INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SDGS & LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Introduction

This course introduces participants to the principles, strategies and practical approaches for advancing inclusive social development and implementing the principle of Leaving No One Behind (LNOB). Sustainable development requires more than economic growth and improved services; it requires institutions and development programmes that address inequality, remove barriers to participation and ensure that all people have meaningful opportunities to benefit from and contribute to development. The programme provides a comprehensive framework for understanding and addressing poverty, inequality, discrimination, exclusion, vulnerability and unequal access to social, economic, political and institutional opportunities. Participants will examine how structural and systemic factors can prevent particular populations from fully participating in development and will explore practical approaches for identifying people at risk of being left behind. Particular attention is given to inclusive policy development, equitable service delivery, participation and empowerment, social protection, gender equality, disability inclusion, community engagement and the use of disaggregated data to identify inequalities and measure progress. Participants will also explore how LNOB can be integrated into institutional strategies, development programmes and SDG implementation.

Course Objectives

- Understand inclusive social development.
- Explain the Leave No One Behind principle.
- Identify structural inequality and exclusion.
- Analyse vulnerable and marginalised populations.
- Develop inclusive policies and programmes.
- Strengthen participation and representation.

- Integrate inclusion into SDG implementation.
- Develop measurable inclusion outcomes.

Course Modules

> Module 1: Foundations of Social Development
- Meaning of social development
- Social development principles
- Human development and wellbeing
- Inclusive development

> Module 2: Agenda 2030 and LNOB
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Leave No One Behind
- Equality and inclusion
- SDG implementation

> Module 3: Inequality and Exclusion
- Economic inequality
- Social exclusion
- Political exclusion
- Structural barriers

> Module 4: Identifying People Being Left Behind
- Vulnerability analysis
- Marginalised populations
- Intersectionality
- Data and identification

> Module 5: Inclusive Policy Development
- Inclusion in policy
- Equity-focused planning
- Inclusive service delivery
- Policy implementation

> Module 6: Participation and Empowerment
- Community participation

- Citizen voice
- Empowerment approaches
- Inclusive decision-making

> Module 7: Social Protection and Inclusion
- Social-protection systems
- Vulnerability reduction
- Access to essential services
- Inclusive safety nets

> Module 8: Gender and Social Inclusion
- Gender inequality
- Women's participation
- Gender-responsive programmes
- Intersectional inclusion

> Module 9: Measuring Inclusion
- Inclusion indicators
- Equity measurement
- Disaggregated data
- Impact assessment

> Module 10: Inclusive Development Strategy
- Institutional inclusion assessment
- Strategic priorities
- Implementation framework
- LNOB action plan