



DECENT WORK

TRANSITION TO FORMAL ECONOMY A GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING FORUM – GKSF

THIRD EDITION
25 – 29 NOVEMBER 2019
TURIN, ITALY

BACKGROUND

The Employment Policy Department and ITCILO are organizing the **third edition** of the Global Knowledge Sharing Forum on Transition to formal economy in Turin from 25-29 November 2019 (English and French). The Global Knowledge Sharing Forum is organised every two years by the ILO and is a platform for open and interactive discussion between public decision-makers, social partners and institutional partners on what has worked or not on the transition processes at national, regional and global levels; as well as to identify key issues and challenges relating to enhancing the operationalization of the ILO's recommendation on transition to formality (R204).

This third edition aims to assess the policy and academic knowledge currently available on what works or does not work for the transition to formality.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The GKSF targets ILO's constituents as well as other policy makers at various levels from other key public institutions including ministries (finance, planning, social affairs, statistics...), researchers, practitioners, as well as staff of international organizations working on formalization from Africa, Europe, LAC, Asia and Arab States.

This third edition targets consultants, practitioners, officials writing on informality.

TWO HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

This edition starts with a **high level round table on the 25th /26th** with the participation of high level experts including:

1. **Dr. Iyanatul Islam**, Adjunct Professor at the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia: Inclusive structural transformation and the role of sectoral policies for transition to the formal economy;
2. **Dr Colin Williams**, Professor of Public Policy, Management School of Sheffield University: Policy coordination for integrated formalization strategies and measures;
3. **Mrs Reema Navaty** who leads Self Employed Women's Association's (SEWA) economic and rural development activities reaching out to seventeen million women and their families across India: Innovative measures and actions to support informal economy workers and facilitate their transition to formality;
4. **Dr Godfrey Kanyenze**, Founding Director of the Labour and Economic Development Research Institute of Zimbabwe: Challenges and opportunities for transition to formality in Sub-Saharan Africa.
5. **Dr. Javier Herrera**, Director of the Research Institute for Development (IRD), Peru: The challenge of assessing the impact of measures and policy frameworks tackling the informal economy.

B. CALL FOR PAPERS

For this edition, the ILO is launching a call for papers “*Writing on informality*” on evidence-based policies on formalisation to encourage good quality publications on the way out of informality. The papers will/should focus on innovative ways to link policies/measures, structural transformation and transition to formality; around six areas of research are suggested:

1. Transition to formality and inclusive structural transformation: the role of sectoral policies
2. Increased productivity of enterprises and workers they employed: what measures, conditions and what results?
3. Policy formulation and coordination for transition to formality: What works?
4. Informal economy actors’ practices and institutions: Challenges and opportunities for public policies
5. Skills development and lifelong learning: What now for informal economy workers?
6. Extending social security coverage to those in the informal economy: Paths and experiences
7. Organization and representation of informal economy workers and economic units: Innovative actions and tools

The selected papers will be presented in thematic sessions during the Global Forum and will be part of a *recueil* of practices and experiences published by the ILO. Those interested should **submit a paper** (proposals will not be accepted) by **September 20, 2019**, through the following email: informaleconomy@itcilo.org.

PRICE

The total cost for participation (without the air ticket) is Euro 2,250:

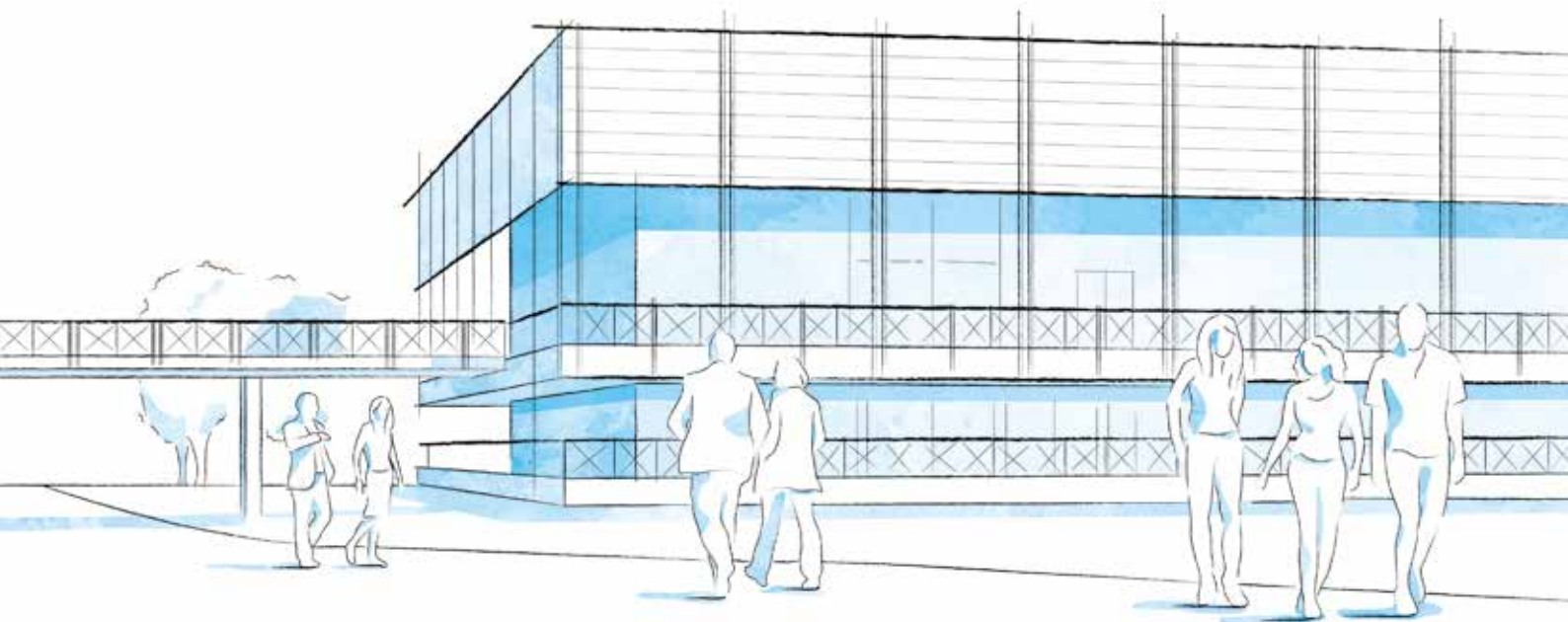
- Tuition: €1,615
- Subsistence: €635

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should register on-line at: <https://bit.ly/2yWOAFc>

The deadline for applications is **14th of October 2019**

Candidates who require Schengen visa to enter Italy are advised to submit their applications as soon as possible before the deadline.



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