ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION

20 JUNE – 29 JULY 2022

6 WEEKS, 60 HOURS
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OVERVIEW

SNAPSHOT OF THE COURSE

How can you become an agent of change to advance the social protection agenda? Advocacy and communication are essential to establish a rights-based culture of social protection, to inform policy-making, and to ensure that programmes are aligned with international standards and meet people’s needs. Well-coordinated advocacy is pivotal if countries are to take the ‘high-road’ towards universal social protection. This course will enable you articulate what needs to change and why. It will teach you how to better plan your advocacy and communication efforts. It will help you to find your voice to persuasively convey your vision and make change happen.

WHAT

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

• How to conduct a policy analysis, research and diagnostics and why these are essential to any policy reform.
• Why a contextualised problem analysis can help identify priority issues.
• How key international advocacy initiatives and coalitions are helping to set the global social protection agenda.
• How to plan advocacy and communication initiatives and develop effective strategies.
• Why stakeholders matter and how to profile them in order to understand what they care most about and how to best convey our messages to them.
• How to craft a convincing narrative to convey our vision for change and galvanise others to take action.
• How to convey messages in an engaging way to different audiences, including the media and policy-makers.
• How to monitor your advocacy and communication efforts and understand whether you have made a difference.

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO?

• Frame your advocacy and communication work based on robust contextual evidence and problem analyses.
• Apply the steps of the advocacy planning cycle to help guide the development of your advocacy and communication initiatives.
• Conduct a comprehensive stakeholder mapping and audience profiling.
• Develop impactful narratives and messages tailored to different audiences.
• Step-up your communication work through media training.
• Boost your influencing efforts with customised lobbying 'surgeries' and support.

This course is one of the eligible courses for the Diploma For Social Protection Managers. To achieve the Diploma, successful candidates must complete four courses within a five year period and undertake a capstone assessment.

WHO

WHO TAKES THIS COURSE?
The course is targeted at practitioners, officials, managers and executives from social protection institutions, ministries, international organizations, social partners and civil society who are tasked with designing, administering or advocating for social protection programmes.

LANGUAGE

English

HOW

Each week, participants will:
• Join two 90-minute live sessions focusing on specific topics (synchronous).
• Consult engaging learning materials on the course platform (self-paced)
• Share their knowledge and experiences through a dedicated technical forum (self-paced)

Participants should expect to dedicate a maximum of 10 hours to engaging in course activities each week.

HOW TO APPLY

Find the application form at https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9715179/en and apply before 3 June 2022.

PRICE

Total: 965 Euros