



FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Update on strategic priorities
for MULTI for 2006-07**

1. The appendix contains a simplified version of the strategic priorities table presented in March 2006,¹ with a summary indication of the current status of each work item. An update was provided to the Officers of the Subcommittee during their meeting at the 296th Session of the Governing Body.
2. The major challenge remains resource mobilization for work items requiring specialized technical skills, in particular making the Business and Social Initiatives Database (BASI) more user-friendly.

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¹ GB.295/MNE/4/1.

Appendix

| Strategic priority ¹ | Output expected | Current status |
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| 1. Follow-up to the Eighth Survey | | |
| 1.1. Knowledge development | Publications | Criteria have been developed for assessing good practice and case studies have been developed or commissioned. |
| 1.2. Promotional activities and technical advisory services | Print updated MNE Declaration, translate; produce executive summary | New edition printed with new cover design; translations in process; draft pamphlet produced explaining MNE Declaration. |
| 1.3. Alternatives for the Ninth Survey | Office paper proposing alternatives | Completed. See GB.297/3/1. |
| 2. IFI on CSR | | |
| 2.1. Knowledge development | Publications; collection of good practice | Research under way on agriculture-into-retail and electronics sectors. |
| 2.2. Tripartite and expert meetings to consider what constitutes good CSR practice | Recommendations | InFocus Forum on the relationship between private systems of inspection, social auditing and certification to be held during the November 2006 Governing Body. InFocus Forum on voluntary reporting practices to be held in the March 2007 Governing Body. |
| 2.3. Promotional activities and technical advisory services | Training package | Training package developed in consultation with social partners; now being piloted. |
| 3. Development of practical guidelines for implementing the MNE Declaration | Guidelines | In process, linked to development of promotional materials for 30th Anniversary event. |
| 4. MNEs and industrial relations | Working papers | Work to commence in 2007. |
| 5. International Forum for the 30th Anniversary of the MNE Declaration | Event with range of outputs | In process. See GB.297/MNE/4/1 for detailed update. |
| 6. Upgrading BASI to be more user-friendly | Improved database | Exploring external funding possibilities. |
| 7. Cooperation with other international organizations | Raise the profile of the MNE Declaration | Participating in meetings, providing technical assistance. See GB.297/MNE/2/2 for further information. |

¹ These are the strategic priorities endorsed by the Subcommittee last March. See GB.295/MNE/4/1, 295th Session, March 2006, appendix.