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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PROMOTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS AND FORESTRY WORKS AMONG SOUTH AND EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES BY ENHANCING SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION

INTRODUCTORY ONLINE TRAINING COURSE

27 FEBRUARY – 2 MARCH 2023

 4 DAYS

INTRODUCTION

The ILO has been supporting many countries in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of inclusive, resilient and quality infrastructure investments through its Employment-Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP).

The principal objective of the EIIP is to create decent jobs with higher labour intensity. In doing so, the EIIP approach also aims to address societal and environmental issues altogether. However, EIIP interventions are often fragmented and its uptake varies from country to country. More often than not, the so-called “best practices” may not be feasible and thus not “appropriate” in fragile areas where the EIIP often operates.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) can be an effective instrument to share knowledge, boost peer-to-peer learning among the countries of the Global South that are facing similar challenges and identify the “appropriate” approach.”

South and East African countries’ labour-based practitioners (Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Infrastructure/Ministry of Public Works and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centers) have expressed particular interest in the area of green works. Green works refer to the employment intensive development, restoration and maintenance of public infrastructure, community assets, natural areas and landscapes to contribute to environmental goals such as climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, environmental rehabilitation, ecosystem restoration and nature conservation. Therefore, green works are job-rich in nature, and are a tool to tackle environmental challenges faced altogether.

This introductory training provides an interactive e-learning opportunity to explore how to design and implement green works initiatives, with a focus on forestry work. By undertaking a review of different approaches, examples and best practices, participants will learn more on how to identify and develop interventions that reduce future impact of climate change, while providing employment opportunities and enhancing the productive capacity of ecosystems.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand the concepts of South-South cooperation modalities green works, and forestry works.
- Explore good practices on the implementation of green works and forestry works.
- Learn more on how to identify and develop interventions that reduce future impact of climate change, while providing employment opportunities

METHODOLOGY

The training will be held online from 27 February to 2nd March 2023). Each day participants will have access to two live online sessions of 90 minutes.

The training will be conducted using a highly participative methodology, through a combination of pre-identified SSTC good practices followed by group discussions where participants will be asked to share solutions and experiences that are already in place. Participants will have access to the ITCILO eCampus where they will be able to interact with other participants and access the recordings of the training. Before the beginning of the training, participants will have access to an online library with several background documents and reference materials including interactive reading materials.

CONTENTS

The training will cover the following topics in four days:

DAY 1: SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION AND THE ILO'S EMPLOYMENT-INTENSIVE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Day 1 will introduce participants to the concept of South-South and Triangular Cooperation as well as the Employment-Intensive Investment Programme. Participants will learn more on how the EIIP generates local jobs and income through infrastructure for vulnerable groups, women and youth. The session will also include an overview of the social and environmental safeguards that need to be integrated into the design and implementation of EIIP projects to avoid unintended consequences.

DAY 2: INTRODUCTION OF GREEN WORKS AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NBS) IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Day 2 will introduce participants to green works and Nature-based Solutions, exploring how they contribute to environmental rehabilitation and improvement, nature conservation and adaptation to climate change. Participants will learn more on the ILO's green objectives and the rationale for supporting green works and NbS through peer learning. Day 3 will also include an overview of EIIP's approach to environmental restoration and conservation, climate change adaptation, climate proofing infrastructure, and building back better by restoring and protecting the productive capacity of ecosystems. This will be done through peer learning SSTC techniques.

DAY 3: FORESTRY WORKS AND REMOVAL OF ALIEN SPECIES

Day 3 will explore the benefits of forestry works with a particular emphasis on the removal of alien/invasive species. Forestry works are part of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) that contribute to climate change adaptation/mitigation, combatting

desertification, and restoration of biodiversity, while providing human well-being including decent work. Planting trees and restoring forests can protect and restore ecosystem, while creating decent jobs. Invasive alien species, however, jeopardize economic activities, biodiversity, water security and soil integrity. Investments in the removal of alien species and the restoration of native vegetation with its management mechanism can address these challenges. The discussions will start by defining the different forestry works modalities and delve into the alien plant / invasive species removal activities.

DAY 4: RECAP AND WAYS FORWARD

The final day of training will involve a recap of the main learnings and interactive discussions with the expectation to develop a partnership among the countries involved to continue collaborating and sharing their experiences in the context of A Just Transition to greener economies. It will also be an opportunity to assess the role of South-South and triangular cooperation in promoting these efforts.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The training targets Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Infrastructure/Ministry of Public Works and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centres in the following six countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

These countries have been selected based on the fact that ILO's EIIP projects are being implemented there in collaboration with their stakeholders. The following 5 funding partners sponsoring the ILO projects in these countries will also be invited to the platform: The Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Japan.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us a completed online registration form at the following link: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MIN/A1716491/en>

OTHER INFORMATION

Language: The course will be held in English

Deadline: 21 February 2023

Course Fees: selected participants from the Global South will receive a full scholarship

Certificate: An ITCILO Certificate of participation will be awarded at the completion of all mandatory course activities.

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