



BLENDED

LABOUR STATISTICS

2026 LABOUR STATISTICS & ANALYSIS ACADEMY

BETTER STANDARDS AND METHODS FOR BETTER LABOUR STATISTICS
AND POLICY

9 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2026

ONLINE: 9 – 20 NOVEMBER 2026

ITCILO, TURIN, ITALY: 26 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2026

Information Note



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Develop a solid understanding of how to produce high-quality labour statistics in line with the latest international standards, and how to use them to support analysis, research, and evidence-based policymaking.



OVERVIEW

Strong statistical systems that collect, produce, and disseminate high quality labour market information remain critical for evidence-based policies that promote “full and productive employment and decent work for all”. The demand for timely, reliable and relevant statistical data has been growing and gaining new relevance in a world defined by multitude of crises and threats on the one hand and the challenges and possibilities offered by global measurements, big data and artificial intelligence on the other.

In 2023, while celebrating the centenary of its first session, the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) held its 21st session, addressing the measurement of the informal economy, as well as numerous other key topics such as the measurement of the care economy, earnings, and labour migration. It also laid the ground for the next session of the ICLS, to take place in 2028.

The improved statistical standards set by the 19th, 20th and 21st ICLSs provide a solid foundation for a detailed and comprehensive depiction of the world of work. In order for these knowledge gains to materialize, the standards must be implemented in key national labour data collection activities (notably, the Labour Force Survey), via recommended methods, and the results must be communicated and disseminated in a way conducive to their effective use for analysis, research and policymaking.

Against the backdrop of improved standards and methods, labour statistics gain relevance and precision, enabling the formulation, implementation and evaluation of more targeted policies.

The Decent Work Indicator Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals Global Indicator Framework provide internationally-agreed tools to monitor progress towards the achievement of these ambitious goals, also benefitting from improved labour statistics.

Following up on the successful 21st ICLS in 2023 and on the road to the 22nd ICLS which has a very ambitious mandate spanning the measurement of several key world-of-work topics, the ILO Research and Statistics Department and the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) are proud to offer the 2026 Labour Market Statistics & Analysis Academy for data producers and data users. The Academy offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on the ongoing challenges facing statistical systems and to learn about the latest developments in international statistical standards that are crucial for the achievement of decent work.

CONTENT

The Academy **will be structured into two main components: an online component lasting two weeks and focusing on conceptual lectures and master classes, and a face-to-face component lasting seven working days focusing on hands-on sessions and a group project.** During the face-to-face component, **the division into two Learning Paths will provide integrated yet differentiated learning experiences.** Each path has a unique objective with content that caters to specific audiences:

Learning Path 1: Data users

Targeting officials involved in (or likely to be involved in) monitoring and reporting on SDG indicators at local, national or international level, officials involved in the production of key labour market indicators, and labour market analysts or researchers at large needing to produce key world-of-work indicators. This path aims to develop and enhance knowledge on the production of several decent work indicators, especially those included in the SDG global indicator framework. It will focus on data preparation, micro data management, and the use of statistical software in alignment with international standards. The software used in this Learning-Path is STATA, thus, basic skills of STATA are required.

Learning Path 2: Data producers

Targeting practitioners of labour statistics, both managers and technical staff from national statistical offices, ministries of labour and related institutions, (like labour observatories). This path focuses on the main elements of designing and implementing labour force surveys or similar household surveys as a key source of labour indicators. It will pay attention to ensuring coherence with ICLS standards on key work and labour market topics, many closely related to SDG indicators.

During the plenary sessions, the Academy will present key concepts and best practices relevant to both Learning Paths. In addition, there will be sessions dedicated to each of the Learning Paths allowing a differentiated learning opportunity for participants.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The Academy is designed to enhance institutional capacities to produce and use labour statistics and indicators related to decent work. It will ensure participants are familiar with the latest ICLS standards, including on the measurement of all forms of work, labour underutilization, status in employment, and the informal economy. The sessions will also provide crucial insights into latest developments in the world of labour statistics, including on topics being studied for future standard-setting and on technological advances such as the use of AI and big data.

