach adopted in the course will be:

Participatory: participants are expected to take an active role in sharing their knowledge and experience of the promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples and the development of their communities.

Based on experiential learning methods: new knowledge will be acquired not only through experts' contributions but also through learning activities that build on the experience and knowledge of participants.

Embedding: the training will enable participants to share or embed their learning within the context of their own organizations.

Valuing diversity: diversity in terms of gender, origin, background and experience will be considered as an asset for the course, and participants will be encouraged to express theirs.

Participants will be asked to do some preliminary preparation based on a set of guidelines that will be made available to them before the course. This work will prepare them to share their working experience and describe the main issues regarding indigenous peoples in their own country/region and/or field of work.

The course will include presentations by ITC-ILO and ILO specialists and invited outside experts. It will also include individual and group learning activities.

During the course, ILO and UN instruments, documentation and training materials will be used as support for presentations and group work. This will enable participants not only to learn by using those materials, but also to become acquainted with tools that they may use to train and inform others.



Cost of participation

The total cost of participation in the course is **2,300 euros**. This includes tuition fees and subsistence costs.

The tuition cost is 1,340 euro and covers:

- tuition;
- books and training materials;
- course preparation, implementation and evaluation.

The subsistence cost is 960 euros and covers:

- full board and lodging at the Turin Centre's campus;
- laundry;
- minor medical care and emergency medical insurance;
- socio-cultural activities.

The price indicated **does not include** travel between the participant's home and the course venue. The cost of passports, visas to enter Italy, airport taxes, travel within the participant's home country and unauthorized stopovers is not reimbursed.

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