

## ILO Decent Work Research Prize

The ILO's International Institute for Labour Studies has created a research prize to annually reward outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge on the ILO's central goal of decent work for all.

Prize winners are selected by a five member jury consisting of eminent personalities with an international reputation and proven expertise in labour and social policy issues.

### The 2007 prize

The **first ILO Decent Work Research Prize** was awarded at the closing plenary of the ILO's International Labour Conference on 15 June 2007, before a global audience of government, employer and worker delegates and media representatives.

**Nelson MANDELA**, former President of the Republic of South Africa and Nobel Peace Laureate, was awarded an exceptional prize for his extraordinary lifetime contribution to knowledge, understanding and advocacy on the central concerns of the ILO, which has provided the inspiration for both research and policy across the world.

**Carmelo MESA-LAGO**, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus on Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, United States, was awarded the prize to recognize his major scholarly contributions to the analysis of socio-economic relationships and policy instruments for the advancement of decent work.

### The 2008 prize

The **second ILO Decent Work Research Prize** was awarded at the closing plenary of the ILO's International Labour Conference on 13 June 2008 to Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and leading Canadian labour researcher Harry Arthurs.

The jury named **Professor Joseph STIGLITZ**, of Columbia University, New York, for his extraordinary lifetime contribution to knowledge on the central concerns of the ILO and its constituents reflecting advances in understanding of different dimensions of decent work.

**Professor Harry ARTHURS**, former Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Toronto, Canada and former President of the University, was cited for a major specific contribution to the understanding of socio-economic relationships and policy instruments for the advancement of decent work.

### Call for nominations 2009

Under the rules of the ILO Decent Work Research Prize, individuals and institutions can nominate candidates but only individuals qualify as candidates. Each nominee must have the support of at least one organization from the ILO's tripartite constituency (i.e. a government, a workers' or an employers' organization) and one

leading academic in the area of labour and social policy. The letters of support should come from different regions of the world.

The jury examines relevant publications of the candidates. Both the excellence of the work and its practical value for policy purposes are taken into account.

**An official Call for Nominations with detailed information on the dossiers to be submitted for participation in the 2009 ILO Decent Work Research Prize will be launched shortly and appear inter alia here and on the ILO website ([www.ilo.org](http://www.ilo.org)).**