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Indigenous and Tribal Peoples: Rights and Development

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Project to Promote
ILO Policy on
Indigenous and
Tribal Peoples
(PRO 169)

An Interregional Programme
to Support Self-Reliance of
Indigenous and Tribal Communities
through Cooperatives and other Self-Help
Organizations (INDISCO)

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International Training Centre



Background

Indigenous and tribal peoples number over 370 million individuals. They represent approximately 5,000 distinct peoples, and their cultures comprise a heritage of diverse knowledge and ideas that is a resource to the whole world. However, many have lost control over their own development path through different historical processes. They are often excluded from political participation and their economies are being undermined through their lack of control over land and resources. Consequently, indigenous and tribal peoples often constitute the poorest segment of society and they are disproportionately represented among the victims of human rights abuses, conflict, child labour, forced labour and trafficking. Indigenous women face additional gender-based marginalisation and discrimination.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has been working with indigenous and tribal peoples since the 1920s and has a double role in the area of indigenous issues: on the one hand the ILO seeks to specifically promote and protect the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples based on its Convention No. 169; and on the other, the ILO seeks to ensure that indigenous and tribal peoples issues are taken into account, and that these peoples participate in broader programmes on poverty reduction, social and economic development, employment promotion and the application of international labour standards in ILO member states. Convention No. 169, the only legally binding international instrument for protection of indigenous peoples' rights, guides the ILO's work with the peoples concerned, with a particular focus on consultation and participation.

What are the options for indigenous and tribal peoples, and their support organizations, to better implement their rights as well as to participate equitably in national and local development processes? What are the options for national and local governments to respect and implement indigenous and tribal peoples' rights and to undertake inclusive and participatory processes of development that are based on the assets of these communities rather than their perceived deficiencies and needs? How can indigenous and tribal peoples design and pursue their own Local Economic Development (LED) strategies to foster sustainable, social, economic and institutional development in their communities?

These are some of the questions that will be addressed in the course "Indigenous and Tribal Peoples: Rights and Development", from 8 to 12 October 2007, that will take place at the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, Italy.



Objectives

General objectives

The course aims to strengthen the capacity of indigenous and tribal peoples' representatives, policy makers, and national and international professional staff:

- to promote and apply indigenous peoples' rights in the context of policy development and dialogue as well as technical cooperation programmes;
- to support indigenous and tribal peoples communities in identifying and designing their own local economic development strategies.

Specific objectives

Specifically, the course aims to enable participants to:

- identify the particular indigenous issues relevant for the country, region and/or thematic area of work;
- have an overview of main policies, legislation, resources, institutions, processes and networks relevant to indigenous and tribal peoples;
- provide training and policy advice on indigenous peoples' rights;
- integrate indigenous peoples' rights in broader policies and programmes;
- ensure the effective participation of and culturally appropriate responses to indigenous peoples in work of relevance to them;
- understand and use various tools for assessing local economic potential;
- design strategies for local economic and community development.



Participants' profile

The course is designed for all those that are involved in the promotion of policies and strategies and in the development of projects concerning tribal and indigenous people as well as other professionals coordinating actions that address indigenous and tribal peoples, such as:

- civil servants from Ministries concerned with tribal and indigenous affairs;
- representatives of indigenous peoples;
- officials of bi- and multilateral agencies concerned with indigenous issues;
- representatives of employers' and workers' organizations concerned with indigenous issues;
- representatives of NGOs concerned with indigenous issues.



Structure and content

The course will cover the following main subject areas:

- the international context for the promotion and protection of indigenous and tribal peoples' rights;
- the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169): the ILO context and fundamental principles;
- the international movement of indigenous peoples: setting their own agendas;
- identifying and understanding of indigenous peoples main issues;
- main policy and legal instruments and challenges related to their promotion and implementation;
- international and regional processes and movements for promotion and protection of indigenous peoples' rights;
- rights-based approaches to poverty reduction, economic development and employment in indigenous communities;
- methodologies for indigenous peoples' participation in project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- peace-building and conflict resolution;
- natural resource management;
- gender in indigenous communities;
- indigenous peoples and core international labour standards (discrimination, child labour, forced labour);
- LED and Asset Based Community Development (ABCD).



Methodology

There will be a preliminary preparation for the course by participants, based on a set of guidelines that will be made available to them at least 2 weeks before the start of the course. At the beginning of the course, participants will be asked to present their working experience and the main characteristics of their country or region's legal/institutional framework regarding indigenous and tribal peoples. During the course, technical documentation and training materials will be used to support individual and group training activities. This practice will enable participants not only to learn through the use of these training materials, but also to become acquainted with a training approach that they may use to train and/or inform others.

Training methods will include presentations by ILO specialists and invited external lecturers who are indigenous experts from different regions. They will also include individual and group learning activities.



Evaluation

During the course, there will be feedback between trainers and participants. At the end of the course, an evaluation form on the pedagogical and organizational aspects of the programme will be distributed in order to allow participants to express their opinions on the course and to provide trainers with material for any changes in future activities.

Costs of participation

The total cost of participation in this course is **US\$ 2,520** and includes tuition cost and subsistence cost.

Tuition cost is **US\$ 1,425** and covers:

- tuition fees;
- books and training materials;
- course preparation, implementation and evaluation;
- emergency medical insurance.

Subsistence cost is **US\$ 1,095** and covers:

- full board and lodging at the Centre's Campus;
- laundry;
- standard daily allowance for incidental expenses (12 Euros/day);
- minor medical care and insurance;
- socio-cultural activities.

The prices indicated **do not include** travel costs between participants' home and the course venue. The cost of passports, visas to enter Italy, airport taxes and unauthorized stopovers is not reimbursed.

Payment should be made in advance by bank transfer to:

International Training Centre of the ILO
Account no. 9136496
Bank: San Paolo IMI Ag. CIF/OIL 701
IBAN: IT14 B010 2501 1911 3010 9136496 -
BIC IBSPITTM
Address: Viale Maestri del Lavoro 10,
10127 Turin - Italy

NB: On the bank transfer form, kindly state your name and the course code (A900826).

Fellowships

Fellowships are available to qualifying candidates. The employers' organizations and workers' organizations to be granted a fellowship for this course will be selected by the Secretaries of the Employers' Group and of the Workers' Group of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office.

Applications

Applications to participate should be addressed to:

Manager
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Work Programme

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They should be supported by a *curriculum vitae* and a nomination letter from the sponsoring/funding institution.

As an organization dedicated to fundamental human rights and social justice, the ILO is taking a leading role in international efforts to promote gender equality. In line with this ILO focus, women candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

The ILO Turin Centre's facilities

Located in an attractive park on the banks of the River Po, the Centre's campus provides a congenial environment in which to live and study.

It comprises 21 pavilions with: fully equipped modern classrooms; conference halls and meeting rooms fitted out for multilingual simultaneous interpretation; a computer laboratory; a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 250 bed/study rooms all with private bathrooms, telephones and cable television. It also has:

- a reception office open 24 hours a day;

- a restaurant, a self-service and a cafeteria;
- catering for international dietary needs;
- a bank and travel agency;
- a small shop;
- a post office, international telephone exchange;
- fax and Internet connections;
- a recreation pavilion with reading rooms;
- television and video rooms;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- round-the-clock medical service.

Social events are regularly organized on and off campus to allow participants from different cultural backgrounds to make the most of the stimulating international climate.

For further information, please contact:

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