



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Energy Transition Training Industry

A Shiraka professional development course

The Netherlands invites civil servants and relevant semi-public organisations from the MENA region to apply for a professional development course on Energy Transition with a focus on industry. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.

The objective of the course is for those, who are working in the energy sector (policy makers and energy companies active in their industrial energy transition) to share their knowledge and skills enabling them to lead and inspire the energy transition in their home countries, communities and cities. The course also aims to strengthen participants' ties with the Netherlands and stakeholders in the Dutch energy sector.

Goals of the Energy Transition professional development course (Industry)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands is organizing the professional development course with the following aims:

- Developing and reinforcing participant's specific knowledge and understanding for an integral and multisectoral energy transition;
- Empowering participants with the skills to formulate and implement successful energy policies via public private partnerships and a multidisciplinary approach to the energy transition;
- Stimulating cooperation between the Netherlands and the Arab region, as well as intraregional cooperation;
- Providing participants the opportunity to expand their professional networks.

Course outline and content

The course consists of two non-consecutive weeks in the Netherlands and Jordan.

The first week will take place in September in The Hague. The focus will be on developing and enhancing the participant's theoretical and contextual knowledge regarding the energy transition, focusing specifically on industry. Experts from the Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP) will provide lectures, while Clingendael Academy will provide skills training. A working visit to sites in the Netherlands and engaging with Dutch energy practitioners is part of the programme.

The second week will take place in November in Jordan. The participants will engage extensively with each other in skills workshops (negotiation and change management) and with experts from the energy sector in Jordan. There will also be working visits illustrate how countries in the region are managing the energy transition and exchange ideas.

During the training weeks and the period in between, participants will work on a 'back home action plan'. This collaborative project will empower participants to further apply their cultivated knowledge and skills in their own organizations after course completion.

Shiraka, COVID and online alternative

If international health and travel restrictions make it impossible to organize trainings in either Jordan or the Netherlands an alternative format will be provide like an online training. In case of an online training participants are expected to have good computer skills, sufficient access to a computer with a recent operating system and a good internet connection (participants should be able to use Zoom, Word, PowerPoint).

Dates, location and language

This professional development course will take place both in the Netherlands (week 1) and in Jordan (week 2), depending on the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions.

Week 1 (Netherlands): Starts Monday 19 September (arrival 18 September) and ends Friday 23 September (departure 24 September);

Week 2 (Jordan): Starts Monday 21 November (arrival 20 November) and ends Friday 25 November (departure 26 November).

The course will be in English, with interpretation into Arabic or French. Participants are obliged to attend all parts in full. After completing the course, participants who attended all sessions will receive a certificate.

Costs and fees

The Dutch government will take care of all relevant costs for participants from countries on the [OECD-DAC list](#). This includes international travel, board and lodging, visa and insurance, PCR tests and tuition fees for the course. Participants from countries that are not on the OECD-DAC list will pay for their own international travel costs; flight tickets and visa. Board and lodging, insurance and tuition fees for the course will be covered by the Dutch government. All applicants are responsible for the organisation and costs of travelling to the airport in their own country. Participants from countries on the OECD-DAC list departing from an international airport outside their own country, will have to cover local travel expenses themselves and will be compensated for the international part of their journey. Participants are responsible for the organisation of their visa application and PCR tests. Participants have the obligation to comply with the Covid-19 (travel) measures and regulation of the Dutch Government, in force upon their arrival and stay in the Netherlands. For more information see: [Coronavirus COVID-19 | Government.nl](#) In case of no-shows or cancellations within four weeks before the start of the first part of the training, the organisation has the right to claim all costs incurred from the participants' employer.

Application

Applications should be made online before **25 July 2022**. To apply you have to create an account first which will enable you to fill out the online application form. Go to the website:

<http://www.shiraka.nl>

Click on "Register" and scroll to Energy Transition. Click on "Apply". You will be asked to login using an e-mail address and password. If you do not have an account yet click on register and fill in the required information. Click on "register". You will now receive an e-mail asking you to confirm your e-mail address. After you have confirmed, your account is created. Login to fill in the application form for Energy Transition and save the form. After saving your application form, you have successfully applied. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Eligibility criteria:

- Administrative check. Fully documented applications received before the deadline.
- Match of job position and learning goals with the topics of the course and motivation.
- Between 5 and 10 years relevant work experience in the energy sector (industry);
- No (previous) participation in other Shiraka or Matra-South Training Programmes;

We encourage women to apply, as we highly value diversity amongst our participants. There are 25 places available, which will ideally be divided equally between the invited countries. A passive understanding of the English language would be a plus. Please be aware that this won't be used as a selection criteria.

The Shiraka programme aims to close the gap between government and civilians, among which the semi-public sector. Civil servants are the main target group. However, a limited amount of places is available for participants from semi-public organisations. We welcome participants from organisations that are closely liaised to public actors in the mentioned field, play a direct or active role in the value chain, or are directly affected by policy development and should therefore be involved.

Shiraka training programme

The course will be organized as part of the Shiraka programme, an initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Shiraka is a Dutch bilateral effort dedicated to contributing to political development in the MENA region. Through this Shiraka training programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs aims to stimulate and support sustainable transition in the MENA region and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries.

More information

IO@rvo.nl (for questions concerning the application and the database);
hwurzer@clingendael.org (for questions concerning the course)

The Shiraka Training Programme is an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The department International Entrepreneurship of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency implements the Shiraka Training Programme. The Energy Transition professional development course will be organized by Clingendael.

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