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, and a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.
- The campus has 287 study/bedrooms, all with private bathroom, telephone, free access to internet and cable television. It also has:
  - 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;
  - medical service.

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

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Promoting green jobs policies: employment potential and skill needs in a greener economy

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Background

In the shift towards a green economy, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, new initiatives and emerging approaches can be boosted to jointly address environmental and social challenges through well-informed policies.

This cannot happen without a thorough understanding and analysis of the implications that the transition to resource-efficient, low emission and climate-resilient economies poses for the labour markets, including the identification of changes that enterprises and workers will have to face, the anticipation of skill needs and the role of governments and social partners in crafting enabling policies and regulatory frameworks.

Socially inclusive development requires decent jobs, which provide adequate incomes, social protection and respect for the rights of workers. The promotion of decent jobs in the green economy reconciles and drives viable economic growth, secures a sustainable environment and harnesses social equity.

Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserving, restoring and enhancing the quality of the environment, by reducing consumption of energy, raw materials and water, limiting greenhouse gas emissions, minimizing waste and pollution, protecting and restoring ecosystems and adapting to climate change.

This course tackles challenges and opportunities in the promotion of green jobs, by providing participants with the needed knowledge and tools to assess potentialities, device appropriate policies, discuss investments and technology options, implement strategies, monitor and evaluate progress towards a greener economy.

Special attention will be given to the assessment of employment potential and the analysis of skill needs, through sectoral, cross-sector and country analysis in view of informing national policy initiatives.

Course objectives

The overall objective of this course is to provide a conceptual and strategic framework for the promotion of green jobs at the national level, by focusing on the social and employment dimensions of the green economy.

At the end of the course, it is expected that participants have:

- gained an overall understanding of the sustainable development framework, the green economy and the link between the environmental challenges and the world of work;
- acquired a constructive knowledge of concepts and definitions of green and decent jobs and explored strategies for their promotion (i.e. through policy coherence, skills development, green works in public employment programmes, green enterprise and entrepreneurship promotion);
- learned about methodologies to assess the employment potential and opportunities that green policies can generate in selected economic sectors, in countries at different stages of development;
- learned how skill needs shift as economies go green and what the connected challenges and policy responses can be;
- formulated common arguments in a multi-stakeholder context in order to promote coherent policies for a transition to a greener economy with employment and social inclusion.

Course structure and contents

This inter-regional course will take place at the ILO International Training Centre in Turin, Italy. It will be delivered by experts from the ILO, ITC-ILO and other organisations working closely with the ILO Green Jobs Programme.

One important source of technical inputs, both in terms of expertise and content development, is the Green Jobs Assessment Institutions Network (GAIN) – a network of policy research institutions and experts on assessing employment-related effects of greening policies, aims to fill a clear institutional and capacity gap for green jobs related assessments particularly in developing and low-income countries.

Course contents are organised according to the following flow:

Day 1 – Decent work and social inclusion in a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

Day 2 – Green jobs: review of concepts and practices

Day 3 – Assessing the potential of green jobs in countries at different stages of development: introduction to tested methodologies and analysis of case studies

Day 4 – The skills challenge in greening the economy: from skill needs assessment to responsive development programmes

Day 5 – Orienting green jobs national policies and strategies

In addition, a ‘share-fair’ will be organised to facilitate participants exchange on green jobs practices and experiences.

Target audience and language

This course is addressed to a mixed audience of professionals interested in the social, economic and employment dimension of the green economy, e.g. assessing the change in demand and supply of green jobs, monitoring the quality of new jobs and the skills required, working towards a low-carbon economy, shaping and implementing green economy policies and promoting coherence between skills, employment and environmental policies.

This includes representatives from Ministries of Labour/Employment and social partners, as well as government officials from other line Ministries (e.g. Environment, Planning, Finance, etc.), national and international development agencies, civil society organisations and academia.

The course will be conducted entirely in English.

Costs, application and contacts

This course is fee paying. The total cost is of € 2100, including:

- Tuition costs (€ 1500) cover programme development and management, secretarial and administrative support, the use of classrooms and teaching equipment, office supplies, training materials and tutors’ support, emergency medical insurance and socio-cultural activities.
- Subsistence costs (€ 600) cover full board and lodging at the Turin Centre’s campus from 11th to 17th May 2014.

Please note that the prices shown do not include the cost of travel between participant’s home and the course venue.

Application: an on-line registration form is available by clicking on http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A907074/en

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