

ONLINE

DECENT WORK

FINANCING DECENT WORK

28 JUNE –23 JULY 2021

 4 WEEKS, 6 HRS/WEEK

Information Note



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BACKGROUND

To achieve the 2030 Agenda, domestic and global resources be must scaled-up. In its recurrent discussions on financing for development (FfD), including on follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) and the UN Secretary-General's strategy for financing the 2030 Agenda, the international community has shifted its focus from funding of specific development cooperation programmes to financing the SDGs through a blend of public, private, domestic and international resources, as well as expanding South-South and triangular cooperation.

UN INITIATIVE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE ILO'S ROLE

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the severe health and socioeconomic fallout, there have been mounting concerns about how to continue financing development and avoid erasing hard-won development gains. It is in this context that the UN Secretary-General and the Prime Ministers of Canada and Jamaica launched the Initiative on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond in May 2020. Six discussion groups were established to enable stakeholders to debate and generate a comprehensive menu of policy options to address the emergency, recover swiftly and sustainably, and build an inclusive and resilient future. The ILO contributed to the discussion groups, which ultimately presented the menu of options to Heads of State and Government in September 2020.

To define the way forward for implementing the menu of policy options, the UN Secretary-General appointed the ILO to facilitate continued technical and policy advisory support on cluster area 2: financing a socioeconomic response to the crisis, including in the areas of social protection, gender, youth, health, education and human rights. The annual ECOSOC FfD Forum will also serve as a platform to assess progress made towards implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and advancing solutions on financing the COVID-19 recovery and the 2030 Agenda.

ILO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION STRATEGY 2020–25

The new ILO Development Cooperation Strategy will ensure effective development cooperation to implement Decent Work strategic priorities for human-centred development and accelerated action on the SDGs.

As part of the new strategy, the ILO is forging partnerships that advance policy objectives and coherence including for financing decent work. Policy coherence will enable governments to mobilize international, national, public and private financing

flows for their decent work priorities. The ILO is also engaging with international financial institutions to influence policy and financing decisions in support of decent work objectives. Furthermore, cognizant that a wide variety of financing instruments could be part of integrated national financing strategies, the ILO promotes the inclusion of international labour standards, social dialogue, and appropriate safeguards into the same at the country level, including through the UN country teams.

ILO CONSTITUENTS: CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS IN FINANCING DECENT WORK

In line with the strategy, the ILO will set up its efforts to strengthen constituents' and staff members' capacities in the area of financing for development. As the involvement with financing decent work and financing for development is expected to increase at national levels, adequate capacity of the tripartite constituents to engage effectively in these processes and dialogues becomes essential. Better-equipped constituents supported by the ILO staff will be in a position to clearly articulate and connect national financing processes with the decent work agenda.

Specific themes that emerge for constituents' capacity building are Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFF), UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, enabling legislation and tax system for SDG financing, as well as selecting specific and suitable financing mechanisms for financing decent work.

In this regard, it becomes critical to develop new services to constituents on financing decent work in order to support their analysis and discussions at national levels, as well as fulfil broader capacity building objectives.

FINANCING DECENT WORK: FACILITATED ONLINE COURSE

The Financing Decent Work facilitated online training course was piloted in 2020 as part of a broader plan of work to engage in the Financing for Development agenda. The course objective was to test an approach to build capacity of Government agencies, Trade unions, Employers and Business organizations in achieving Decent Work and the 2030 Agenda.

Building on the results of the pilot in 2020 and taking into account important lessons learnt in terms of content, modalities and follow-up, this course aims at reaching a larger group of ILO constituents and other interested stakeholders. The course will be based on the latest developments in the FfD context, which calls for a comprehensive response and multilateral approach to financing the 2030 Agenda, including by strengthening support to national planning processes such as the INFF.

The course supports the Governing Body's endorsement of building capacities of the ILO constituents' on FfD, in alignment with the implementation plan of the ILO Development Cooperation Strategy 2020-25.

WHO ATTENDS THIS COURSE?

- Workers', employers' and government representatives
- ILO staff that is involved in directly supporting participating constituents, to facilitate country-level follow-up
- Other stakeholders and ILO partners interested in Decent Work and development finance.

