

The Global development agenda:

tools for gender-sensitive planning and implementation

Online course

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Rationale

Gender equality and women's empowerment are central to development and peace. The new aid effectiveness agenda must offer opportunities to strengthen action towards the MDGs and gender equality.

The overall purpose of this online course is to create greater awareness of these opportunities and initiate further action at the national and the international levels.

Who should participate?

- ✓ National government staff responsible for planning and implementing development frameworks and policies (Finance and Planning Ministries, other line Ministries, e.g. Labour, Agriculture, Education, Heath and the institutions in charge of Information and Statistics), other development agencies.
- ✓ Public gender equality bodies.
- Gender equality advocates from the social partners and civil society organizations, who wish to influence the national development agenda.
- Staff from international/regional development institutions and donor agencies: the UN, the EC and other donors.
- ✓ Development practitioners.

Learning objectives

The training course "The global development agenda: tools for gender-sensitive planning and implementation" aims to strengthen national capacity for mainstreaming gender equality in the aid effectiveness agenda and, more broadly, in development. It works in two ways: (1) by raising awareness of the basic/literacy issues around gender equality, development, aid effectiveness and poverty; and (2) by initiating action through the development of skills and capacities while acquiring action-oriented tools.

More specifically, participants will:

- analyze why gender equality is to be regarded as a key element of development and review the key tools for mainstreaming gender equality in the context of development;
- explore the relationships between aid, development and gender equality;
- review the financing for gender equality and gender budgeting frameworks;
- test tools for mainstreaming gender in development planning, including Poverty Reduction Strategies and Sector-Wide Approaches (SWAps).

Contents

The course consists of four complementary modules:

- ✓ INTRODUCTION TO GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
- ▼ THE "NEW" AID ARCHITECTURE AND GENDER EQUALITY
- ✓ FINANCING GENDER EQUALITY PRIORITIES (and GRB)
- ✓ MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

For each module, participants of the network learning course will have the opportunity to take part in the corresponding collaborative activities in Online Forums:

- Preparatory Forum An Introduction to Gender and Development
- Forum on the Aid Architecture and Gender Equality
- Forum on Financing Gender Equality Priorities (and GRB)
- Forum on Gender Mainstreaming in Development Planning

In addition, an optional Trainers' Forum will be available.

Guided readers will have access to each module's self-learning instruments.

COURSE OPTIONS

Guided reading (self-learning study): Minimum 15 hours (4 modules)

This option provides access to the learning platform and to its information contents, but no access to the collaborative activities/Forum. Guided readers receive a certificate of attendance upon the completion of all modules.

Network learning (with group tutorial assistance): Minimum 30 hours (4 modules and 4 Fora)

The network learning is a flexible training/learning course, where participants are expected to interact with other students and benefit from the support of a tutor. Participants will receive a certificate for successfully completing all modules and collaborative activities in the Online Forums.

E-learning facilities

The e-learning platform offers learning materials, exercises, case studies, links to existing databases and websites, etc.

Moreover, participation includes:

- Tutorial assistance by international experts, via e-mail and Internet (available to participants to the regular course only).
- Access to the e-learning platform and electronic discussion forum to stimulate exchanges among participants and experience sharing on topics of general interest.
- A Virtual Information and Documentation Centre with links to information sources, data-bases, etc.
- ✓ Supplementary learning aids such as CD-ROMs (provided on request).

Conditions of participation

Participation in the course is subject to timely submission of the candidate's application form and its acceptance by the Selection Committee.

Special fellowships are available to the EC/UN Partnership stakeholders: contact the EC/UN Partnership Online Support for further details, at eu-gender@itcilo.org.

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