



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Energy Transition Training Electricity

*A Shiraka professional development course*

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

The objective of the online course is for those, who are working in the electricity sector (policy makers, network operators and energy companies ) 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 (Electricity)

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 required 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.
- Additionally, providing participants the opportunity to expand their professional networks.

## Course outline and content

The course consists of two non-consecutive weeks. The first week will take place online in December 2021. The focus will be on developing and enhancing the participant's theoretical and contextual knowledge regarding the energy transition, focusing specifically on the electricity. Experts from the Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP) will provide lectures, while Clingendael Academy will provide skills training . A virtual working visit will also be organized.

The training will be fully digital using Clingendael Academy online platforms. During the COVID-pandemic, Clingendael Academy gained extensive experience with providing high quality trainings online.

In the second week, the course will (depending on the Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions) take place in the Netherlands. The participants will engage extensively with each other in skills workshops (negotiation and change management) and with experts from the energy/electricity sector in the Netherlands. There will also be numerous working visits throughout the Netherlands to illustrate how the Netherlands is gearing up for its energy transition.

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

*Please note that first week of online training is intensive, requiring on- and off-line work. We recommend participants be exempted from work -related duties. The second week in the Netherlands and travel thereto is subject to the developments of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore no rights may be derived from the content of this brochure.*

### Dates, location and language

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

Week 1 (online): Starts Monday 13 December and ends Thursday 16 December 2021 (Online);

Week 2 (Netherlands): Starts Monday 21 March (arrival 20 March) and ends Friday 25 March 2022 (departure 26 March)

The course will be in English, with interpretation into Arabic or French when and if needed. 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, 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. 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.

### Technological requirements

Week 1 will be offered online through the digital platform Zoom. In order to attend, participants should have a reliable internet connection and a device allowing a connection through Zoom (with a camera and a microphone). Clingendael Academy will provide the participants with a link to join the meeting daily. The digital training platform Moodle will also be used to share materials and as a communication platform with the participants

### Application

Applications should be made online before **22 November 2021**.

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 Electricity sector;
- 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](mailto:IO@rvo.nl) (for questions concerning the application and the database);

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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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