



Are you a civil servant in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) region? If so, please register for a professional development training course on

Local Governance

Who is the course for?

We invite professionals who are ambitious about professionalising their public services in local governance to register for this training course. This is a unique opportunity to share your knowledge and skills with other participants and be inspired by colleagues abroad.

This training course is for civil servants in the target countries of Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.



To register, you must have between 5 to 10 years of relevant work experience in the field of local governance. Since this is a once in a lifetime experience, you can only participate in a Shiraka training once, and only if you have not previously participated in another Shiraka training programme.

Since we value diversity among our participants, we encourage women to take part. This training programme is part of the 'Shiraka' training programme, an initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Shiraka aims to strengthen and improve bilateral relations between the Netherlands and the MENA region in the public sector and offers an opportunity to improve public services through reciprocal inspiration. For more information on the Shiraka Training Programme

please watch this [video](#).

Training course goals

The Shiraka training on local governance will help you:

- to gain insight into the principles of good local governance and effective inter-administrative relations;
- share your knowledge and skills in your home country;
- develop a valuable network of peers in your region, country and in the Netherlands;
- strengthen your connections with the Netherlands and stakeholders in the Dutch local governance sector.

Training course topics

The training course covers the following topics:

- Main concepts and elements of decentralisation and multi-level governance
- Local economic development
- Good local governance: participation, inclusion, transparency and accountability
- Practical skills such as negotiation skills, project management and change management
- Study visits to governmental bodies in The Netherlands

Training course details

- Since all the sessions are in English, we recommend an intermediate level of English.
- Live interpretation during meetings and sessions into Arabic and/or French is available.
- We can offer the training course to 25 people. We will allocate these places to the participating countries based on the quality of the applications.
- The entire training course consists out of a 5-week online training and a 2-week online refresher, for which we expect a time commitment of around 6-8 hours per week, and a 1 week training in The Netherlands.
- Study visits and social activities are part of the training course.
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completing the course.

Training course itinerary

The training course will consist out of an online training and a refresher, followed by a training in The Hague, the Netherlands:

| | Dates | City | Country |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Part 1 | 21/04/25 - 22/05/25 | Online | Online |
| Refresher | 01/09/25 - 12/09/25 | Online | Online |
| Part 2 | 29/09/25 - 03/10/25 | The Hague | The Netherlands |

If international health and travel restrictions make it impossible to hold a training session in the Netherlands, an alternative will be offered. This may be an online training.

For the online training, we expect participants to have good computer skills, access to an adequate computer with a recent operating system and a good internet connection (participants must be able to use Zoom, Word, PowerPoint etc.).

For all participants



- You must organise and pay for your journey to the airport in your home country.
- You are responsible for organising your visa in your home country.

Costs for participants from countries on the [OECD-DAC list](#)



- The Dutch government will cover all relevant costs. This includes international travel, accommodation, meals during training days, visa, insurance and tuition fees.
- If you travel from an international airport outside your home country, you will need to cover local travel costs yourself. You will receive compensation for the international leg of your journey.

Costs for participants from countries **not** on the [OECD-DAC list](#)



- You must organise and pay for your own international travel and visa.
- The Dutch government will cover the cost of accommodation, insurance, PCR tests and tuition fees.

No-show or cancellation costs



- If you cannot attend or cancel your participation within 4 weeks prior to the training course, the organisation has the right to claim all the associated costs from your employer.

How to apply

- Applications should be made online before 2 February 2025.
- Visit our [Shiraka training courses overview](#) and select the course of your choice by clicking on 'apply'.
- [Log in](#) or create an account using the 'register' button.

More information

IO@nva.nl (for questions concerning your application and the database)
Shiraka.lg@thehagueacademy.com (for questions concerning the course)

The Shiraka Training Programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Department for International Entrepreneurship of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency implements the Shiraka Training Programme. The Shiraka Local Governance professional development course will be organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance.

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