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## Rationale

Developing comprehensive policies and programmes to support youth has become an important objective in many countries around the world.

Today one person in five is between the ages of 15 and 24 years. Altogether there are over one billion youth, mostly living in developing countries where they often represent a large share of the national population. The issues many of them face, including unemployment and lack of decent work, inadequate schooling and skills, poor health, HIV/AIDS, risky behaviours, violence and crime, represent tremendous social and economic costs to society, as much as they denote important failures to promote and protect the rights of young people, especially girls.

The importance of youth investments is not always clearly reflected in policies and programmes at country level. Moreover, some existing programmes may be promising but without rigorous evidence of their effectiveness. As policy makers consider measures to help young people make the transition into adulthood, they are often confronted with the lack of information on existing options, on what has worked well, and what are the opportunities for setting up and improving youth programmes.

In this context, demand for support from countries which endeavour to address the needs of youth is growing. The challenge lies in designing a range of effective interventions in resource-constrained environments. These interventions should clearly target the needs of the most vulnerable adolescents and youth and address fundamental gender issues. They should have good implementation and evaluation plans.

It is essential to build future youth policy and support services on the lessons learnt through the vast array of existing

development and networking initiatives including the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD). The Academy on Youth Development is meant to offer a training and knowledge sharing platform for international and national actors concerned with youth development policies and programmes.



## Target audience

The Academy targets policy makers, planners and senior technical staff from low- and middle-income countries and relevant ministries (youth, education, health, labour, justice, planning, finance, etc.) and social partners' organisations. It is also meant to support the learning needs of operational staff from development agencies involved in the design and/or financing of youth programmes. Youth-led organisations and civil society representatives concerned with youth development issues are also targeted.



## Objectives

The main objective of the Academy on Youth Development is to support the on-going development and implementation of policies and programmes that respond to youth needs in four core areas: (i) youth employment and entrepreneurship; (ii) education and training; (iii) health, including sexual and reproductive health; and (iv) youth participation and civic engagement.

**More specifically**, by the end of the event, participants will have:

- Raised their knowledge and awareness levels on youth needs and challenges, as well as on the current policy responses and related strengths and limitations.

## Content

The Academy on Youth Development will include **two main Learning Tracks**:

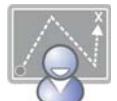
### Learning Track One - Overarching youth development issues:

- Youth development: Challenges and opportunities.
- The youth policy debate.
- The case for investing in youth.
- A rights-based approach to youth development.
- Towards cross-sectoral youth development policies.
- Partnerships, coordination and networking issues.
- The gender dimension of youth development.
- Youth development: from problem analysis to priority options.
- Elaboration of youth development strategies.
- Key programme design and implementation issues.
- Monitoring and evaluation of youth development interventions.

### Learning Track Two - Thematic issues:

- Job opportunities for youth: macro-economic, sectorial and investment policies.
- Youth employment: labour market policies and institutions.
- Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment.
- Youth inclusive financial services.
- Non-formal youth education.
- Skills development and employability.
- Youth health.
- Prevention of violence affecting youth.
- Youth participation and civic engagement.
- Prevention of child labour and youth development.
- Monitoring and evaluation of youth development interventions.

- Shared experiences and good practices on the design and implementation of youth national and sectoral policies in different development contexts.
- Enhanced their capacity to advocate for youth investment and to negotiate financial allocations for youth development interventions, particularly in times of economic stress and budgetary constraints.
- Improved their capacity to design and implement a range of effective interventions directed to youth, with special attention given to cross-cutting issues.



## Format and Methodology

The Academy on Youth Development will build on the successful experience of previous learning events on youth employment and youth entrepreneurship, as well as inter-agency meetings and training on adolescent and youth investment implemented at the ITC-ILO and in the regions since 2005.

It will also rely on training and other experiences by partner agencies.

The Academy will include:

- **Plenary Sessions:** Each morning, the programme will offer an overview lecture on a selected basic topic in order to create a common level of knowledge and understanding among all participants and across the different thematic and policy areas covered by the Academy.
- **Elective Courses:** Participants will be able to choose among a number of electives which cover certain themes in-depth.
- **Youth Development Fair:** Through a side event, participating Agencies, Institutions and Programmes will have the opportunity to share their vision, goals, initiatives, tools and outcomes.

Monday - Friday	
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary session
	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Morning electives
	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:30	Youth Development Fair
14.30 – 17.30	Afternoon Electives

Throughout the Academy, the gender differential needs of young women and men will be addressed, with an emphasis on adolescent girls.

Faculty will consist of international experts on adolescents and youth issues from bilateral and multilateral development agencies, academia as well as policy makers and analysts from developing and developed countries. A participatory approach will ensure interaction among participants and effective knowledge-sharing. Modern interactive adult learning techniques will be applied and lectures balanced with practical exercises. A final evaluation exercise will be administered to acquire information on the degree of participant satisfaction regarding the event.



## Language requirements

The Academy will be conducted entirely in English and therefore a good command of this language is essential for a meaningful participation in the course and to fully benefit from it.



## How to apply

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<http://www.itcilo.org/academies/youthdevelopment>  
click on "Apply Now".

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**Deadline for registration: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**



## Costs

The total cost of this Academy is **€3,250** per participant. This comprises:

- **Training fees**, covering training materials, programme preparation, implementation and evaluation.
- **Subsistence costs**, including full board and lodging at the training venue and minor medical care.

The prices indicated above do not include the cost of international travel to and from Turin which remains under the responsibility of participants. In addition, participants are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas to enter the Schengen area.