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The campus has 185 single fully serviced study/bedrooms, 66 double bedrooms and 12 suites, each with private bathroom, telephone, wi-fi and flat screen television (satellite-TV available in the majority of the rooms). Among those bedrooms, 22 rooms are accessible for people with disabilities.

#### It also has:

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- a bank;
- a travel agency;
- a laundry service;
- a post office;
- an internet point;
- a recreation room;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- medical service.

Social events are regularly held both on and off campus, so that participants from different cultural backgrounds can make the most of a stimulating international environment.

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## A renewed global commitment to sustainable development

With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in 2015, the international community has at its disposal a global framework to combat climate change, pave the way to a low-carbon and climate-resilient future and set the course for human well-being to 2030 and beyond.

A number of shared principles underpin this global framework, including the need of decoupling economic growth from energy and resource consumption and environmental degradation, the promotion of decent jobs as a means to achieve sustainable development and a just transition for all, meaning that no one is left behind. These principles essentially embody the notion that economies and societies can develop whilst reducing their adverse impact on the living environment and on the long term availability of natural resources.

Many countries have begun to integrate commitments and goals into their national development plans and strategies, by adopting approaches like green growth, greening of economies, low-carbon development and decarbonizing development. If well managed, these transitions to environmental and socially sustainable economies can become a driver of job creation, job upgrading, social justice and poverty eradication.

### The ILO engagement in support of a just transition to environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all

The importance of decent work in achieving sustainable development is clearly highlighted by SDG 8 which aims to "promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all". In addition, the recognition in the Paris Agreement of "the imperative of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities", places another important call on countries to undertake climate change actions that equally advance job creation and social justice.

The ILO has been increasingly active in promoting environmental sustainability through the lens of the world of work. The concept of "green jobs" summarises the particular angle the ILO takes to preserve and restore a sustainable environment through transformative growth both in traditional economic sectors (e.g. manufacturing and construction), or in new, emerging green sectors (e.g. renewable energy and energy efficiency). The term also carries the qualitative notion that green jobs require to be fairly remunerated and productive, provide sufficient levels of social protection, ensure social dialogue, and guarantee rights at work, while contributing to reduce inequalities between women and men. The 102nd International Labour Conference (ILC) of June 2013 adopted Conclusions concerning sustainable development, decent work and green jobs providing a framework and guidance in a wide range of policy areas where ILO constituents – governments, workers and employers' organizations – could take action to protect jobs and promote decent work creation in low-carbon and climate-resilient sectors.



Following the ILC 2013 Conclusions, the ILO adopted in November 2015 a set of **Guidelines for a just transition to environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all**. These Guidelines offer the ILO and its constituents a framework and a practical tool to ensure that national and global efforts to tackle climate change and other environmental challenges, advance employment

creation goals, social justice and fair transitions for workers, enterprises and communities on an equal footing.

The Guidelines are both a policy framework and a practical tool to help countries at all levels of development manage the transition to low-carbon economies and can also help them achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the SDGs. The Guidelines are designed to create decent work on a large scale and ensure that social protection exists where needed. They also include mechanisms for social dialogue among governments, workers and employers' organizations throughout policymaking processes at all levels.

### **Objectives**

The overall objective of this course is to strengthen institutional and individual capacities that can support a just transition to environmentally sustainable economies and societies.

Through the review of concepts, global practices, country experiences, case studies and on-going projects, participants will gain access to knowledge and tools enabling them to:

- gain an overall understanding of the sustainable development framework and the link between environmental challenges (climate change, in particular and other planetary boundaries depending on specific countries involved in the course) and the world of work;
- acquire knowledge of concepts and definitions of green and decent jobs and understand strategies for their promotion across different economic sectors;
- distil lessons and good practices, with the objective of understanding the main policy areas of the just transition framework and its implications for the world of work;

• explore tools and recommend ways to give practical effect to the Guidelines at country level in order to promote coherent policies for a transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient development with employment and social inclusion.

### Course structure and contents

This inter-regional course is organised and delivered by leading experts and resource persons from the ITCILO, ILO and partner organisations with solid technical knowledge and practical experience in this field. It will be offered in blended modality, including 3-week distance learning preparatory and follow-up phases and a 5-day training course at the ILO International Training Centre in Turin, Italy.

The e-learning phases will be hosted on the ITCILO's e-learning platform, the e-campus. It provides interactive e-learning opportunities making optimal use of new technologies and allowing participants to get familiar with the course contents and community of experts.

More specifically:

**2 weeks of distance learning (16 May –29 May)** will take place prior to the face-to-face training to introduce the group to the main environmental, economic and social challenges as well as to the international agendas and agreements which are considered relevant for understanding why a just transition framework is needed in the promotion of sustainable development.

The **face-to-face training (30 May – 03 June) in Turin** will be organised as follows:

**Day 1** – Understanding the planetary boundaries and the global agendas for sustainable development (recapitulation of distance learning phase), including a special focus on climate change and the Paris Agreement.

**Day 2** – Understanding the concept of just transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient development and the promotion of green and decent jobs as a means to achieve sustainable development. Review of concepts and practices through case-study analysis.

**Day 3** – How to promote a just transition at country level (1): overview of policy areas and instruments, as well as challenges and opportunities in different economic sectors.

**Day 4** – How to promote a just transition at country level (2): understanding transitions in labour markets, identifying roles of different stakeholders and how to get them involved.

**Day 5** – Orienting just transition and green jobs actions and strategies for their promotion at national, local and institutional levels. In addition, a 'share-fair' and a local study visit will be organised in the course of the week to facilitate participants exchange on just transition and green jobs promotion practices and experiences.

**1 week of distance learning follow-up (O6 June – 10 June)** after the course to facilitate the finalisation of action plans and the building of an online network and community of practice.

The course will be conducted entirely in English.

### Methodology

The training course combines a tutor-supported distance-learning phase of two weeks with a 3.5-day face-to-face training workshop on-campus in Turin.

### Target audience

The course is addressed to a mixed audience of professionals interested in the employment and social dimension of sustainable development, including but not limited to: representatives from ministries of labour/employment and social partners, as well as government officials from other ministries (e.g. environment, planning, finance and others); national and international development agencies; climate change commissions, institutions, coalitions; environmental agencies; civil society organizations and academia. A gender-balanced participation is sought.

### Costs, application and contacts

This course is fee paying. The total cost is € 2,350, including:

- Tuition costs (€ 1,750) covering programme development and management, tutored distance learning phases, secretarial and administrative support, the use of classrooms and teaching equipment, office supplies, training materials and tutors' support, emergency medical insurance and socio-cultural activities.
- Subsistence costs (€600) covering full board and lodging at the Turin Centre's campus from 30 May to 03 June 2016.

Please note that the prices shown do not include the cost of travel between participant's home and the course venue.

Application: an on-line registration form is available by clicking on <u>http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A979142/en</u>

The deadline for applications is 29 April 2016. Participants requiring VISA support letters are encouraged to submit all required registration documents 5 weeks prior to travelling dates in order to ensure sufficient time to process requests through Italian Embassies.

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