



ONLINE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

DECENT WORK THROUGH NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NEW)

SUPPORTING THE JUST TRANSITION

8 APRIL – 3 MAY, 2024

 4 WEEKS

Information Note



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Currently, 75 million people are employed by NbS and 20 million new jobs can be generated by 2030, but ‘**just transition**’ policies are needed¹. A just transition is not only about the transition of the workforce, but it is equally about supporting developing countries and the most vulnerable to adapt their economies, labour markets and infrastructure to the effects of climate change and environmental problems.

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) offer an opportunity to create immediate “no harm” jobs, while at the same time supporting a transition to a greener and job-rich economy. There is an ever increasing demand to create **decent work opportunities** at the same time as to protect workers and employment during the transition to low-carbon economies.

This course aims to gain a comprehensive understanding of decent work and NbS principles and guidelines, and practical case studies that show how NbS are contributing to support both decent work and just transition outcomes. Thus enabling informed decision-making. The content is based on [the ILO UNEP IUCN report on Decent Work in Nature-based Solutions](#) and on the [WWF – ILO Nature Hires report](#).

Participants of the course will receive a diploma by ILO and other organizations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOPS

- Develop a thorough grasp of the principles and guidelines surrounding Decent Work and Nature-based Solutions (NbS), facilitating well-informed decision-making by staying up-to-date with the most recent report.
- Build the case for the promotion of the ILO’s Just Transition Guidelines in combination with the use of IUCN’s Global NbS Standard.
- Learn from case studies illustrate good practices related to decent work in NbS.
- Strengthen the collaboration and communication capabilities of policy makers, empowering them to effectively engage stakeholders and build consensus for more inclusive and impactful policy development and implementation in decent work and NbS.

WHAT?

The course will be divided into 4 modules.

LEARNING BLOCK 1: INTRODUCTION TO NbS AND DECENT WORK

This learning block will describe key concepts such as Decent Work and Just Transition Policies, including the ILO Just Transition Guidelines, as well as describing Nature-based Solutions by answering key questions such as what they are, how they are used

¹ ILO, UNEP and IUCN. 2022. Decent Work in Nature-based Solutions 2022. Geneva. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO

and explaining in detail the IUCN global standard. It will also cover the current situation of the world of work in NbS, as well as other schemes other non-NbS schemes: Nature-based enterprises, infrastructure development, PES, PEP, volunteering.

Finally, the module will establish a link between the IUCN NbS global standard and the ILO Just Transition guidelines.

Webinar date: 11th of April

Time: tbc

LEARNING BLOCK 2: CONCEPTUAL AND MEASURING FRAMEWORK FOR LINKING N^BS WITH WORK AND DECENT WORK OUTCOMES

After reviewing the definitions and key concepts that will be used in this course, we will establish the scope of NbS work and the activities related to NbS in order to build a common framework. Here we will describe the different types of NbS work and what competencies are needed. To conclude, you will explore the key indicators for measuring decent work in the NbS.

Webinar date: 18th of April

Time: tbc

LEARNING BLOCK 3: DECENT WORK IN N^BS IN PRACTICE

In this module, we will explore case studies of NbS from around the world and how they have integrated Decent Work into the NbS. The case studies will refer to different regions and take into account different economic, social and environmental differences. This will provide ample opportunity to discuss issues, opportunities, challenges and even the necessary enabling conditions.

Webinar date: 25th of April

Time: tbc

LEARNING BLOCK 4: FUTURE AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OF DECENT WORK N^BS

The last module will focus on the potential employment opportunity of NbS in different sectors. Through selected case studies in sectors such as agriculture, forestry, manufacturing and construction, participants will make an assessment that will help them discuss with a panel of experts the conditions necessary to scale up NbS. Finally, the partner organization of this course will discuss the way forward and what to expect from decent jobs in NbS.

Webinar date: 2nd of May

Time: tbc

SPEAKERS

- Barney Dickson – Head of climate change unit at UNEP
- Ana Fernanda Vergara – Consultant at UNEP
- Juha Siikamaki – Chief economist at IUCN
- Leander Raes – Economist at IUCN
- Dorsa Sheikholeslami – Nature-based Solutions Programme Officer at IUCN
- Maikel Lieuw-kie-song – Specialist in Employment and Public Investment at ILO
- Diego Portugal Del Pino – Climate change adaptation associate officer at ITCILO
- Katie Lois Hutchinson – DPhil researcher at the University of Oxford

CASE STUDIES

- Yadira Clement, Instituto de Montaña presenting Scaling up EbA in Peru
- Larissa Duma, the World Bank presenting boosting Sierra Leone

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS COURSE?

The course is designed for policy makers that aim to influence the designing and implementation of local, sectoral, national and global strategies for the transition to greener economies and nature-based solutions. More specifically: Government officials operating at the local, provincial and national level; International organizations staff such as ILO and UN staff and development practitioners; Public investment and employment policy advisers.

HOW?

This 4-week eLearning course has been designed according to a learner-centred approach in order to better involve participants and keep them motivated. The learning journey combines four live sessions with four online Learning Blocks offered through the ITCILO eCampus online platform that participants will be able to complete at their own pace.

To obtain the certificate the participants will have to pass all the tests.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us:

1. A completed online registration form: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MIF/A9717286/en>
2. If you are financed by your organization (or a donor) an official sponsorship letter is required to finalize your registration. The letter can be uploaded to the application form or sent by email to climate_nature@itcilo.org
3. If you pay the course fees directly, please note that the payment is due before enrolment in the course. More details about payment methods can be found [here](#).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Language: The course will be held in English

Deadline: 1st Aprile 2024

Course Fees: Euro 1,050

Certificate: An ITCILO Certificate of achievement will be awarded at the completion of all mandatory course activities.

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