OVERVIEW

SNAPSHOT OF THE COURSE

Many countries across the globe are increasingly recognising the contribution that social protection systems make to sustainable economic and social development. Yet a central challenge remains how to finance such systems in the context of a diverse array of other priorities for government spending at a national level. By bringing together the worlds of public finance and of social protection, this course aims to equip social protection and public finance practitioners with the practical skills to assess financing options for social protection and develop tailored country financing plans.

WHAT

WHAT TOPICS DOES THIS COURSE COVER?

- Taxation and revenue collection: trends and policy choices
- The Public Financial Management (PFM) cycle
- Reading and assessing national budgets, including classifying and interpreting social protection expenditure
- Assessment of social protection gaps
- Contribution financing of social protection
- Costing tax-financed social protection schemes
- Creation of fiscal space for social protection
- Assessing value for money
- The political economy of social protection financing
- Development of medium term financing strategies

While the course covers some exploration of contribution finance of social protection, the focus is on schemes financed by general revenues.

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO?

- Assess the public finance context in terms of revenue collection, government expenditure and the PFM cycle
- Develop a compelling business case for investment in social protection to be fed into the national budget cycle
- Produce costed medium-term plans outlining core priorities for social protection system expansion and reform
WHY

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

- Put learning into practice through an Integrated Applied Exercise focused on your own national context
- Participants join and interact with a diverse network of professionals engaging in issues of social protection financing
- The course uses a mix of training methods: lectures, plenary discussions, good practices, case studies, group work, and individual exercises.

This course is one of four eligible courses for the ITCILO Diploma For Social Protection Analysts. To achieve the Diploma, successful candidates must complete three of four courses within a five year period, and undertake a capstone assessment.

WHO

WHO TAKES THIS COURSE?

The course is designed for both social protection practitioners seeking to deepen their understanding of public finance and public finance professionals seeking to understand the specific considerations necessary for social protection financing. Typical participants would be professionals from government ministries, social security institutions, social partners, UN agencies, non-governmental organisations, research institutes and consultancy firms. Participants should hold bachelor or advanced degrees and have a solid quantitative background.

HOW

The course consists of 100 total hours of learning, broken up into three phases.

- **Pre-course** (10 hours): Self-guided study through the online eCampus platform. Includes a pre-course assessment.
- **Residential week** (80 hours): 10-days of intensive training at the ITCILO in Turin, including developing an individual presentation.
- **Post-course assignment** (10 hours): Individual assignment applying learning from the course to a national context.

HOW TO APPLY

Find the application form at [https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9014712/en](https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9014712/en) and apply before 7 October 2022.

PRICE

Tuition: 2,455 Euros
Subsistence: 1,400 Euros
Total: **3,855 Euros**
CAMPUS LIFE

A THRIVING UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- Three organizations from the United Nations system on campus
- More than 300 training courses and activities in a stimulating international environment
- Thousands of participants from all over the world

ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDINGS

Grab a campus bicycle and explore the Turin Centre. Located in a leafy park on the banks of the Po River, it's a great place for study and collaboration. Experience innovative learning and training methods in modern classrooms equipped with simultaneous translation services.

HOUSING, DINING, AND MORE

Comprising more than 280 private dormitories, the Turin Campus provides a broad range of services for course participants and partners including a free-flow restaurant, bank, travel agency, laundromat, post office, gym, medical services and a reception desk open 24/7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators. Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.