ONLINE   **LABOUR MARKET**

COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR PRODUCERS AND USERS OF LABOUR STATISTICS

15 FEBRUARY – 12 MARCH 2021
🕐 **3 WEEKS, 25 HRS**

Information Note

International Labour Organization

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International **Training** Centre

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Given the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, many national statistical offices and other national and international data producers have been facing obstacles to carrying out their work as usual. There is a need to reflect on these challenges and to identify solutions that enabled data producers to continue doing their work in line with international statistical standards and best practices despite the pandemic. Moreover, it is useful to understand how the COVID-19 response experience could support the modernization of labour market data collection systems around the world. With this in mind, the ILO Department of Statistics, in collaboration with the ITCILO, is organizing this course for data producers and users. It offers a great opportunity to reflect on the ongoing challenges, to learn about the latest international statistical guidance on production and use of data during the pandemic, and to display innovative solutions to overcoming the COVID-19 data collection disruptions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the course is to equip national and international stakeholders with the necessary competencies to:
- Adjust data collection tools and processes as to maintain the production of work statistics during the pandemic, following the latest international standards;
- Produce relevant statistics to capture the impact of COVID-19 on participation in different forms of work (paid and unpaid);
- Interpret correctly the evolution of the main labour market indicators during the crisis.

More specifically, the course aims to:
- Review the main data production challenges faced during the pandemic and solutions identified;
- Explain the relevance of the ICLS standards to monitor the COVID-19 impacts;
- Familiarize with rapid surveys, alternative data collection tools to capture COVID-19 impacts on the world of work;
- Promote the measurement of unpaid work and telework, two priority topics during the pandemic;
- Highlight the importance of modernizing labour market data collection systems as to make them more resilient

TARGET AUDIENCE

The course targets:
- Labour Statisticians/officials from national statistical offices; Ministries of labour and related institutions (such as labour observatories); Other Ministries or Government institutions engaged in employment and analysis or involved in the collection and analysis of labour market information;
- Employment and development policy analysts, research and academic institutes, in addition to International organizations and Donors engaged in capturing COVID-19 impact;
- Representatives of workers' and employers' organizations.

ONLINE COURSE CONTENT

The course is structured around three main modules:

Module 1	Introduction to course and impact of COVID-19 on the world of work/ Maintaining labour market data collection during the COVID-19 pandemic

- The impact of COVID-19 on labour markets: key findings from the ILO Monitor
- Key indicators and data requirements for measuring and monitoring COVID-19 impacts on the world of work
- Overview of main challenges and solutions
- Importance of data quality assessment to support good communication of results

Module 2	Capturing and monitoring COVID-19 impacts on the world of work/ Priority issues during the pandemic

- Relevance of the ICLS standards
- Rapid surveys
- Telework, remote work and work at home
- Unpaid work

Module 3	Lessons learned and good practices, innovations for the future of labour statistics

- COVID-19 experience: from crisis response to development of modern and resilient labour market data collection systems
- Examples of national development plans
- Way forward

Please note that the course content is for three weeks, however the course duration is four weeks as the week of 1-5 March will be a gap week.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The course is constructed as follows:

- **Lectures by experts and practitioners**
  - Sharing knowledge with participants around the various topics covered in the course
- **Practical exercises and group work**

The course will emphasize a unique learning approach, which is structured around three main pillars:

- **Harnessing digital learning technology**
  - Interactive online platform
  - Online Real-time feedback and support
  - Online forum discussions and interaction
- **Training methodology will combine**
  - Expert presentations
  - Live Webinars

DATES

The course will take place from **15 February 2021 – 12 March 2021**.

LANGUAGE

The course will be conducted in **English**.

COST AND FINANCING

The course is fee-paying. The total cost is **Euro 735**.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION

Payments need to be received latest 14 days before the beginning of the course. Payment modalities will be communicated in the letter of acceptance. In the event of a cancellation, a participant may be substituted with another candidate. Cancellations remain free of charge if communicated latest 14 days prior to the start of the course.

For cancellations after this date, a penalty will be applied. For further information regarding payment, cancellation and refunds, please consult: http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/how-to-apply

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HOW TO APPLY

To register, kindly fill in and submit the online registration form available through this link: https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9713852/en

The selection of applicants will be based on the submission of:
- A completed **online registration** form
- An **official sponsorship letter** issued by their organization (or donor organization),

Kindly note that we need to receive the above-mentioned documents in order to register you for the course!

The selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:
- Proven work experience in relevant field (e.g., labour force survey data collection, processing, analysing and interpretation; statistical reporting);
- Submission of the official sponsorship letter issued by organization or donor organization

We strongly recommend applying early since admission is competitive and space is limited!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The deadline for applications is **1 February 2021**.

CONTACTS

- Administrative arrangements can be coordinated with the course assistant via (lmstats@itcilo.org);
- For the technical coordination, please also be in contact with the ITCILO programme officer Mr. Mostafa Mohamed (m.mohamed@itcilo.org).

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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