The Academy aims to:

- Highlight latest global statistical developments following up on the 21st ICLS;
- Present the development work carried out on the road to the 22nd ICLS;
- Foster better understanding and operationalization of key international statistical standards including the 20th ICLS resolution on statistics on work relationships and the 19th ICLS resolution on work statistics;
- Expand knowledge on the measurement of decent work in the SDG Global Indicator Framework;

- Promote sound statistical data processing and analysis of indicators by demonstrating good practices in labour market information systems and SDG monitoring strategies;
- Review the main data production challenges and solutions identified in view of the multitude of crises and changes underway in the world;
- Explain the relevance of the ICLS standards to monitor decent work and sustainable development, including new topics of statistics on labour rights, care economy, labour migration and occupational safety and health;
- Highlight the importance of modernizing labour market data collection systems to make them more efficient and resilient
- Promote gender mainstreaming in the production and analysis of labour and work-related statistics.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The academy is constructed as follows:

Plenary sessions

To share knowledge that is relevant across learning paths

Sessions specific to each learning path

To allow more intensive learning on key topics within a learning path

Panel discussions and group work

To allow an exchange with leading experts on topics pertaining to labour statistics and data analysis

METHODOLOGY

- Interactive
- Hands-on, wherever possible
- Structured to combine
 - Expert presentations
 - Group discussions and exercises
 - Group work
- Harnessing digital learning technology
 - E-campus Learning Platform
 - Interactive exercises
 - Pedagogical applications

DATES

The academy will take place in a Blended format:

- **Online:** 9 – 20 November 2026
- **Face-to-Face at ITCILO premises in Turin, Italy:** 26 November – 4 December 2026

VENUE

The Academy will be delivered in a blended format, consisting of a two-week online phase from **9 to 20 November 2026**, followed by a face-to-face phase at the **ITCILO premises in Turin, Italy**, taking place from **26 November to 4 December 2026**.

LANGUAGE

The academy **will be conducted in English**.

COST AND FINANCING

The Academy is fee-based, with the following cost structure:

- **Tuition:** €2,195
- **Subsistence:** €1,400 (covering accommodation, lodging, and meals for the 7-day face-to-face phase)
- **Total cost:** €3,595

WHO?

The target audience for the Academy includes:

- Labour Statisticians from: national statistical offices; Ministries of labour and related institutions (such as labour observatories); Other Ministries or Government institutions in charge of SDG statistical monitoring; employers' and workers' organizations;
- Employment and development policy analysts from National Statistical Offices, Research and Academic institutions, International organizations and Donor organizations; and
- Officials responsible for managing the production and dissemination of labour market statistics, particularly for the SDG national reporting.

HOW TO APPLY?

Early application is strongly recommended since admission is competitive and space is limited. Interested candidates should register on-line through this link: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9719106/en>

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. Proven work experience in relevant field (e.g., data collection, processing, analyzing and interpretation; statistical reporting; labour force survey design);
2. Submission of a letter of sponsorship to cover the course cost;

Kindly note that we need to receive the above-mentioned documents in order to register you for the Academy; the application form alone is not enough.

- We highly encourage the participation of women and persons with disability.
- The deadline for applications is **4 September 2026**

Important note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to respect the application deadline in order to allow sufficient time for obtaining a visa to enter Italy. The visa process is entirely beyond the control of ITCILO and depends solely on the Italian Embassy responsible for issuing visas in each participant's country.

CONTACTS

- Administrative arrangements can be coordinated through the following email (lmstats@itcilo.org);
- For the technical coordination, please also be in contact with the ITCILO Programme Officer Mr. Mostafa Mohamed (m.mohamed@itcilo.org).

CAMPUS LIFE

A THRIVING UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- **Three organizations** from the United Nations system on campus
- **More than 300 training courses** and activities in a stimulating international environment
- **Thousands of participants** from all over the world

ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDINGS

Grab a campus bicycle and explore the Turin Centre.

Located in a leafy park on the banks of the Po River, it's a great place for study and collaboration. Experience innovative learning and training methods in modern classrooms equipped with simultaneous translation services.

HOUSING, DINING, AND MORE

Comprising more than 280 private dormitories, the **Turin Campus provides a broad range of services for course participants and partners** including a free-flow restaurant, travel agency, laundromat, post office, gym, medical services and a reception desk open 24/7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators. Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

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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