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# Workshop on social health insurance

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## Background

Throughout the world, governments are seeking to improve the scope and performance of health care systems. Social health insurance is one approach that can contribute to achieving health policy goals such as better health, equity in access to health care and sound financing for health services. In many countries, chronic underfunding has led to increasing dissatisfaction with the quality and quantity of services provided by public systems, while the introduction of charges at the time of use has created new financial barriers to seeking care. As a result, many countries are considering or have recently implemented, social health insurance schemes as part of the reform of their health systems as well and of social protection systems as a whole.

A key element in the implementation of a social health insurance scheme is training those who will be responsible for the design, management and operation of the scheme. To respond to this need, the International Training Centre of the ILO is offering a two-week workshop in Turin, Italy. The workshop will focus on issues related to the reasons for selecting social health insurance as a health care financing mechanism, the feasibility of introducing a scheme and planning for implementation, designing the appropriate contribution levels and benefits, monitoring the provision of services and ensuring the sound financing of the scheme. The workshop will cover health insurance schemes as part of broad social security systems, national social health insurance schemes and micro-insurance for the informal economy.

As experience demonstrates the positive impact of training on the management and administration of social security schemes in

general, participants in this workshop also will develop the capacity to share what they learn with others upon return to their institutions. New techniques and technologies will be introduced to improve the quality of training at the national level.



## Participants

The workshop is aimed at executives, managers, planners, financial officers and other responsible professionals in health care and health insurance schemes, in both the government and non-government sectors. Although it is intended primarily for practitioners, persons with research functions within health systems can also benefit from participation in this workshop.



## Objectives

The aim of the workshop is threefold:

- to enhance the capacity of planners and managers to design and implement a social health insurance scheme
- to increase understanding of the financing of health insurance
- to develop an international perspective on social health insurance through comparative analysis and learning about of other schemes.



## Methodology

An action-oriented, highly participative approach will be taken throughout the course, with particular attention to sharing international experience with a view to its

adaptation and practical application. The course will be based both on presentations by experts and practitioners and on case studies designed specifically for it.



## Structure and contents

As part of the workshop, participants will make a comparative analysis of different national situations and discuss the options for health system reform. This analysis and discussion will be based on case studies of recent experience in selected countries that have undertaken such reforms. Special attention will be devoted to financial aspects (such as purchaser-provider split, provider payment systems, flow of funds) and their impact on the reform process and its outcomes.

The modules cover the following topics:

- Health care financing policy and social health insurance
- Designing a social health insurance scheme
- Providing health care benefits
- Financing social health insurance
- Community-based health insurance
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## Language

English

## Applications

Applications to participate in the workshop, using the attached nomination form, should be addressed to:

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**no later than 1 February 2008**

They should be supported by a nomination letter from the sponsoring institution, indicating how the candidate will be financed.

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.