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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS

# TRAINING OF INSPECTORS OF LABOUR CONDITIONS ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS

19 JUNE – 7 JULY 2023

 3 WEEKS, 5 HOURS/WEEK

## BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The fisheries sector produces one of the world's most valued sources of food, yet fishing is also one of the most challenging and hazardous occupations.

Fishers' fatality and injury rates are much higher than the national averages for workers in many countries. Globally, fishing is ranked as one of the four most dangerous occupations in which to work, in terms of loss of life, serious injuries, and occupational diseases.

Working and living conditions are also particularly challenging. Compared to those working in other sectors, many fishers are poorly protected by national labour or maritime laws and are often vulnerable to labour exploitation.

The Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), adopted by governments, fishing vessels owners and fishers' organizations, makes it clear that decent working and living conditions on board fishing vessels shall become the rule.

The challenge for competent authorities in fishing and their inspectors is how to build (or extend) inspection services. The goal is to cover working and living conditions on board fishing vessels so that fishers have similar levels of labour protection to workers in industry, commerce and services.

The ILO and the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) accordingly train inspectors who are key to an effective implementation of decent work for all fishers.

## WHO IS THE TARGET AUDIENCE?

- Officials from maritime and labour authorities conducting inspections of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels.
- Trainers of inspectors.
- Representatives of fishing vessel owners' and fishers' organizations can also benefit from the course.

## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM THE COURSE?

- Understanding of the international instruments regulating work in fishing.
- Capacity to prepare and conduct inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels.
- Knowledge of tools and techniques to identify and remedy non-conformities, as well as to promote decent working and living conditions in fishing.

## WHAT TOPICS DOES THE COURSE COVER?

- The international framework: inspection and enforcement challenges; the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) with focus on definitions, scope of application and competent authorities.
- What is to be inspected: roles and responsibilities, valid documents, crew list, fisher's work agreement, manning, hours of rest, medical certificates and care, occupational safety and health, food and water, accommodation, payment of fishers, minimum age, recruitment and repatriation, complaint mechanisms.
- Tools and technics for securing decent living and working conditions on board fishing vessels.

## WHAT METHODS WILL BE USED?

- Interactive self-guided sessions, combined with live sessions via Zoom.
- Multiple-choice quizzes.
- A forum for discussion.
- Knowledge assessment at the start and at the end of the training.

## WHO ARE THE GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE WEBINARS?

- Experts from the International Labour Office.
- Specialists from leading fishing institutions.

## WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE COURSE?

The course will be offered in English. A good command of the working language is required.

## HOW MUCH DOES THE COURSE COST?

The total cost of participation is 820 Euros.

## HOW TO PAY FOR THE COURSE?

Tuition costs must be paid in advance before the beginning of the course by the participant or the sponsor through bank transfer or credit card.

Payments by bank transfer should be made to:

International Training Centre of the ILO Account No. 560002

Bank: Intesa-Sanpaolo Ag. 523

IBAN: IT96 G030 6909 2141 0000 0560 002 BIC: BCITITMM

Address: Corso Unione Sovietica 409, 10135 Turin – Italy

Note: on the bank transfer form, the participant's name and the course code should be indicated.

For payments by credit card, please e-mail to [ils@itcilo.org](mailto:ils@itcilo.org).

For detailed information regarding payments, cancellations and refunds, please consult: <https://www.itcilo.org/applications-payments-cancellation>

## HOW TO APPLY?

The deadline for submitting applications is **4 June 2023**.

Candidates must submit the following documents:

- on-line application form duly completed, available at: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9716148/en>;
- a letter from the sponsor indicating the financial support (or a letter from the applicant stating that participation costs are covered by him/herself), to be uploaded while filling in the on-line application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

*As an Organization dedicated to promoting social justice and human rights at work, the ILO is taking a leading role in international efforts to foster gender equality. In line with this ILO focus, women are particularly encouraged to apply to ITCILO courses.*

# INFO

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT**

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