ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION

19 JUNE – 28 JULY 2023

6 WEEKS, 60 HOURS
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 to 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 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 an eligible course 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/A9716138/en](https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9716138/en) and apply before 2 June 2023.

**PRICE**

Total: **980 Euros**
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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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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