



## Background

Today the dynamic and complex process of development and globalisation calls for an enhanced understanding of the way to support more and better jobs in different development contexts. In all countries, poor and rich, the conviction is growing that labour is not a commodity, that labour markets are socially embedded, and that both the quantity and quality of employment is fundamental to responsible growth and the fight against poverty and social exclusion. In this context, the social demand for expertise in how to place decent employment at the heart of economic and development policies and how to evaluate the impact of such policies is rising.

The Master's programme in Applied Labour Economics for Development (MALED) of the Turin School of Development (ITC-ILO) is a response to the need for more and more diverse expertise in the design and evaluation of evidence-based policies, in which international labour standards and fundamental rights at work go hand in hand with job creation and productive employment.

The programme is delivered as a first level Master's degree by the Department of Economics of the University of Turin.



## Objectives

The Master's programme is intended to prepare students and professionals from both advanced and developing countries to become experts in designing, analysing and evaluating policies that place employment

at the core of economic, social and development policy making. The degree will combine rigorous training in analytical and quantitative economic methods with an emphasis on what constitutes an appropriate policy, legal and institutional framework for employment and decent work in different development contexts.

The training methodology will balance traditional classes on theory, concepts and methods by researchers and lecturers with concrete case studies and practical assignments by practitioners and professionals to support policy applications over pure theory.

Students will strongly benefit from the fact that the courses will be taught by a mix of lecturers, researchers, practitioners and experts from bilateral and international agencies. The programme will build on research findings and tools developed by the ILO, other international organizations and the academic and research institutions associated in the programme.

Career opportunities for this Master include work in national administrations in developed and developing countries, international organisations, development agencies, non-profit organisations, consulting and preparation for economics research.



## Advisory Committee

The Master's programme has its own advisory committee which provides advice regarding the pedagogical content and the nomination of lecturers. It is composed of representatives from the University of Turin, the main academic institution involved in the programme, as well as

representatives from the ILO and other academic and research institutions.

**Advisory committee's representatives:** Samuel Asfaha (ITC-ILO), Luigi Benfratello (Politecnico of Turin), Sukti Dasgupta (ILO), Rafael Diez de Medina (ILO), Errol D'Souza (Indian Institute of Management), Daniel Kostzer (ILO), Roberto Leombruni (LABOR), Alessandra Molz (ITC-ILO), Christophe Nordman (IRD/DIAL), Lia Pacelli (University of Turin), Silvia Pasqua (University of Turin) and Sher Verick (ILO).



## Detailed curriculum of the Master

The curriculum will combine a three-month distance learning phase with a four-month face-to-face component to end with a nine-month period for the preparation of the master's thesis.

The Master's programme will be articulated around the following core modules:

- Modules A1 and A2 will cover the fundamentals in economics for development with a strong component in both the macroeconomics and microeconomics of labour markets.
- Module B will review labour standards, policies and institutions with applications in developed and developing countries.
- Modules C1, C2 and C3 will provide basic and more advanced courses on quantitative methods in the areas of statistics, econometrics, impact evaluation and microsimulation.
- Module D will be devoted to labour statistics, with courses on data collection methods, data analysis and measurement of labour market conditions and decent work in different development contexts.

- Module E will consist of a series of conferences on contemporary global labour market challenges.

At the end of the academic year, each student will be required to prepare a Master's thesis directed by a faculty member or by a professional from the institutions involved.

<b>Module A1: Economics of labour markets</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Macroeconomics and monetary policies</li><li>• Labour market theory</li></ul>
<b>Module A2: Development economics</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development economics: an overview</li><li>• Sustainable development</li><li>• Poverty and Inequality</li><li>• Informality.</li></ul>
<b>Module B: Labour standards, policies and institutions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trade and employment development</li><li>• Minimum wages</li><li>• Labour market institutions</li><li>• Social security</li></ul>
<b>Module C1: Quantitative methods - econometrics</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statistics</li><li>• Stata</li><li>• Basics fundamentals in econometrics</li></ul>
<b>Module C2: Quantitative methods - econometrics and impact evaluation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applied econometrics</li><li>• Impact evaluation</li></ul>

<b>Module C3: Microsimulation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microsimulation</li><li>• General equilibrium models</li></ul>
<b>Module D: Labour Statistics</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative data collection</li><li>• Introduction to the labour force survey</li><li>• Analysing labour force survey data to conduct applied labour economics research in developing countries</li></ul>
<b>Module E: Seminars on contemporary global labour market challenges (Financial crisis, Human sociality and development, Corruption)</b>



## Participants' profile

The Master is intended for:

- Recent university graduates from developing and developed countries;
- Officials and/or professionals in the public and private sector, UN Agencies, foundations and NGOs.

