



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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Strategies for the Extension of Social Protection

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Context

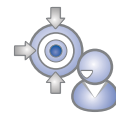
Only one in five people in the world has adequate social security coverage. The lack of social protection is largely concentrated in the informal economy, where women and vulnerable people are more likely to be working. This has significant impact on the welfare, poverty level and social exclusion of families.

Extending social protection coverage to excluded populations is one of the priorities of the ILO in its global strategy aimed at ensuring that all men and women benefit from decent work and social security. All workers, regardless of their contractual arrangements, need protection against risks such as loss of income, incapacity to work, maternity, old age whether this is for a short or a longer period. Employers and enterprises need social security for a productive workforce. Pensioners need income security for a satisfactory and fulfilling retirement. Society needs social security for stable labour relations. Social security helps create a positive attitude towards structural and technical change, as well as towards the challenges of globalization and its potential benefits.

In 2001, representatives from governments, workers' and employers' organizations reached a new consensus at the International Labour Conference. They agreed that the highest priority would be given to "policies and initiatives, which can bring social protection to those who are not covered by existing systems."

The ILO has launched the Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All. New strategies for the extension of traditional social protection mechanisms and the development of decentralized systems are now being developed in all continents. The ILO is promoting a social security floor whereby universal basic coverage is extended to all citizens of a country. Linkages and bridges between community based decentralized systems and other forms of social protection and public initiatives are also promoted.

In this context, the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, in close collaboration with the Social Security Department of the ILO and its STEP Programme, is organizing a training activity to strengthen the capacity of key actors and stakeholders to more effectively extend social protection benefits to workers in the informal economy and to the populations excluded from statutory schemes.



Objectives

The main objective of this interregional training course is to strengthen the capacity of planners and social actors to develop tripartite strategies for extending social protection coverage to all. At the end of the training, the participants will have increased knowledge and skills that will enable them:

- To have an improved understanding of the role of social protection, taking into account a gender perspective;
- To understand the different statutory and decentralized systems and tools providing social protection coverage to all groups;
- To identify facilitating and hindering factors influencing the design, setting-up and implementation of gender sensitive social protection mechanisms for informal economy groups;
- To develop an international perspective on ways to extend social protection coverage through comparative analysis and sharing of experiences;
- To provide information and contribute to the networks and sources of information sharing on innovative and proven experiences.



Participant's profile

This training course is designed for:

- Policy planners from relevant governmental structures such as:
 - Ministry of Labour;
 - Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - Ministry of Health;
 - Ministry of Social Protection;
 - Ministry of Social Affairs...
- Leaders and key members of informal economy, community-based, women-specific or non-governmental organizations who are engaged in social protection for the benefit of their members;
- Planners, advisers and professionals dealing with social security and social protection mechanisms;
- Representatives of workers and employers' organizations involved in the extension of social protection coverage;
- Practitioners and consultants of international development agencies and sponsors who wish to gain new technical expertise related to their interventions in the area of social protection (WHO, World Bank, Global Fund, EU, UNDP...)



Program

The training program will focus on the following topics:

- The basic concepts in extending social protection to excluded populations: policies, strategies, tools, legal framework, standards,
- A review of social security contributory and non contributory schemes and social assistance schemes and their extension to uncovered groups,
- The situation, perspective and needs of special groups, such as women and men workers in the informal economy, migrant workers and other vulnerable groups;
- The role of decentralized systems such as micro-insurance, in responding to local populations' needs and the design of linkages between decentralized systems and other forms of social protection and public initiatives;
- Innovative systems from around the world;
- Financial considerations and financing mechanisms;
- Tools for extending coverage and information sharing;
- Defining national strategies and the role of government, social partners and NGOs in extending social protection towards universal coverage.



Methodology

The training activity is organized in collaboration with the ILO Global Campaign on Social security and Coverage for all of the Social Security Department of the ILO and its STEP Programme. The training activity will be organized on a participatory basis to encourage active involvement, and the exchange of views and experiences among the participants. Particular attention will be paid to the presentation of best practices reflecting experiences already gained locally and internationally. The gender dimension is highlighted throughout the entire program.

Language

English

Applications

The cost of participation, excluding international air travel, is 3,155 Euros payable in advance. This covers tuition fees; the use of training facilities and support services; training materials; accommodation and full board at the Centre's campus; a standard daily allowance for incidental expenses and routine medical care and insurance.

Applications to participate in the workshop should be addressed **not later than 3 October 2008** to:

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Applications should be supported by a curriculum vitae and nomination letter from the sponsoring institution indicating how the participant will be financed. Please note that if a Schengen visa for Italy is needed, the time required is on average at least three weeks.

As an organization dedicated to fundamental human rights and social justice, the ILO is taking a leading role in international efforts to promote and realize gender equality. In line with this ILO focus, women candidates are especially welcome.