



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FUTURE LEADERS IN THE WORLD OF WORK

SOUTH-SOUTH UNIVERSITY

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OVERVIEW

Emerging technologies, trade and investment trends, demographic disruptors and climate change are only some of the mega trends which will be shaping the international development and multilateralism landscape. Each trend paints future scenarios of exceptionally quick change to which societies will need to adapt, fast. What is at stake is each country's ability to continue along the path of advancing social justice and promoting decent work through human-centred technology.

“ *It's time to anticipate change.* ”

South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) initiatives hold immense potential for countries to continue developing sustainably in the face of sudden shifts. By placing emerging economies in the driving seat of their own development, SSTC modalities embrace demand-driven approaches, ultimately rejecting one-size-fits-all solutions which could bring unintended harm.

Each summer, ***Future Leaders in the World of Work*** brings together a global cohort of youth representatives, innovators, aspiring researchers and professionals for the crafting of SSTC projects and action-driven outcome documents on how to build a sustainable, equitable, fair future of the world of work post-2030.

What Future Leaders all share is the ambition to work in service of **multilateral diplomacy, international organizations**, with the goal of supporting SSTC initiatives positively shaping the future of the world of work.

The ITCILO supports youth in their ambitions, also offering **UN career guidance** and **1-to-1 coaching** normally accorded exclusively to UN fellows.

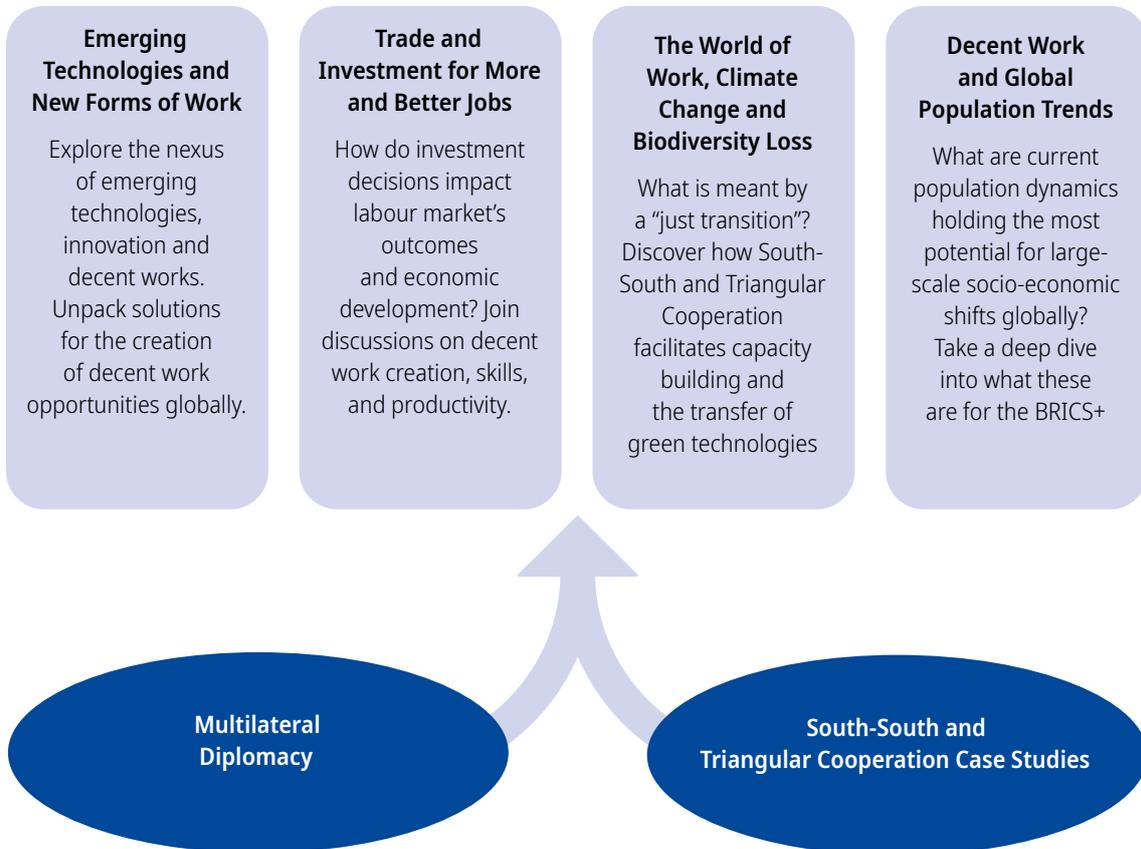
Implemented in cooperation with ITCILO knowledge partners and in the framework of the [Turin School of Development](#), the South-South University is a flagship activity of [INTEGRÒ](#), the ITCILO facility for global competence development.





TOPICS COVERED

Grounding training efforts in the practical, hands-on study of multilateral diplomacy and SSTC case studies, Future Leaders in the World of Work invites applicants to select two out of four of the following elective courses:





STRUCTURE

Plenary sessions run each morning, Monday to Friday, 9:00-10:30.

Elective course tracks take place between 11:00-12:00 (Morning Sessions) and 14:00-16:10 (Afternoon Sessions) of Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 1 (28-29 July). Participants have the possibility of choosing one elective Morning Session and one Afternoon Session. Participants may select to attend one different elective per day.

