



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FUTURE LEADERS IN THE WORLD OF WORK

SOUTH-SOUTH UNIVERSITY

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TURIN, ITALY

Information Note

OVERVIEW

The Future Leaders in the World of Work South-South University fosters the ambitions of mission-driven university students and young professionals to work in support of Global South, South-South and Triangular cooperation initiatives for human-centred development. It equips them with the theoretical and practical skills to devise systemic and integrated approaches to sustainable development that promote social justice and enhance sustainable development dividends for all.

Featuring a unique combination of high-level plenary sessions, elective courses, a study visit to Geneva (Switzerland) and envisioning sessions, the South-South University is a training ground for future leaders in the world of work to unpack issues lying at the intersection of Global South development priorities, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, and the social dimension of sustainable development. It welcomes young people seeking to leave their mark within the broader space of multilateralism – national, international and non-governmental organizations, the social and solidarity economy, and social enterprises championing socially sustainable development on a global scale. By the end of the South-South University, participants will have produced outcome documents capturing their considerations on how the world of work will look like post-2030. These in turn will contribute to the Future Leaders in the World of Work having their voice heard ahead of the UN Summit of the Future 2024.

Implemented in cooperation with ITCILO knowledge partners and in the framework of the [Turin School of Development](#), the South-South University is a flagship activity of [INTEGRÒ](#), the ITCILO facility for global competence development.





TOPICS COVERED

The South-South University features plenary sessions, elective course tracks and envisioning sessions structured around topics including:

- Leveraging **South-South and Triangular Cooperation** (SSTC) Initiatives for Human-Centred Development;
- Emerging **Technologies** and New Forms of Work:
 - Protection of Decent Work Opportunities Across New Forms of Work;
 - Creating Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) Value in the Platform Economy;
- The World of Work in a **Changing Climate**:
 - Productivity and Decent Work on a Warming Planet;
 - Green Works and Nature-Based Solutions for Recovery;
- Harnessing Data for Development:
 - Introduction to the field of data analytics;
 - Using data analytics in development cooperation projects;
- Decent Work and **Global Population Trends**:
 - The Construction of a Smart Aging Society;
 - Fostering Inter-Generational Dialogue on Talent Retention;
- **Equal Access** to Decent Work Opportunities:
 - Road to Zero Harmful Practices in the World of Work;
 - Mainstreaming Inclusion in ILO Programmes;
- **Trade and Investment** for More and Better Jobs in Global Supply Chains:
 - Trade, Investment and Employment Nexus;
 - Leveraging Investment and SSTC for more and better jobs



STRUCTURE

Plenary sessions run each morning, Monday to Friday, 9:00-10:30.

Elective course tracks take place between 11:00-12:30 (Morning Sessions) and 14:00-17:00 (Afternoon Sessions) of Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 1 (29-30 July). Participants have the possibility of choosing one elective Morning Session and one Afternoon Session. Participants may select to attend one different elective per day.

Study visit to Geneva at the ILO Headquarters at the beginning of Week 2 (4-5 August).

Envisioning sessions take place during Week 2 (6-7 August). Participants attend the envisioning sessions dedicated to the topics explored during the Week 1 elective course tracks, for a total of two envisioning tracks attended per participant.

In conclusion of the envisioning sessions, participants create consensus around the drafts of policy-oriented “Fundamental Considerations” documents (one per elective course track explored) which will be brought to the attention of key ILO stakeholders in preparation for the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025.

ELIGIBILITY

The South-South University welcomes university students and young professionals (within 5 years of graduation at the time of application) interested in exploring themes at the intersection of SSTC, the social dimension of sustainable development, and the world of work.

The programme welcomes applicants majoring (or with a degree in) subjects relevant to the work of the ILO, including but not limited to law, economics, environmental science, government, political science, international relations, international studies, population studies, public policy, and development studies.

KEY FEATURES

BLENDDED LEARNING

The South-South University features a face-to-face and an online component. The ITCILO Campus in Turin, Italy, initially welcomes a global cohort of participants for two weeks (28 July - 8 August) of live plenary, elective, and envisioning sessions on topics at the heart of the work of the ILO. Upon completion of the Turin-based component of the course, participants have the option to attend a mini-series of online, career-coaching webinars for global professionals.

HIGH-LEVEL PLENARIES

The programme features plenary sessions with high-level guest speakers from the ILO, International Organizations, universities and the private sector. Invited experts and participants unpack issues lying at the intersection of Global South development policy priorities, SSTC initiatives and human-centred development.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Elective, parallel course tracks enable participants to structure their South-South University experience around topics of interest and relevance to the work of the ILO on fostering human-centred development, particularly in the Global South and across SSTC projects and programmes. Track rapporteurs present findings from their respective elective courses in plenary, and build upon discussions had with peers and experts bring their findings and results to devise sustainable solutions.

ENVISIONING SESSIONS

Modelled after the topics available through elective courses, the South-South University envisioning sessions bring the voice of young people at the forefront of complex policy and decision-making questions directly concerning the future of work the ILO. As a concrete output of attending the envisioning sessions, participants craft policy and decision-making pointers in preparation for the ILO Second World Summit for Social Development 2025.

Participants need to have a strong, demonstrated interest in understanding how their subject-matter specialization relates to the work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and, more broadly, the social dimension of sustainable development. Extensive knowledge of topics at the heart of the mandate, vision and values of the ILO is considered an advantage, but not a prerequisite to admission.

Fluency in English is required. Additional knowledge of other ILO working languages (French, Spanish) is an asset.



