YOUTH AND CLIMATE ACADEMY
CREATING JOBS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
6 – 17 JUNE 2022
60 HOURS
Information Note
OVERVIEW

Climate change affects our lives transversally. It is increasingly showing its effects on economies, businesses, livelihoods and jobs. The impact of climate change disproportionately hits young people. They will have to bear the largest share of the burden with substantial consequences on their professional careers and their social and natural environments. This makes it necessary and mandatory for young people to take a holistic view of sustainable development and the actions taken globally and locally.

To shape a just and sustainable future successfully, youth activists, graduate students, and young professionals alike require a profound understanding of the underlying causes and contributing factors to climate change and the resulting needs and impacts on the economy and the world of work. Developing young people's competencies, analytical skills, and knowledge will allow them to play their role in supporting a rapid shift towards environmentally and socially sustainable economies. It will enable them also to make full use of the career opportunities this transition is offering.

OBJECTIVES

The Youth and Climate Academy will allow participants to understand the main transversal themes related to the global context of climate change and the critical concepts associated with a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all. The curriculum takes into account the persisting challenges such as high rates of youth unemployment, but also the opportunities deriving from the increasing demand for green skills and the new avenues for youth engagement in climate dialogues and negotiations.

Considering this critical role of youth in climate action and the world of work, the Academy will mix theoretical with practical skills for young entrepreneurs, professionals and climate advocates. The course intends to provide participants with the right tools and knowledge to engage directly with policymakers, businesses and labour unions. Furthermore, it will prepare participants to anticipate skills needs in the green economy and tailor their competencies to future market demand.

For that, the Academy proposes a two-week programme of lectures, discussions, exercises and interactive games that will tackle such themes as innovation and green entrepreneurship, green jobs and skills, adaptation and resilience to climate change, and the circular economy, while also working on soft skills for leadership, policy advocacy and social dialogue.
METHODOLOGY

The Academy will take place online, over two weeks. It will offer 30 hours of live online sessions and 30 hours of independent work, including assignments and self-guided learning modules on ITCILO’s eCampus.

LIVE ONLINE SESSIONS

The live sessions will be offered in various, complementary formats that balance the dissemination of knowledge with skills acquisition:

**Plenary sessions** will allow the discussion of key topics and concepts in order to build up a knowledge base for further work during the Academy. The main topics will include:
- Shaping a Just transition: Actions to move towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all
- Climate action and the world of work – Impacts and opportunities
- Climate change and migration
- Energy and climate policy
- The basics of climate advocacy: Hearing the voices of youth
- Gender, environment and sustainable development
- South-South Cooperation for tackling climate change
- Corporate Social Responsibility: The role of businesses in climate action
- Green entrepreneurship: How young entrepreneurs can contribute to achieving the SDGs.

**Skills sessions** where participants learn about and practice core skills around self-presentation, presentation and pitching, digital tools for advocacy, research and data analysis, and negotiation skills.

**Group work sessions** to facilitate mutual learning and network building by drawing from participants’ different professional, academic and cultural backgrounds. In addition, group work sessions provide a space to link theoretical knowledge from the plenary sessions with the skills and capacities acquired in the skill sessions.
“Meet the green expert” sessions where participants will have the opportunity to interact with a wide range of renowned experts from the United Nations and other institutions in an informal setting and obtain professional advice on questions around the Academy’s key topics.

Spotlight sessions where participants can meet in a virtual exhibition space to share and discuss their projects, initiatives and experiences with other participants.

LEARNING TOOLS*

According to the structure and learning objectives of each session, a wide range of interactive learning methodologies will be applied to:

- Enable virtual exchange and inspiration
- Foster collaboration
- Encourage co-creation of solutions and approaches.

*Tools will be tailored to allow learners’ participation in environments with low internet bandwidth.

VIRTUAL CAMPUS

Participants will be granted access to ITCILO’s virtual campus, where they will find all materials regarding the webinars, background readings, assignments and self-guided learning material.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Youth and Climate Academy is specifically designed for the participation of young people (aged 18-32), who are already economically active or who are soon entering the world of work:

- Youth activists
- Young professionals
- Graduate students
- Business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs
- Young representatives of employers’ and workers’ organizations as well as civil society organizations.

CERTIFICATION

Participants that attend at least 90% of the online sessions will receive an official ITCILO Certificate of Participation in Digital Credentials Format.

Participants that attend at least 90% of the online session and complete the online assignments will receive a Certificate of Achievement in Digital Credentials Format.
PRICING

Tuition cost: €980

Scholarships are available for qualified candidates. In addition, group discounts are available for universities, workers’ and employers’ organizations with at least 3 participants per institution.
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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