



FOR INFORMATION

FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other matters arising out of the work of the 97th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference

Follow-up to the adoption of the conclusions on the promotion of rural employment for poverty reduction

1. On 12 June 2008, the 97th Session of the International Labour Conference adopted the conclusions of the Committee on the Promotion of Rural Employment for Poverty Reduction.
2. The conclusions urged the Office to implement an integrated strategy to support member States in promoting productive and decent employment in rural areas. Implementing the plan requires practical interventions across the four strategic objectives of the ILO at global, national and local levels, addressing specific economic sectors.
3. Follow-up action has started in the following areas:
 - the conclusions are being taken into account in the preparation of the Programme and Budget for 2010–11 and the Strategic Policy Framework for 2010–15; specific indicators for rural employment promotion will be included;
 - a number of regions and countries have built on the conclusions to include the promotion of rural employment for poverty reduction as part of their Decent Work Country Programmes; technical cooperation programmes for rural employment will be further expanded;
 - an international seminar on work improvement in neighbourhood development in October 2008 discussed strategies to promote occupational safety and health in rural enterprises and communities as part of an integrated approach to decent work;
 - a joint meeting is planned with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development on gender and rural employment in March 2009; partnerships with UN system agencies and programmes will be further strengthened.
4. Further follow-up is envisaged through the establishment of a cross-departmental task force.

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