ONLINE   LABOUR MIGRATION

MEASURING AND ANALYSING LABOUR MIGRATION

12 OCTOBER – 13 NOVEMBER 2026
🕐 **6 WEEKS**

Information Note

International Labour Organization

ITC International Training Centre

" Learn to measure what moves the world: people, work, and the policies that change lives. "

OVERVIEW

Globalization, demographic shifts, conflicts, income inequalities and climate change will encourage ever more people to cross borders in search of employment and security. Labour migration affects most countries in the world, and migrant workers contribute greatly to development, both in countries of origin and countries of destination. Yet, the migration process entails complex challenges in terms of fair and effective governance, migrant workers' protection, migration and sustainable development linkages and international cooperation.

The need to improve the knowledge base in the area of labour statistics, particular labour migration statistics will contribute to a better understanding of the underlying causes of poverty and social exclusion. In this context, various countries have put in their priorities the development of evidence-based policies as part their reporting on progress on different Agenda 2063/SDGs target; more specifically to get information on decent work deficits among the residents' population as well as migrants. Hence, accurate, robust and timely data collected in line with the international standards, are necessary to build effective labour migration policies, essential to improve the welfare of international migrant workers and address the challenges related to international labour migration, globally and at the national level. Finally, in order to assess the level of policy coherence among employment and labour migration policies and identify where current and potential challenges remain, there is a need to collect and analyse, in a systematic way and to the extent possible, appropriate quantitative and qualitative information.

In this regard, the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) in partnership with the ILO Department of Statistics and with the Labour Migration Branch of the International Labour Organization are proud to present the course **E-Learning on Measuring and Analysing Labour Migration**.

CONTENT

The course will focus on:
*   ILO labour migration statistics concepts and definitions;
*   ICLS Guidelines concerning statistics of international labour migration;
*   Sampling of international migrant populations: Methodological approaches and country examples;
*   ILO Global and regional estimates on international migrant workers;
*   Measuring demand for foreign labour;
*   Collecting data on international labour migration statistics: ILO labour migration database;
*   Administrative sources for international labour migration statistics;
*   Regional Statistical Observatory;
*   Measurement of recruitment costs (SDG 1.7.1);
*   Assessment and measurement of the level of policy coherence.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The **main objective** of the course is to "to equip national and international stakeholders with the necessary capacities to better measure and analyse international labour migration and produce timely, high-quality, updated international labour migration statistics, to report on the critical indicators of labour migration statistics based on the implementation of international statistical standards and guidelines for evidence-based policy-making."

Upon completion of the course, participants will have:
- **Enhanced** understanding about the basic definitions, terminologies, and resolutions of labour statistics;
- **Acquired** a better understanding of labour statistics and indicators aligned to the ICLS Guidelines concerning statistics of international labour migration, as well as the approved SDG indicator 10.7.1 measuring the recruitment costs impacting on migrant workers;
- **Analysed** different methods and tools related to quantitative and qualitative methods needed to produce regular, accurately, and timely reports concerning labour statistics that include the Labour migration module (ILMS questionnaire);
- **Attained** a comprehensive understanding of the latest international standards and practices in official statistics for better coordinated data collection related labour migration statistics;
- **Enriched** understanding of the necessary institutional mechanisms, policy frameworks, and coordination instruments for better production and dissemination of migration labour statistics for evidence-based policymaking.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The course consists of a number of online modules offered through the ITCILO eCampus online platform to be completed over a period of six weeks from 3 November to 12 December, for an estimated total of 60 learning hours. The course will emphasize a unique learning approach, which is structured around three main pillars:
- **Harnessing digital learning technology**
  - Interactive online platform
  - Online Real-time feedback and support
  - Online forum discussions and interaction
- **Training methodology will combine**
  - Expert presentations
  - Online Group discussions and exercises
  - Online Group work
- **Knowledge Assessment**
  - Weekly knowledge assessments
  - Individual and group assignment applying to the participants' context
  - Participants who successfully complete all assessments and the final assignment will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

WHO?

The target audience for the course includes:
- Statisticians and analysts from National Statistical Offices;
- Policymakers and technical advisors of Ministries of Employment/Labour, Ministries of Education, Ministries of Manpower/Migration, as well as other Ministries working on labour migration;
- Managerial and technical staff of research and academic institutions responsible for the collection and analysis of labour market information;
- Relevant staff from Public Employment Services and other institutions engaged in measuring labour migration;
- International organizations; international cooperation agencies, development agencies, and non-governmental organizations;
- Representatives of workers and employers' organizations, public/private sector representatives.

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested candidates should register on-line through this link:
https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9719125/en

Selection will be based on the following criteria:
- Proven work experience in relevant field;
- Submission of a letter of sponsorship to cover the total course fees

The deadline for applications is **2 October 2026**

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.

PRICE

The cost of participation is **€1,125** 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
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