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Registration information

Universal service funds for school connectivity

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Training details

Modality: Online instructor led
Dates: *12 Oct 2026 - 13 Nov 2026*
Training fees: $0.00
Language: English
Application deadline: 24 Sep 2026
Training code: 26OI500582MUL-E-D
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Training description

This course equips Universal Service Fund (USF) managers, policymakers, regulators, and other officials with the knowledge and practical tools needed to use USFs to finance school connectivity projects. Participants will learn how to identify school connectivity constraints, assess the economic and financial drivers behind them, prioritise schools for intervention and structure USF financing to address coverage, affordability and sustainability. The course examines the distinctive role of USFs in financing school connectivity, including how they address market failures, when they are best suited to finance network expansion or address affordability challenges as well as how their role complements broader government funding and policy initiatives. Each module contributes to a capstone project, where participants apply the concepts introduced in the course to develop a practical School Connectivity Financing and Implementation Plan that can be used by USFs to finance school connectivity programs.

For more information about the training objectives, target population, entry requirements, methodology, evaluation and content, consult the page here.

How to apply

In order to register for the training, applicants should:

1. Create an ITU Academy account here
2. Apply for the course here
3. The selection of participants for the course will be made by the course coordinators, based on the course's entry requirements, selection criteria and available number of seats. If selected, you will receive a notification by email.

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