



DECENT WORK

TRADE, INVESTMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ASIA

29 – 31 MAY 2023
BANGKOK, THAILAND

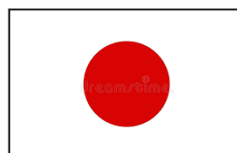
Information Note



International
Labour
Organization



Flanders
State of the Art



ITC 
International Training Centre

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

Trade, including through participation in global supply chains, and foreign direct investment (FDI) have brought substantial benefits to both home and host countries, including enterprises in specific sectors and workers at all skill levels. Both have been instrumental to social and economic development, and have lifted millions of people out of poverty. However, while there exists a broad consensus and ample evidence on the positive impact of trade and FDI for development, this does not necessarily happen by default. Specifically, there are concerns about the impacts of trade and foreign direct investment on firms and workers, especially on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and individuals belonging to disadvantaged groups, such as low-skilled workers, women and workers operating in the informal economy.

The aim of this course is to better understand the trade, investment and labour market nexus and its implications for the Asian region in terms of decent work, responsible business practices and sustainable development. It considers broader labour market implications of trade and investment policies, and how such policies through the promotion of cooperation and dialogue can be a vehicle for supporting international labour standards and responsible business conduct, including employment. The course aligns with broader policy and regional development frameworks including the Bali Declaration, Singapore Statement and those of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The overall objective of the training course is to build capacity, increase knowledge and improve dialogue between the participants concerning the trade and labour nexus by presenting analysis and discussing new findings on the effects of trade and FDI on the labour market.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to better advise their institutions on

- the linkages between trade, foreign direct investment and decent work,
- formulation of trade and investment policies to facilitate dialogue and support decent work.
- domestic policies for the promotion of sustainable enterprises

The following topics will be addressed:

- a. Regional and sectoral trends: ILO's Decent Work indicators and trade frameworks
- b. Trade, investment policy and decent work, such as labour provisions in trade and investment arrangements
- c. Responsible business conduct, ILS and HRDD,
- d. Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration)
- e. Productivity ecosystems and decent work
- f. Safe and healthy work environments

WHO ATTENDS THIS COURSE?

The course on *Trade, Investment and Decent Work for Asia* is designed for representatives from government, employers' and workers' representatives, and other key institutions with a mandate concerning trade, investment and decent work from ASEAN Countries.

CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded a certificate of participation. This entails regular participation to the learning sessions and completion of assignments.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE?

Cost of participation (tuition, accommodation and air ticket) to attend the training course is covered through scholarships provided by the International Labour Organization.

Please submit your application by **4 May 2023** via the following link:

<https://oarf2.itcilo.org/SHN/A3516708/en>

For more information, kindly contact us via mne-gsc@itcilo.org

INFO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT

International Training Centre of the ILO
Sustainable enterprises and economies (SEE)
Viale Maestri del Lavoro, 10
10127 Turin – Italy

mne-gsc@itcilo.org
www.itcilo.org

COURSE CODE: A3516708