

Participation to the Delnet training courses gives access to:

• TRAINING

Delnet's courses aim to improve personal and institutional capabilities in terms of the design, implementation and evaluation of sustainable local development strategies. The courses in local development are entirely held online. Delnet also uses a face-to-face methodology and designs activities to meet institutional training and requirements.

• INFORMATION

Delnet's information service, InfoDelnet, gives participants and their institution global, up-to-date information on concepts, experiences and initiatives that affects the local sphere. It uses the following tools:

- Specialized publications.
- An information desk.
- Databases and electronic platforms on Delnet's "virtual campus".

• TECHNICAL ADVICE

AssistecDelnet is a personalized technical advice service on local development issues and the use of Information and Communication Technology that Delnet offers to the participants and institutions.

• NETWORKING

Delnet's networking goals include stimulating dialogue among local players, facilitating sharing and cooperation, and connecting people and institutions.

The tools it uses to encourage networking are:

- The electronic mailing list, "Delnetlist".
- The Virtual classroom.

The Delnet network is currently comprised of over 2,500 people and institutions from 75 countries on all five continents.

The Training Course in Disaster Risk Reduction within the Framework of Sustainable Local Development is available in English and Spanish.

Training Course in Disaster Risk Reduction within the Framework of Sustainable Local Development

Presentation

The Delnet Training Course on *Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Local Development* of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO) was conceived within the framework of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) in response to increasing concern about the magnitude of disasters and their impact on local communities worldwide.

Being part of the capacity-development component of the International Recovery Platform (IRP), run in conjunction with the ILO Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction (ILO/CRISIS), it also looks at post-disaster reconstruction, and identifies recovery as one of the key opportunities for reducing disaster risk while contributing to the Decent Work agenda.

The course is implemented in cooperation with the UN/ISDR secretariat and ILO/CRISIS.

Enrolment in this training course gives access to an integrated training offer, including face-to-face training at the Campus of the ITC/ILO in Turin, Italy and a distance learning process based on the use of Internet and of a virtual platform.

An integral focus on disasters risk

Disaster risk reduction is 'the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts to analyse and manage the causal factors of disasters, including through reduced exposure to hazards, lessened vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improved preparedness for adverse events'. (Source: ISDR Terminology 2009).

Therefore, disaster risk reduction cannot be considered just an activity neither a reaction in response to isolated events, because it is deeply related with development practices and strategies of any society. It is an important component which integrates horizontally all the activities of a territory: it is part of an integral local development process and its strategic planning.

In order to reach the sustainable development of a territory, a disaster risk reduction strategy should include actions aimed at identifying, reducing or eliminating (as far as possible) those risks which have been accumulated in time as well as avoid the generation of new risks for future activities.

Overall objective of the training course

Through a step-by-step guidance, the participants should be able to craft a strategic local development plan that incorporates disaster risk reduction concerns.

Specifically, at the end of this course, participants are expected to:

- Articulate the strategic local development approach that considers socio-economic, cultural, environmental and political dimensions of the localities and beyond;

- Explain holistically the disaster risk reduction paradigm and learn how to incorporate it in the local development agenda;
- Describe all the elements of preparedness, mitigation, early recovery, reconstruction and prevention theoretically, and manage them in practical application during the course;
- Conceptualize a specific disaster risk reduction project that could be carried out within the context of their local development plan.



COURSE CONTENTS:

• TRAINING UNIT 1 – Local Development: a Framework for Sustainability and Resilience

Unit 1 explains the local development processes, how globalisation and decentralisation affect local decisions and why and how disasters impact on different areas. It touches on the theoretic and historical understanding of the **local development** approach. Likewise, this unit introduces tools on **strategic planning and project cycle management**, focusing on the promotion of a local development plan which integrates disaster risk reduction concerns.

• TRAINING UNIT 2 – Disaster Risk Reduction: a Prerequisite for Local Development

Unit 2 tackles the impact of disasters on the political, social, economic and environmental elements of present society. It investigates the origin of disasters and the conditions which generate risk, how they interact and foster risk, the implications on society and the reasons why managing risk is a task which involves all social actors and should be an integral part of the whole local development process. It tackles all the key concepts of **disaster risk reduction** based on the UN/ISDR terminology 2009.

• TRAINING UNIT 3 – Preparedness at the Local Level: a Better Way to Cope with and Recover from Disasters

Unit 3 focuses on the importance of early warning and **preparedness** and their role in social security, protection of human lives, goods and subsistence methods, and the link with integral risk reduction processes in the framework of sustainable local development. It includes an introduction to the ILO/CRISIS approach to *Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning*.

• TRAINING UNIT 4 – Post-Disaster Reconstruction: an Opportunity to Establish the Conditions for Sustainable Development

Unit 4 investigates on the processes of **reconstruction** with a new focus on development and disaster risk reduction which does not imply to go back to the conditions existing before disaster. It considers post-disaster actions as an opportunity to build more sustainable and secure communities through a process which is closely linked to the actions taken before, during and after disaster and to the political, social, economic and environmental development. It also includes an introduction to the ILO/CRISIS tool on *Local Economic Recovery*.

TRAINING PACKAGE

REGION	MODALITY	DATES
• Inter-regional	Study timetable of the course comprises of 200 hours, spread across 6 months via distance learning (120 hours) and a face-to-face modality (80 hours)	15 Sep 2009 – 15 Mar 2010
	• Distance preparatory phase:	from 15/09 to 02/10/2009
	• Face-to-face at the ITC/ILO, Turin, Italy	from 05/10 to 16/10/2009
	• Distance learning:	from 19/10/2009 to 15/03/2010

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

TARGET GROUP:

Key players in local development management and disaster risk reduction such as policy and decision-makers and practitioners. More specifically, individuals from governmental, non governmental and civil society organizations, as well as workers and communities engaged in the theme of the course.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE COURSE:

Priority is offered to those who are:

- Involved in undertaking activities linked with the promotion of local development and disaster risk reduction;
- Personally and institutionally committed to continue working in local development and disasters risk reduction;
- Coming from high disaster risk cities, towns and villages;
- Fluent in English;
- Computer literate and with easy access to ICT facilities and Internet connection.

Participants who successfully complete the whole Course in Disaster Risk Reduction will receive a **diploma** issued by the International Training Centre of the ILO. A **certificate** of attendance will also be issued to those who attend the face-to-face training course.

ENROLMENT INCLUDES:

- Participation to the course and access to all training materials for both distance and residential training.
- Access to the Delnet virtual platforms, which includes e-mail, virtual library, information service, technical advice and networking.
- Enlistment in the electronic mailing list for the Delnet Network – Delnetlist.
- Board and lodging at the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC/ILO) in Turin, Italy, during the residential phase (single room, breakfast, lunch and dinner, medical insurance).
- Access to the ITC/ILO campus general services.
- 1 study visit in the Turin region or other locality relevant at the time of the course.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Euros 3,700 per participant
(or the equivalent in US\$)

REGISTRATION FORMS

Available at: www.itcilo.org/delnet
Or e-mail: drr.delnet@itcilo.org

Enrolment deadline:
28 August 2009

Course start date:
15 September 2009

Delnet is a programme run by the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO), a specialized Agency of the United Nations. Delnet supports local development by combining training, information, technical advice and networking, drawing upon information and communication technology. It offers a distance training model and face-to-face courses on local development issues all over the world.