Study visit to Geneva at the headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO) at the beginning of Week 2 (3-4 August).

Envisioning sessions take place during Week 2 (5-6 August). Participants attend the envisioning sessions dedicated to the topics explored during the Week 1 elective course tracks, for a total of two envisioning tracks attended per participant.

In conclusion of the envisioning sessions, participants create consensus around the drafts of policy-oriented **“Fundamental Considerations”** documents (one per elective course track explored) which will be brought to the attention of key ILO stakeholders.

ELIGIBILITY

Future Leaders in the World of Work welcomes **university students, youth representatives, innovators, aspiring researchers** and **young professionals** (within 5 years of graduation at the time of application) interested in exploring themes at the intersection of SSTC, the social dimension of sustainable development, and the world of work.

The programme welcomes applicants majoring (or with a degree in) subjects relevant to the work of the ILO, including but not limited to **law, economics, environmental science, government, political science, international relations, population studies, public policy, and development studies.**

Participants need to have a strong, demonstrated interest in understanding how their subject-matter specialization relates to the work of the ILO and, more broadly, the social dimension of sustainable development. Extensive knowledge of topics at the heart of the mandate, vision and values of the ILO is considered an advantage, but not a prerequisite to admission.

Fluency in English is required. Additional knowledge of other ILO working languages (French, Spanish) is an asset. Applicants who meet all eligibility criteria will be invited to participate in an online **motivation interview**. Invitations will be issued on a rolling basis between **March** and **May 2026** and will continue until all available places have been filled.

KEY FEATURES

STUDY VISIT TO GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The South-South University features a study visit to Geneva, Switzerland, for students to attend dedicated guest lectures live at the ILO Headquarters while discovering the birthplace of the Red Cross Movement and the humanitarian capital of the world. Learn directly from ILO and UN officers to expand your global career horizons.

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

The ITCILO Turin Learning Approach ensures all South-South University activities are kept experiential and results-based. At least 60% of the time is used for structured and facilitated learning, sharing experience among practitioners, and practical exercises. This means that lecturing is limited to no more than 40% of presentations by experts. Discover more at: <https://www.itcilo.org/turin-learning-approach>

PERSONALIZED CAREER COACHING

Transform your ambition for the pursuit of a global career into a concrete, feasible, mid-term plan of 3-5 years respectful of your aspirations, sustainable development areas of interest, and your life-planning needs. Access personalized coaching from experts with 15+ years of experience working with UN officers.

ENVISIONING SESSIONS

Modelled after the topics available through elective courses, the South-South University envisioning sessions bring the voice of young people at the forefront of complex policy and decision-making questions directly concerning the future of work the ILO.

ALUMNI VOICES



“The programme’s blend of specialized electives, dynamic workshops, and collaborative group work coalesced into an enabling learning journey, which helped test and refine real-world strategies for the future of work.”

– **Abdullah Ammar**

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“The interactive approach of the South-South University encouraged us to think critically and learn to explore future possibilities, thinking about the consequences of policy decisions through real-world examples and data.”

– **Fangting Gu**

BA STUDENT OF JAPANESE STUDIES, SHANGHAI JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY



“Understanding how different dimensions of social justice are interconnected is essential for creating effective and equitable solutions to global challenges.”

– **Hania Amr El Behairy**

ECONOMIC RESEARCHER, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ITCILO CAMPUS

Located along the banks of the Po River, the [ITCILO Turin Campus](#) allows participants to live and study immersed in nature, in a safe and secure environment conducive to learning, exploring, and discovering what the city of Turin has to offer.

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 South-South University participants the opportunity to sign up for a day-trip to Monte Carlo (Monaco) and Nice (France), or Venice (Italy) over the weekend. 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 South-South University features moments of leisure and relax for its participants to enjoy while away from home.

EXPLORE: GENEVA

Week 2 of the South-South University includes a 2-day study visit to Geneva, Switzerland, for participants to explore the headquarters of selected Geneva-based UN agencies including the ILO, international and non-governmental organizations. During the study visit, participants will have the opportunity to not only take a deep-dive into the work of these entities, but also to prepare for future employment opportunities in the broader space of multilateralism.



HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the South-South University Application Form available here: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9018987/en>;
2. Send send your official certificate of full-time enrollment or graduation to future.leaders@itcilo.org by **5 June 2026**;
3. Upon meeting programme eligibility prerequisites, you'll be invited to a **motivation interview** on a rolling basis between March and May 2026 until all available places have been filled. The earlier the application, the greater the chances to secure your spot.

FEES

Tuition fees: €2,345 EUR

Subsistence @ ITCILO Campus: €2,005 EUR

Total: €4,350 EUR excluding transport to and from Turin and Visa fees (if applicable).

FURTHER INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

English

CERTIFICATE

On completion of all required course activities, participants obtain an official **ITCILO Certificate of Participation**

CONTACT

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ABOUT INTEGRÒ

INTEGRÒ is the global competence development facility for future leaders in the world of work of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO).

Highlighting the ILO's contributions in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, INTEGRÒ motivates future leaders to leverage synergies that connect Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8) to all of the other Goals for the benefit of their communities of reference.

INTEGRÒ offers a wide range of global competence training opportunities which, while being stand-alone, work in synergy with one another for the formulation of a dynamic, integrated curriculum.

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, 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.

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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