



ONLINE

LABOUR MIGRATION

# FOSTERING THE SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REINTEGRATION OF RETURN MIGRANTS

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 6 WEEKS, 5 HRS/WEEK

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## PREVIEW

There are a number of structural and circumstantial challenges that can prevent the socio-economic reintegration of labour migrants and refugees. Some are inherent to the migration or displacement experience. A prolonged stay abroad often creates challenges for returnees to find employment opportunities, primarily due to the loss of contact with prior networks in their home country. Other factors relate to the capacity of the country to facilitate the reintegration process. Often countries that are producing large migrant or refugee populations are unable to support their effective reintegration, principally due to the lack of institutional capacity, as well as human and financial resources. When back home, returnees may not have access to up to date information about employment services and current labour market situation. As a result, many returnees are concentrated in low-skilled informal employment or under-regulated sectors.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, many labour migrants have lost their jobs in the country of destination and had to return to their country of origin, in some instances forcibly. The unexpected returns forced migrants to face situations where opportunities to access decent jobs may even be more limited due to lockdown and other restriction measures, as well as challenging economic situation in general, thus creating enormous difficulties for returnees in meeting basic needs for themselves and their families.

In some cases, returning migrant workers are coming back to countries already experiencing high unemployment and economic hardship. The pressure on job markets in areas of return with resident workers might increase competition and tension among communities. If access to jobs and livelihoods are unavailable in the place of return, then returnees tend to migrate towards urban areas in search of employment opportunities. The absence of sustainable reintegration increase the likelihood of these populations falling into poverty and/ or engaging into secondary migration or displacement is heightened. Returnees can play an important role in facilitating the transfer of qualifications and skills to origin countries as they bring back skills, experience and entrepreneurship abilities, which can help countries to rebuild better. Providing operational support through income-generating opportunities for both returnees and communities in areas of return might help the overall reintegration process.

This course will explore the linkage between return migration and development while explaining why some return migrants succeed in reintegrating back home whereas others do not.

## KEY FEATURES

### LATEST TRENDS

Learn, unlearn, re-learn: reinterpret pedagogical concepts for the 21st Century classroom

### PARTICIPATION

Take an active role: experience the training cycle through a competency-based approach

### INNOVATION

Do it differently: active learning methods, digital engagement tools, gamified approaches, creative thinking

### PROJECT-BASED

Take it to the next level: demonstrate knowledge and skills in applying core trainer's competencies

## WHAT ARE THE TOPICS COVERED IN THIS COURSE?

- **Module 1:** Concepts and definitions
- **Module 2:** Linkages between migration and development
- **Module 3:** Why return and reintegration policies are necessary?
- **Module 4:** General principles in designing and implementing return and reintegration programmes
- **Module 5:** Issues and challenges in return and reintegration
- **Module 6:** Good practices

## WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO?

The course addresses the social and professional reintegration of return migrants by strengthening the capacity of policy level stakeholders design and facilitate evidence-based return migration policies. More specifically, you will be able to:

- Access innovative and comparative data on returnees' conditions back home;

- Combine a top down and a bottom-up approach to return migration and reintegration;
- Benefit from increased awareness of the need to develop adequate mechanisms sustaining the reintegration of returnees while redefining current policy priorities as applied to return;
- Understand the factors, public policies, as well as the pre- and post-return conditions shaping migrants' patterns of reintegration in their country of origin;
- Explaining why return may or may not have a positive impact on the development of migrants' country of origin;
- Acquire analytical tools and instruments (e.g. indicators) allowing adequate policies to be adopted with a view to supporting migrants' reintegration;
- Promote the integration of return migration issues in national and regional development strategies.

## WHAT WILL I BE REQUIRED TO DO DURING THE COURSE?

- Course learning materials and tuition will be offered online in English. The following requirements are therefore essential to participate in this course:
- The ability to use and access a computer with internet;
- Working knowledge of written English or Spanish;
- The availability to dedicate per week between 5-10 hours to the course.

## WHY?

### WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The Turin Centre is known for its innovative learning tools and methodologies.

- Course facilitators are subject matter experts and specialists;
- Training delivery includes online and tutor based learning opportunities;
- Participants exchange knowledge and ideas on existing good practices.

This course qualifies for the [ITCILO Diploma for Labour Migration Experts and Practitioners](#). Take the Academy on Labour Migration, three courses out of all eligible courses within a five-year period, and complete a capstone project to become part of a global cadre of practitioners and experts with a recognised set of skills in labour migration policy.

# WHO?

## WHO ATTENDS THIS COURSE?

The course is designed for officials and practitioners committed to facilitating the reintegration of return migrants. More specifically:

- Public authorities at national and local level;
- Workers' and employers' representatives;
- NGOs and CSOs dealing with migration and development;
- Migrant associations;
- International cooperation agencies and organizations.

# HOW?

The course consists of a number of online modules offered through the ITCILO e-Campus online platform to be completed over a period of six weeks, from 25 September to 3 November 2023, for an estimated 60 learning hours. The course is broken down into three phases:

- **Flexible learning:** (asynchronous) self-guided online learning on e-campus, forum of discussion facilitated by experts and assessment throughout the different phases of the course.
- **“Real time” learning (synchronous):** Live interactive sessions and engaging video presentations by highly experienced trainers, blended with individual and collaborative group exercises, peer-to-peer assessment and online technical forums on e-campus.
- **End of course assignment:** Individual assignment applying the teachings acquired during the course.

Participants who successfully complete all assessments and the final assignment will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

# APPLICATIONS

Applicants should complete the online nomination form no later than **20 September 2023**, supported by a nomination letter from the sponsoring institution indicating how the participant will be financed. The form can be found at <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9716205/en>

# COSTS AND PAYMENT

The cost of participation is 980 EUR, and is payable in advance by the participant or his or her sponsoring organization.

## 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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