

Participation in Delnet will give you 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 Course in Management of Local Development is available in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Course in Management of Local Development

In the framework of the activities implemented by the **Delnet of the Enterprise, Microfinance and Local Development Programme of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO)**

Presentation

The Course in Management of Local Development aims to boost personal and institutional capabilities in terms of the design, implementation and evaluation of sustainable local development strategies and policies appropriate to the local socio-economic context and designed to improve the quality of life in a given territory.

The course is designed to support participants in their daily local development work by providing theoretical models and, especially, practical tools. The course contents should provide the basis for a critical analysis and, above all, for concrete implementation.

Those who successfully complete the Course in Local Development receive a diploma issued by the International Centre of the ILO.

Methodology

Delnet offers a distance learning training model that uses information and communication technology to give the participant a dynamic and flexible learning experience.

Each participant enrolled in the Course in Local Development receives constant support from a specialized technical team who uses personalized technical resources and a Virtual Classroom to enable the participants to follow the course and to communicate with tutors and with other participants.

The Virtual Classroom allows the Tutorial Service to provide Delnet participants with a useful training tool that facilitates learning process.

This electronic platform is reserved to participants only and offers essential elements in order to follow the courses: training contents; information about timetable and procedures; self-evaluation forms; as well as the opportunity to communicate with the Programme Services and the other distance course participants.

Objectives

The course has the objective to boost participants' skills to:

- Build an integrated vision of local development, which goes beyond economic aspects and hence taking into account cultural and social aspects.
- Revalue the importance of public-private partnerships, as a necessary condition for the success of local development policies.
- Identify key fundamentals for strategic planning.
- Assess the state of your territory by identifying the strong elements, opportunities, weaknesses and threats.
- Design programmes/projects using the logical framework.



CONTENTS OF THE COURSE IN MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT:

• TRAINING UNIT 1: Local development as a motor for change

TU1 seeks to offer a reference framework for local development. It describes the main trends and strategies in such a way as to construct a vision that combines economic, social and cultural aspects and is applicable to different contexts.

• TRAINING UNIT 2: Local development: decentralization and participation of the civil society

TU2 identifies the key elements for designing local development policies based on the active participation of civil society and identifies the different alternatives for decentralization.

• TRAINING UNIT 3: Strategic planning

TU3 identifies the key elements and the fundamental objectives of strategic planning, analyses strategic planning in different regions and assess the potential of the participatory strategy in formulating strategic plans.

• TRAINING UNIT 4: Structure and management mechanisms

TU4 identifies the potential and the limitations of various models for managing local development and the basic principles underlying the establishment and organization of Local Development Actors.

• TRAINING UNIT 5: Initiative and innovation for enterprise development, employment and income generation

TU5 introduces new approaches for and identifies measures to support employment and income generation. It also has the objective to assess the role of local development agencies supporting entrepreneurship promotion for economic renewal and assist participants in promoting entrepreneurship and employment through innovative projects.

• TRAINING UNIT 6: Entrepreneurship, the engine of local economic development

TU6 deals with key issues in the field of entrepreneurship promotion and self-employment in micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

STUDY TIMETABLE

MODALITY	DURATION	ACADEMIC YEAR
Distance learning	Study timetable of the course comprises of 220 hours, spread across 9 months. This means a commitment of 24/25 hours a month, that is 5 to 6 hours a week	November 2009 - July 2010

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

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Academic:

To take part in Delnet, an academic qualification is not required. The main admission requirement is to be working or undertaking research in local development.

Technology:

Access to a computer with a printer and a modem are required to enable communication with the programme team and access to Delnet's internet page and the Delnet Campus.

Enrolment:

Enrolment deadline:
2 October 2009

Course start date:
5 November 2009

PARTICIPATION FEE

Euros 2.000 per participant (or the equivalent in US\$)

Enrolment gives access to:

- Distance learning course in Management of Local development.
- Delnet's Campus databases and electronic platforms (virtual classroom, virtual library, local development projects database).
- An Information and Technical Advice direct email line.
- Delnet's specialized publications.
- Enlistment in the electronic mailing list for the Delnet Network – Delnetlist. This service remains active permanently to former participants.

Delnet in the frame of Enterprise, Microfinance and Local Development Programme of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO), a specialized Agency of the United Nations, 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.

