

ILO nominates Nigeria to benefit from global jobs pact

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has nominated Nigeria to benefit from its integrated assistance package under the Global Jobs Pact (GJP) initiative, spokesperson of the Ministry of Labour and Productivity Prince Samuel Olowookere, has said.

He said in a statement issued in Abuja that the nomination was to enable the Federal Government to generate employment and provide decent jobs for Nigerians.

“In recognition of the efforts by the Federal Government to generate employment and provide decent jobs for Nigerians, the International Labour Organization (ILO) has nominated Nigeria as one of the countries to benefit from the integrated assistance package under the Global Jobs Pact (GJP) initiative.

“The choice of Nigeria follows the activities of Minister of Labour and Productivity, Prince Adetokunbo Kayode, especially the National Employment Summit which was organized under his supervision and the National Employment Action Plan,” he said.

The spokesperson said this was disclosed by the ILO Director for Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone Mrs Sina Chuma – Mkandawire, in a letter addressed to the Minister of Labour and Productivity.

He said the ILO advised Nigeria government to consider options such as public infrastructure investment, special employment programmes, broadening of social protection and minimum wages as measures to reduce poverty, increase demand and contribute to economic stability, to achieve the job pact.

He also quoted Mrs. Chuma-Makandawire as saying that the Global Jobs Pact is specifically designed to guide national and International policies aimed at stimulating economic recovery, generating jobs and providing protection to working people and their families.