



THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Evaluations

### (c) Independent evaluation of the ILO Country Programme for Argentina: 2001–06

#### *Addendum*

The following tripartite assessment concerning the evaluation of the ILO Country Programme for Argentina: 2001–06 was endorsed by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MTESS), the Argentine Industrial Union (UIA) and the General Confederation of Labour (CGT).

1. The programme in question was the result of activities carried out by the ILO (the Director-General's Office, headquarters departments in Geneva, the ILO Regional Office and the ILO Office in Buenos Aires) in coordination with and involving the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security of the Argentine Republic, as well as other governmental authorities and representatives of employers' and workers' organizations. These activities were implemented in response to the serious social, economic and political crisis that occurred between 2001 and 2002, affecting the lives of all Argentinians.
2. The ILO's policy advice and technical assistance sought to promote, primarily, the incorporation of the decent work concept and its implications into national, provincial and municipal public policies, with a view to overcoming the worst aspects of the crisis, particularly those relating to the labour market.
3. The ILO's input was constantly adapted by ILO officials in order to contribute as effectively as possible, as circumstances demanded, to the various programmes and activities established with a view to promoting the restoration of the social and labour indicators developed by the Argentinian public authorities and social partners. The Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) 2005–07 was developed in response to those requirements and on the basis of that cooperation.

4. ILO officials, in addition to Argentinian constituents and external consultants, participated in the 2007 evaluation. The Office has received the final versions of the constituents' individual observations, which have been considered with a view to enhancing existing cooperation and improving the programming of future activities, both in Argentina and abroad.
5. The constituents' degrees of satisfaction vary with the services provided. Given the exceptional nature of the crisis suffered by Argentina and the ILO's immediate response, the Organization's action was greatly appreciated by all constituents, particularly because it has contributed to the consolidation of democratic governance in the country.
6. The extreme crisis has since come to an end and many of the indicators reflecting the current social and labour situation in Argentina have evolved in a very positive way. The ILO's activities in Argentina in a new DWCP should therefore be guided by current and future needs, so as to assist actively in reducing poverty through the integration of public policies, taking decent work as the framework, and by making social dialogue the vehicle for coordinating and implementing joint efforts. The ILO's enhanced role in Argentina should be bolstered by the appropriate resources.