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The South-South University enables future leaders to:

- **Situate** the ILO's commitment to human-centred development initiatives across the Global South in the wider context of the UN System;
- **Examine** how Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8) works to support the broader architecture of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- **Explore** topics lying at the intersection of policy priorities in the Global South and across South-South and Triangular Cooperation projects and programmes in support of human-centred development;
- **Devise** sustainable solutions in the form of policy and decision-making considerations in preparation for the ILO World of Work Summit of 2025;
- **Receive** tailored career counselling and coaching for global careers supporting human-centred development.

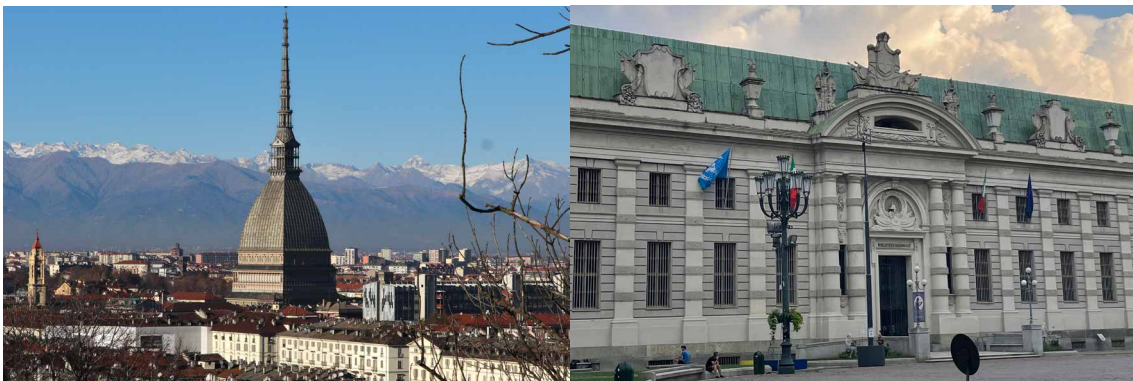
ITCILO CAMPUS

Located along the banks of the Po River, the [ITCILO Turin Campus](#) allows participants to live and study immersed in nature, in a safe and secure environment conducive to learning, exploring, and discovering what the city of Turin has to offer.



DISCOVER: TURIN

Capital of the Italian region of Piedmont just a few kilometers away from France, Switzerland and Italy's rugged Ligurian coast, Turin stuns global visitors with its unique charm. While featuring a rich history, charming art galleries and a world-renowned enogastronomic tradition, Turin maintains a firm global outlook through its active participation in strategic networks of global sister and friend cities. As testament to its international ties, Turin has been home of the United Nations Campus since 1964, where the ITCILO is located together with the United Nations System Staff College and the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.



EXPLORE: GENEVA

Week 1 of the South-South University includes a 2-day study visit to Geneva, Switzerland, for participants to explore the headquarters of selected Geneva-based UN agencies including the ILO, international and non-governmental organizations. During the study visit, participants will have the opportunity to not only take a deep-dive in the work of these entities, but also to meet representatives from their HR departments to explore how to best prepare for future employment opportunities in the broader space of multilateralism.



VISIT: NICE AND MONACO; VENICE

The ITCILO offers South-South University participants the opportunity to sign up for a day-trip to Monte Carlo (Monaco) and Nice (France), or Venice (Italy) for Saturday 3 August 2024. Whether in search of the atmospheres celebrated during the Belle Époque or eager to witness the splendor of the Most Serene Republic (“La Serenissima”), the South-South University features moments of leisure and relax for its participants to enjoy while away from home



HOW TO APPLY

Complete the South-South University Application Form available here: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9017990/en> and send your official certificate of enrolment or graduation certificate to future.leaders@itcilo.org by 2 June 2025.

In your application, please highlight **(1)** what makes you an ideal candidate for the programme and **(2)** how do you think Global South connections and SSTC initiatives can help foster human-centred development in times of uncertainty and transformation.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the online interview portion of the selection process between **March and May 2025**.

FEES

Tuition fees: €2,505 EUR

Subsistence @ ITCILO Campus: €1,745 EUR

Total: €4,250 EUR excluding transport to and from Turin and Visa fees (if applicable).

FURTHER INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

English

CERTIFICATE

On completion of all required course activities, participants obtain an official **ITCILO Certificate of Participation**

CONTACT

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ABOUT INTEGRÒ

INTEGRÒ is the global competence development facility for future leaders in the world of work of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO).

Highlighting the ILO's contributions in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, INTEGRÒ motivates future leaders to leverage synergies that connect Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8) to all of the other Goals for the benefit of their communities of reference.

INTEGRÒ offers a wide range of global competence training opportunities which, while being stand-alone, work in synergy with one another for the formulation of a dynamic, integrated curriculum.

CAMPUS LIFE

A THRIVING UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- **Three organizations** from the United Nations system on campus
- **More than 300 training courses** and activities in a stimulating international environment
- **Thousands of participants** from all over the world

ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDINGS

Grab a campus bicycle and explore the Turin Centre.

Located in a leafy park on the banks of the Po River, it's a great place for study and collaboration. Experience innovative learning and training methods in modern classrooms equipped with simultaneous translation services.

HOUSING, DINING, AND MORE

Comprising more than 280 private dormitories, the **Turin Campus provides a broad range of services for course participants and partners** including a free-flow restaurant, travel agency, laundromat, post office, gym, medical services and a reception desk open 24/7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators. Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

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

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