



BLENDED

CARE ECONOMY

SOUTH-4-CARE LEARNING HUB

ADVANCING DECENT WORK IN THE CARE ECONOMY

1 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

ONLINE (E-CAMPUS): 1 – 12 SEPTEMBER 2025

F2F IN DOHA, QATAR: 15 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Information Note



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OVERVIEW / SNAPSHOT OF THE COURSE

The South-4-Care Learning Hub, hosted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC-ILC), is a global blended training programme designed to foster collaboration, peer learning, and knowledge exchange in the care economy. Bringing together policymakers, social partners, and care economy stakeholders from countries at different levels of development, the initiative facilitates cross-regional dialogue to tackle key challenges and promote integrated and coherent care and support policies and systems for decent work and gender equality worldwide.

The blended format combines an interactive online component—allowing participants to engage in knowledge-building and preparatory activities—with an in-person learning hub that provides a dynamic space for peer learning, practical application, and exchange of illustrative practices. This structure ensures inclusive participation, enabling a diverse range of actors from different countries to contribute to and benefit from the programme.

The South-4-Care Learning Hub leverages South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) to:

- strengthen knowledge and implementation of international labour standards and the ILO Resolution and Plan of Action on Decent Work and the Care Economy.
- Enhance capacity and policy innovation in employment generation, disability-inclusive care policies and services, labour protection, fair migration, skills development, and financing mechanisms for the care economy.
- Promote effective models of care provision, including the role of governments, private sector actors, the social and solidarity economy (SSE) and other community-led initiatives.
- Promote social dialogue and labour rights, ensuring better conditions for care workers, particularly migrant, domestic, and community health and care workers.
- Promote the voice and representation care worker organizations, organizations of employers of care workers and unpaid family carers and supporting those receiving care, including persons with disability, racialized groups and persons in situations of vulnerability.
- Facilitate peer learning through real-world case studies, enabling countries to share and adapt successful South-South cooperation experiences in developing and scaling up care policies.
- Promote network and collaboration among economy actors in countries at different levels of development

As a global initiative, the Learning Hub creates a unique space for cross-regional collaboration, equipping participants with practical tools and strategies to build resilient, inclusive, and sustainable care and support systems in a rapidly evolving world.

WHAT?

WHAT TOPICS DOES THIS COURSE COVER?

Main topics will include:

- Overview of the care economy and its implications on employment generation, decent work, fair migration, women's employment and sustainable development.
- The ILO's 5R Framework for Decent Care Work.

- ILO Resolution concerning decent work in the care economy and related Plan of Action.
- Illustrative practices and innovative models for advancing decent work in the care economy from around the world.
- Role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the care economy.
- Development, implementation and financing of coherent and integrated care policies.
- The role of governments, employers and workers' organizations and other partners in achieving decent work in the care economy.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

In particular, this course will allow participants to:

- Gain an in-depth understanding of the care economy and its components.
- Learn about international frameworks and standards on the care economy.
- Explore successful case studies and models from various countries.
- Understand the mechanisms of South-South and Triangular Cooperation and how they can be applied to the care economy.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

Investing in care is key. Through this course, you will be able to:

- Learn from global experts and practitioners deeply entrenched in the fields of care economy and labour rights.
- Connect with a diverse group of international colleagues and collaborators focused on making significant impacts in their regions.
- Develop practical strategies and tools that can be applied to enhance the care economy and promote women's employment, gender equality and decent work.
- Engage in a cutting-edge learning environment that combines online and face-to-face interactions to maximize learning outcomes.
- Apply international standards and illustrative practices to policy making in diverse contexts.
- Share experience, challenges and lessons learned on the care economy.
- Apply South-South and Triangular Cooperation mechanisms to your context.

WHO?

This course is ideal for policymakers, government representatives, employers' and workers' organizations, actors in the private sector, international organizations, NGO staff, and academics who are involved in or interested in the formulation and implementation of care economy policies. It is especially relevant for those looking to influence and enact positive change toward advancing decent work in the care economy in their countries and regions.

HOW?

- Interactive sessions covering key topics, case studies, and policy recommendations.
- Discussions and activities tailored to address the needs of ILO constituents.

WHERE?

The course will take place from 1 to 19 September 2025: online (1–12 September) and in Doha, Qatar (15–18 September).

APPLICATIONS

Apply by **27 July 2025** through <https://oarf2.ilo.org/MIF/A9718561/en>.

PRICE

Tuition: €540

Subsistence: €745

Total: €1,285

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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