YOUTH LEADERS BOOT CAMP
1 – 12 JULY 2024
TURIN, ITALY
Information Note
OVERVIEW

Advancements made in the adoption of ambitious, new global frameworks for sustainable development have spurred global commitments for the construction of a future that is sustainable, fair, and peaceful – Leaving No One Behind. The world has witnessed a dramatic fall in global infant mortality, climbing adult literacy, significant reduction in the spread of painful diseases, and an increase in the number of people with access to electricity and running water.

Yet, peace and socio-economic progress remain elusive to many. An international context altered by the accelerating threats of climate change, global inequalities and new armed conflict continues to strain societies worldwide. Indeed, the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022 paints a sobering picture, calling for concerted action on a global scale to put the world back on track to sustainability.

In times of cascading, interlinked global crises, leadership is not only expected but demanded of international civil servants operating across the multilateral sphere. It is to be exercised at all levels, thereby concerning not just senior personnel, but also youth aspiring to pursue an impactful career within the United Nations (UN) system and other International Organizations (IOs). And yet, what does it mean to lead as a young international civil servant, and what are the skills required to exercise leadership in the context of the UN or other IOs?

The Young Leaders Boot Camp equips participants with the tools to kick-start their career in the broader space of multilateralism. Over the course of two weeks, participants join an international faculty of experts on the ITCILO Turin Campus, honing the core competencies expected of officers seeking to leave a lasting, positive impact in the contexts in which they operate.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

By joining the Young Leaders Boot Camp, you will:

- **Apply** mediation and negotiation techniques to the resolution of a real UN case study;
- **Develop** leadership skills for the effective pursuit of a career in multilateral diplomacy and decision-making across the UN system and in other IOs;
- **Design** an international career in support of the values and mission of UN agencies and other IOs;
- **Strengthen** your team-building skills for the effective delivery of projects and programmes across the UN system and other IOs;
- **Enter** a network of young, aspiring international civil servants pursuing a career in multilateral diplomacy and decision-making.
METHODOLOGY

The Young Leaders Boot Camp is an intensive two-week interactive learning experience delivered live at the ITCILO Campus in Turin, Italy.

Participants join lectures, practical workshops and outdoor teambuilding activities between 9:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday. The Boot Camp features a combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities for participants to complete either individually or in groups.

In closing of the Boot Camp, participants take part in a half-day negotiation simulation game structured around a real-life case study. For the 2024 edition of the programme, this will be dedicated to negotiating sustainable resource management in a multi-stakeholder forum. Other Boot Camp activities equip participants with the hard and soft skills which, alongside mediation and negotiation, international civil servants possess and hone throughout their professional career.

Accompanying participants throughout this learning journey is also the ITCILO e-Learning platform, the eCampus: a repository of session recordings, preliminary and supplementary course readings, or self-guided modules essential for the completion of all Boot Camp activities.

TARGET

The Young Leaders Boot Camp welcomes undergraduate, graduate students and young professionals seeking to acquire the skills necessary to pursue a career in the UN system and other IOs. The ITCILO welcomes applications from participants who uphold the mission and values of the UN, who are interested in exploring the work of the International Labour Organization as custodian of SDG 8 for economic growth and decent work, and who are thus comfortable operating in a multicultural setting.
**STRUCTURE**

The Boot Camp is structured around six modular, thematic blocks which run over the course of 2 weeks (1 – 12 July 2024).

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**Thematic Block 1: Navigating the Broader Space of Multilateralism: Focus on the UN System and the ILO**

Which opportunities and challenges lie ahead of aspiring international civil servants driving transformational change? Thematic Block 1 sessions focus on the mission, values and structure of the UN system and the ILO.

**Thematic Block 2: Sustainable Leadership Skills and SDG 8**

How has the concept of “leadership” evolved in the multilateral sphere? Across Thematic Block 2 sessions, participants unpack how leadership is exercised across the broader space of multilateralism and in the ILO at all levels. They analyse the multilateral leadership paradigm and analyse the shift it is currently undergoing. They also consider how to leverage this shift for the pursuit of a career in the UN system and the ILO.

**Thematic Block 3: Mediation, Third-Party Exploratory Processes and Negotiations**

How do international civil servants employ negotiation, mediation or facilitation tools? With the guidance of mediation and negotiation specialists, participants join in and run a half-day simulation game on multi-stakeholder negotiations for sustainable resource management based on a real-life case study.

**Thematic Block 4: Career Design Sessions**

How do you want to contribute to the world? What drives you and gives you purpose? During Thematic Block 4 sessions, participants find purpose, direction and perspective in the design of an impactful career in the UN system and other international organizations.

**Thematic Block 5: Leadership Expert Fireside Chats**

Thematic Block 5 sessions welcome both senior and mid-career officials from the broader space of multilateralism to the Leaders Boot Camp.

The “fireside chat” format of these sessions allows room for open, candid conversation around what the day-to-day job of personnel working for the UN, the ILO and other international organizations entails.

**Thematic Block 6: Outdoor Team-Building Activities**

By taking part in Thematic Block 6 activities, participants unleash the power of play to hone their communication, problem-solving, team-work and leadership skills. Activities take place in the heart of Turin and further afield, giving participants a taste of the Italian region of Piedmont and its capital city.
DISCOVER: TURIN

Capital of the Italian region of Piedmont just a few kilometers away from France, Switzerland and Italy’s rugged Ligurian coast, Turin stuns global visitors with its unique charm. While featuring a rich history, charming art galleries and a world-renowned enogastronomic tradition, Turin maintains a firm global outlook through its active participation in strategic networks of global sister and friend cities. As testament to its international ties, Turin has been home of the United Nations Campus since 1964, where the ITCILO is located together with the United Nations System Staff College and the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

VISIT: NICE AND MONACO; VENICE

The ITCILO offers Young Leaders Boot Camp participants the opportunity to sign up for a day-trip to Monte Carlo (Monaco) and Nice (France), or Venice (Italy) for Saturday 6 July 2024. Whether in search of the atmospheres celebrated during the Belle Époque or eager to witness the splendor of the Most Serene Republic (“La Serenissima”), the Summer University features moments of leisure and relax for its participants to enjoy while away from home.
HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly requested to submit a complete online registration form: https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9017052/en.

If you are financed by your organization (or a donor) an official sponsorship letter is required to finalize your registration. The letter has to be uploaded to the application form.

FEES

The course fee of €3,950 EUR includes full board accommodation at the ITCILO Campus.

Payment is required to secure a participant's place in the course for the timely issuance of necessary visas.

Further information on payment methods and cancellation policy is available here.

TRAVEL

The listed prices do not include the cost of travel between the participant's home country and the course venue.

Participants are responsible for holding a valid passport and obtaining a Schengen visa for the entire duration of the course.

Listed prices do not include the costs of passports, visas, and airport taxes.

Once a candidate has been accepted to a regular course, they will receive upon enrollment an official confirmation and guidelines on the visa application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

3 June 2024

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Language: English
- Certificate: On completion of all required course activities, participants will obtain an ITCILO Certificate of Participation
- Contact: bootcamp@itcilo.org
- More information about the ITCILO Campus available on our website
WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course: No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 100% of course price.

INFO

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