



ENGAGE PROGRAMME: South Africa

Empowerment & Capacity Building Network for Global Trade Unionists & Labour Activists

Training Programme for Participants from Africa, Asia, South and North America & Europe

August – September 2016

Workers in both the formal and informal economies as well as trade unions are faced with rapid economic and social change. As yet, adequate regulatory and protective frameworks have not been found to meet the challenges imposed by the varying forces of globalisation.

The current world economic crisis urgently requires the development of alternative policies and rules based on universal human rights, international social justice and democratic self-determination. However, to turn these policies and rules into reality a strong voice representing the interests of workers is needed.

Therefore ENGAGE helps labour activists and trade unionists to acquire additional knowledge and tools enabling them to take an active part in public debate and the process of policy formulation and implementation. The Certificate Course “Labour Policies and Globalisation” constitutes the core of the activities of ENGAGE.

The cause of the decade-long decline in the wage share and the requirements for a wage-led recovery path will be discussed and analysed during the training. The participants will jointly develop strategies to enforce decent work conditions along cross-national chains of production and to regulate financial markets in a way that promotes fair globalisation and inclusive societies.

The topics to be discussed in the framework will include:

- Global Governance
- Global wage policy/finance
- Labour and development
- Society and development
- Trade union capacity building
- Practical research project

Target Group

Participation of labour activists and trade unionists from Africa, Asia, South and North America and Europe makes the ENGAGE training programme a truly unique international experience that offers new opportunities for global networking.

ENGAGE is part of the Global Labour University (GLU) network that has successfully established academic study opportunities for labour activists from all over the world at sites in Africa, Asia, South and North America and Europe with the aim of strengthening the intellectual and strategic capacity of workers' organisations and foster stronger working relationships between trade unions. Courses will be taught by

experienced teaching staff from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and other guest lecturers.

Practical Considerations:

Certification: Upon successful completion of the training programme, participants will receive a short-course certificate of competence

Classes: The courses will run from the beginning of August to the end of September 2016 at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Return flights should be booked for 30th September 2016.

Research Report Project: A group research project will be undertaken during the last week of the programme in and the date of this will be announced on acceptance.

Financing and Scholarships:

The ENGAGE Programme receives support from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and International Labour Organisation (ILO). There are a limited number of scholarships for participants from Africa, Asia and South America.

The scholarships will cover the following:

- Accommodation
- Tuition/fees at the University of the Witwatersrand

Day-to-day living expenses are the responsibility of the participants. The flights to and from students' home countries have to be paid for by the participants or an organisation on their behalf.

Estimated Costs:

Accommodation	14 000.00ZAR	970USD
Tuition Fees	7000.00ZAR	485USD
Living Expenses	4000.00ZAR	272USD

Please note: These estimated costs are for the duration of the ENGAGE Programme.

Admission requirements:

- you are a trade unionist (in full-time employment and/or voluntary involvement) or are otherwise active in the labour movement
- you are committed to employing your new skills in labour-related issues
- you are motivated to pass your acquired knowledge on to others
- you have at least a School Leaving Certificate (in exceptional circumstances we can also recognise prior learning for those who do not have school leaving certificates)
- those with Bachelor's degree to apply are also encouraged to apply
- you have at least three years' labour-related work experience
- you are responsible or will become responsible for labour-related policies in an organisation representing workers or dealing with labour issues
- you have a good command of English, are able to express yourself in writing and willing to participate actively in courses (see below).

Language requirements

A TOEFL (IBT) score of 60 points or higher or a score of 5.5 in IELTS or higher; or you have been taught in English up to your School Leaving Certificate or your BA programme.

Application process

To complete the application process please submit the following documents (in English):

- ENGAGE Programme Application Form
- CV
- Motivational letter
- A letter of recommendation by your organisation
- Copies of your academic certificates

Contact:

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Closing Date: 28 February 2016, NO incomplete applications will be processed.

Application Submission:

Please submit application documents via email to engage.southafrica@wits.ac.za
or via courier to:

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