Essential requirements for admission are:

- To hold a Bachelor's degree of minimum three years' duration, preferably in economics, business, management, political sciences, law, statistics and engineering;
- To be fluent in the English language.

**IMPORTANT:** The validity of non-Italian degrees must be recognized under Italian law and regulations.

More information available at the link

<http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/turin-school-of-development/who-andhow-recognition-of-foreign-degrees>

The Selection Committee reserves the right to interview candidates to validate the coherence of their professional projects with the Programme.



## Language, programme and venue

The programme is held in English.

It will take place from 23 October 2017 to 28 February 2019 and is sub-divided into three cycles:

- The first cycle is conducted through a distance learning component that will start on 23 October 2017 and will end on 21 January 2018.
- The second cycle from 22 January 2018 to 18 May 2018 is a face-to-face learning period that will be held in Turin, Italy, at the International Training Centre of the ILO. Its campus and facilities (bank, post office, travel agency, laundry, gym, sports and recreation facilities) provide an ideal environment for studying, sharing experience and creating networks. Class attendance is compulsory.
- The third cycle is the preparation of a Master's thesis, undertaken in the participant's country, assisted by tutors and professors, which will start on 19 May 2018 and will end on 28 February 2019.



## Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships covering tuition fees and/or accommodation at the ITC-ILO campus are usually available for students from developing countries (ODA

eligible countries only) on a competitive basis among deserving candidates who are unable to meet the full tuition plus accommodation costs.

## Fees and applications

The tuition fee is EURO 7,000 including training facilities, training materials, insurance and University registration fees.

Accommodation at the ITC-ILO Campus (optional) costs EURO 4,950 for the 17 weeks of residence in Turin during the face-to-face learning period. It includes bed and breakfast on campus in single room and laundry.

Interested candidates should duly complete and submit the on-line application form, available on the Master's website <http://maled.itcilo.org/>, together with the requested documents no later than 1 July 2017, to be considered for the first round of admission, or no later than 1 September 2017, to be considered for the second round of admission.

**Important:** only complete application forms will be considered during the candidate selection process.

## Payment, cancellation and refunds

Sponsoring institutions and self-paying participants are strongly encouraged to pay participation fees a month prior to the start date of the course in order to secure enrollment and the timely issuance of visas. The individual participation fees are payable in full and all related bank

charges (bank of origin, correspondent bank and recipient bank) shall be entirely borne by the participant or the sponsoring institution(s).

The payment schedule is as follows:

- a non-refundable enrollment fee of EURO 1,500 payable prior to the start date of the distance learning phase;
- the remainder of the tuition fees payable at least 30 days prior to the start date of the face-to-face learning phase;
- 100% of the accommodation fees payable 30 days prior to the start date of the face-to-face learning phase.

Cancellation of participation will result in the following penalties:

### Tuition fees:

- no reimbursement of tuition fees will be made after the beginning of the face-to-face learning phase.

### Accommodation fees:

- no penalty will be applied on accommodation fees in case of written notification of cancellation up to 14 days prior to the start date of the face-to-face phase;
- thereafter, a fixed penalty of EURO 1,000 will apply on accommodation fees in addition to the accommodation costs already incurred and calculated on a weekly basis (i.e. actual number of weeks and portions thereof);
- in case of change of room type or occupancy option, a fixed penalty fee of EURO 500 per person will apply.

Refunds, where and as applicable, will be processed with all bank charges to be borne by the participants or the sponsoring institutions.



### 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 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;
- 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.

**For further information about the Master and all other communications, please contact the course secretariat:**

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