GOAL

The overall goal of the training is to equip participants with knowledge and skills required to engage in national consultations on SDG finance and to advocate for the inclusion of Decent Work considerations in national financing strategies and contribute to their successful implementation.

SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING APPROACH

The training course includes a South-South learning approach with participants sharing, learning and exploring solutions together. Participants share examples and provide inputs on successful policies and practices in their respective countries with a particular focus on SSTC for financing decent work, thereby supporting knowledge sharing and the creation of a network of practitioners. In the pilot course in 2020, emerging good practices were captured by the tripartite constituents and shared on the [South-South Meeting Point](#).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants will:

1. Have increased knowledge and understanding of Financing for Development and Financing Decent Work;
2. Have learned how Decent Work priorities can be incorporated and mainstreamed into national SDG financing strategies, including the INFF;
3. Have explored national SDG financing mechanisms that seek to combine domestic and international, public and private sources of financing, including by the Global South;
4. Have identified Decent Work financing strategies and mechanisms that hold potential for application at country level;
5. Have improved their capacity to participate in or initiate national consultations on facilitating SDG finance towards Decent Work outcomes.

COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of four learning modules.

- **Module 1:** Current development and need for financing
- **Module 2:** Country examples and cross-country cooperation on financing decent work: a SSTC approach
- **Module 3:** Key mechanisms explored
- **Module 4:** Mainstreaming decent work in financing of SDGs

Refer to the detailed programme downloadable above.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The e-learning course will be implemented over a period of approximately 4 weeks and is structured around 4 content modules with activities and assignments.

Each of the four learning modules of the course has a fixed structure and includes the following components:

- Self-guided learning modules on the sub-themes, includes case-studies and activities
- One or two weekly live webinars with facilitators and invited speakers, for each module
- Module quiz
- A list of essential readings
- South-South forum discussions, self-facilitated or facilitated by the trainers and tutors

COURSE DELIVERY TEAM

Course delivery and design will be administered by the ITC ILO/Turin. The course will be delivered by a team of ILO and ITC ILO trainers and experts. Experts from other UN agencies, development organizations and financial institutions will be invited for collaboration and speaking.

COSTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The cost of participation is 850 Euros. Full and partial scholarships are available for ILO constituents. Priority will be given to tripartite delegations of countries with a proven interest in the topic, for instance through active participation in the Joint SDG Fund.

COURSE CONTENT AND SCHEDULE

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Timetable 28 June – 23 July 2021



28 June – 2 July	Module 1: CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND NEED FOR FINANCING
	Current state of Financing for Development and Decent Work, key concepts and definitions
	Global dialogue and initiatives at the UN and ILO's participation
	ILO engagement in the Forum on Financing for Development (FfD), shaping policy options in high-level discussion groups
	Financing for development and decent work at country level. Introduction to the INFF
	Opportunities and risks for financing decent work
<i>Modality</i>	<i>Two webinars; individual self-learning (modules)</i>
5 – 9 July	Module 2: COUNTRY EXAMPLES AND CROSS COUNTRY COOPERATION ON FINANCING DECENT WORK: A SSTC APPROACH
	South-South and Triangular Cooperation: introduction
	Examples of emerging practices of SSTC leading to Financing Decent Work
	Peer learning and exchange
<i>Modality</i>	<i>Two webinars; SSTC assignment and individual self-learning (modules)</i>
12 – 16 July	Module 3: KEY MECHANISMS EXPLORED
	Financial inclusion
	Social and Solidarity Finance
	Impact investing
	Social and development impact bonds (Results-Based Financing)
	Guarantees
<i>Modality</i>	<i>Two webinars; individual self-learning (modules)</i>
19 – 23 July	Module 4: MAINSTREAMING DECENT WORK IN FINANCING OF SDGs
	Tripartite constituents and social dialogue on financing Decent Work
	Steps forward, evaluation, closure and follow-up
<i>Modality</i>	<i>Two webinars</i>

Webinar time will be announced prior to the course start and will be adjusted in accordance with the timezones of prospective participants.

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.

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