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BACKGROUND

A healthy population is a key element in the development of a nation. Social health insurance contributes to achieving health policy goals such as the improvement of health status, wider access to health care and sound financing for health services. In many countries, under funding and bad management have led to increasing dissatisfaction with the quality and quantity of the health services provided by public systems. In other countries, the introduction of user fees has created new financial barriers to seeking care. As a result, many countries are considering or have recently implemented social health insurance schemes as part of the reform of their health systems.

Training those who will be responsible for the design, management and operation of the scheme is important for the successful implementation of a social health insurance scheme. For the 10th year, the International Training Centre of the ILO is offering a two-week workshop on Social Health Insurance in Turin, Italy. The workshop focuses on the issues related to the feasibility of introducing a scheme and planning for implementation; designing the appropriate contribution levels and benefits, monitoring the provision of services and ensuring the sound financing of the scheme. The workshop is organized so that participants will be able to share with their institutions what they will have learned during the workshop.

OBJECTIVES

This aim of the workshop is threefold:

- to enhance the capacity of planners and managers to design and implement a social health insurance scheme,
- to increase understanding of the financing of health insurance,
- to develop an international perspective on social health insurance through comparative analysis and sharing experiences of other schemes.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop is aimed at executives, managers, planners, financial officers and other responsible professionals of health care and health insurance schemes, both in the government and non-government sectors. The workshop primarily aims at addressing the needs of practitioners; however, persons in research functions within health systems also could benefit from participation in this workshop.

STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

As part of the workshop, participants will engage in a comparative analysis of different national situations as well as a discussion of the options for health system reform. This analysis and discussion will be based on case studies of recent experience in selected countries that have undertaken such reforms. Special attention will be devoted to financial aspects and their impact on the reform process and its outcomes.

The contents consist of modules on the following topics:

- Health care financing policy and social health insurance
- Designing a social health insurance scheme
- Providing the health care benefits
- Financing social health insurance
- Community-based health insurance

METHODOLOGY

An action-oriented, highly participative approach will be employed throughout the workshop, with particular attention paid to sharing international experience with a view to adaptation and practical application. Training methods will combine lectures and discussions, case studies, role-play exercises and group work.

COST OF PARTICIPATION

The cost of participation, **excluding international air travel**, is **3,250 Euros** (course fees 1,570 Euros and participant subsistence 1,680 Euros) payable in advance by the participant or his/her sponsoring organization. This covers: tuition fees; the use of training facilities and support services; training materials and books; accommodation and full board at the Centre's campus; a lump sum for incidental expenses; emergency medical care and insurance.

APPLICATIONS

Applications to participate in the workshop, using the attached nomination form, should be addressed to:

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They should be supported by a nomination letter from the sponsoring institution, indicating how the candidate will be financed.

As an organization dedicated to fundamental human rights and social justice, the ILO is taking a leading role in international efforts to promote and realize gender equality. In line with this ILO focus, women candidates are especially welcome.

THE ILO TURIN CENTRE'S FACILITIES

Located in an attractive park on the banks of the River Po, the Centre's campus provides a congenial environment in which to live and study. It comprises 21 pavilions with:

- fully equipped modern classrooms;
- conference halls and meeting rooms fitted out for multilingual simultaneous interpretation;
- a computer laboratory;
- a computerised documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 287 bed/study rooms all with private bathrooms, telephones and cable television. It also has:

- a reception office open 24 hours a day;
- a restaurant, a self-service and a cafeteria catering for international dietary needs;
- a bank and travel agency;
- a small shop;
- a post office, international telephone exchange, fax and Internet connections;
- a recreation pavilion with reading rooms, television and video rooms;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- medical services.

Social events are regularly organized on and off campus to allow participants from different cultural backgrounds to make the most of the stimulating international climate of the Centre's campus.