



FOR INFORMATION

THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Matters arising out of the work of the 96th Session (2007) of the International Labour Conference

Follow-up to the adoption of the conclusions on the promotion of sustainable enterprises

1. On 13 June 2007, the 96th Session of the International Labour Conference adopted the Conclusions of the Committee on the Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises. The Conclusion noted that “sustainable enterprises are a principal source of growth, wealth creation, employment and decent work. The promotion of sustainable enterprises is, therefore, a major tool for achieving decent work, sustainable development and innovation that improves standards of living and social conditions over time” (paragraph 3).
2. The conclusions provide guidance to social partners, governments and the ILO on how to promote enterprise development in a manner that aligns enterprise growth with sustainable development objectives and the creation of productive employment and decent work.

Follow-up

3. The conclusions have been published and presentations made at a number of international advocacy and training events. For example:
 - The conclusions were incorporated into the technical paper entitled “Sustaining productivity and competitiveness for decent work” presented at the Asian Employment Forum: Growth, Employment and Decent Work (August 2007).
 - A keynote address by the ILO at the 20th International Labour Symposium co-sponsored by the ILO Office in Japan and the Ohara Institute for Social Research, Hosei University. The topic of the symposium was the promotion of sustainable enterprises (September 2007).
 - A presentation to the Executive Committee of the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development on 11 September in Geneva, and to the full membership of the Donor Committee on 9 November 2007 in Accra, Ghana.

- Incorporation of a presentation and discussion on the conclusions at the recent International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin, course entitled “Creating an enabling environment for small enterprise development” (October 2007).
4. New tools and resources are being developed. For example, a new training programme is being developed and will be piloted this year in partnership with the International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin entitled “Sustainable enterprise promotion through good workplace practices and human resource management”. This course draws extensively on the relevant parts of the conclusions that refer to enterprise-level principles for sustainable enterprises.
 5. Further advocacy events, training and technical cooperation projects are being discussed with the social partners.

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