



Academy on Rural Development: Towards Decent Work in the Rural Economy



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DESCRIPTION

The Academy on Rural Development offers a wide range of integrated approaches, tools and training packages to promote full and productive employment and decent work in the rural economy.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Academy is especially designed for the ILO's tripartite constituents (government officials, representatives of employers' and workers' organizations) and ILO staff (field offices, projects and headquarters) whose work relates to rural economies. The Academy may also be of interest to policy-makers, practitioners and other professionals representing development partner agencies and international organizations, private and social enterprises, universities and civil society organizations.

BACKGROUND

Poverty in emerging and developing countries is predominately a rural phenomenon – extreme poverty rates are about four times higher in rural areas than in urban ones.

A large share of the rural poor depends on low-productivity subsistence farming for their livelihoods. Furthermore, many of the poorest rural households lack access to productive assets and often rely on income from wage employment. Of the 300-500 million wage workers in agriculture, many depend on jobs in the plantation sector. Furthermore, some 59 per cent, or over 98 million child labourers, are in rural areas, mostly in agriculture. Forced labour, too, is prevalent in agriculture. The impact of the gender gap on agricultural productivity is revealing. If women in rural areas had the same access to productive resources as men, agricultural production could be increased and the number of hungry people reduced by 100-150 million.

Rural poverty has numerous root causes, ranging from informality, ineffective law enforcement and compliance; the absence of an enabling environment for businesses; underdeveloped production systems; natural resource degradation; poor infrastructure and limited access to services, including education, finance and health-care.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, and ending extreme poverty everywhere, will require increased policy focus on rural development. Placing decent work in the rural economy high on national and international policy agendas is crucial to find sustainable, long-term solutions to the challenges affecting hundreds of millions of people worldwide many of whom are young women and men living in developing countries.

The ILO's Decent Work Agenda, as an integrated rights-based development strategy, supports tripartite constituents in their efforts to promote sustainable rural livelihoods.

The ILO approach is based on comparative advantage: its normative approach to development, its unique convening power to bring together the main actors and its mandate and expertise in the world of work. Its Decent Work Agenda offers many instruments, approaches and tools to support governments, employers and workers in their efforts to promote sustainable rural livelihoods. ILO strategy for rural development comprises the following interrelated policy areas:

- Supporting inclusive agricultural growth for improved livelihoods and food security;
- Promoting economic diversification and triggering productive transformation for rural employment;
- Promoting access to services, protection and employment-intensive investment;
- Ensuring sustainability and harnessing the benefits of natural resources;
- Increasing the voice of rural people through organization and the promotion of rights, standards and social dialogue.

OBJECTIVES

The participants of this Academy will be able to:

- Acquire tools and practical methods, successfully designed and tested in other national or regional contexts, and adaptable to their own environment;
- Share experiences and knowledge with individuals and/or organizations with common interests in rural development;
- Gain a deeper understanding of the roles of policy makers, including workers' and employers' organizations required for the promotion of integrated rural development.

In addition the academy will benefit from South-South and triangular cooperation learning and networking approach. As reflected in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, South-South and triangular cooperation has become a key modality of international development cooperation and an essential tool for the United Nations development system. The Academy will offer an opportunity for mutual learning between countries particularly with a view to formulate high level strategic initiatives and development policies that integrate the promotion of decent work in the rural economy.

CONTENT, FORMAT AND METHODOLOGY

The two-week programme consists of a combination of:

- Cutting-edge topics presented and discussed in a series of classes facilitated by the ILO, other UN Agencies and leading international experts;
- Structured knowledge-sharing opportunities, making use of interactive learning methodologies;
- Opportunities to foster South-South Cooperation and mutual learning, as well as knowledge exchange;
- A range of elective workshops offering additional insight into specific subjects, testing tools and training packages;
- Study visits to innovative rural initiatives.

INFORMATION

Languages: the Academy is offered in English, French and Spanish.

The participation costs amount at € 3625 including tuition fees, training material, study visits, insurance and board and lodging at the Turin Campus. Travel costs are not included.

For online application please go to: <http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A9010417/en>

For more information on logistics and costs, please contact us at rural@itcilo.org