



Workshop on Sustainable Investment in Agriculture

18 October - 20 October 2016

Turin, Italy



With the technical collaboration of the
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Why Sustainable Investment in

Agriculture

Investment in agriculture is increasingly being recognized as an important tool for economic development and growth in lower and middle income countries. If managed and negotiated well, private investment in agriculture can contribute to local economic development, job creation, increased productivity and spill over effects in other economic sectors, while at the same time avoiding negative social and environmental impacts sometimes associated with large scale agricultural investment (environmental degradation, water scarcity, violating land rights and rights of workers). The workshop, organized in collaboration with ILO (Multinational Enterprises Unit), FAO, UNCTAD and other international organizations, will present available evidence as well as principles and frameworks guiding responsible investment in agriculture and ancillary approaches such as making context-specific (and knowledge-based) contracts, essential to ensuring sustainable agriculture and development.

Target Audience

Government and public office officials, including investment promotion agencies, workers' and employers' organizations, cooperatives and civil society organizations with mandates related to the promotion, negotiation and management of private sector investment in the agricultural sector, including economic and social development in rural areas; representatives of multinational enterprises and other potential investors in agriculture.

Course outline

The course is centred around three learning questions that will guide the sessions and discussions during the three day workshop

What is happening?

- participants will have increased knowledge regarding trends on inflow of FDI into agriculture compared with other sectors.
- participants will have increased understanding on the performance of agricultural investments and the potential developmental implications of large scale investments into agriculture, especially from the perspective of decent work, employment creation and environmental impacts of FDI in agriculture.

What guidance is available?

- participants will be exposed to several guiding instruments that set frameworks for action to enhance the development impact of such investments.
- participants will be presented alternative models of investments into agriculture.
- participants will have gained increased an understanding of the perspectives of different stakeholder groups involved in agricultural investment.

How you do it?

- participants will be able to apply different guidance instruments in their daily practice.

Cost of participation

The total cost of participation is 1,700 Euro. This includes tuition fees (1,300 Euro) and subsistence costs (400 Euro). The tuition fees cover: course preparation, implementation and evaluation; training materials; the use of training facilities and support services. Subsistence costs cover: full board and lodging on the Centre's Campus, emergency medical insurance and some recreational activities in Turin.

The figures quoted do not include the cost of travel between the participant's home country and the course venue.

Participants must ensure that they have a valid passport and appropriate visa for Italy, and for any country in which a transit or stopover to or from the course venue is required.

The cost of the visa, airport taxes, internal travel in the participant's home country and unauthorized stopovers is not covered.

Applications

The deadline for submission of candidatures is 18 September 2016. Candidates must submit through the website the following documents:

- on-line application form duly filled in, available at: <http://intranetp.itcilo.org/STF/A909121/en>; and
- letter from the sponsor indicating financial support (or letter from the applicant stating that participation cost is covered by himself/herself), to be uploaded when filling in the on-line application.

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