

Working Out of Poverty:
A Decent Work Approach to Development and Growth in Africa

September 8-9, 2008
The Cape Hotel
Monrovia, Liberia

Sunday, September 7, 2008

- 13:00 Departure for Optional Pre-Workshop Project Visit for International Participants
Mt. Barclay/Johnsonville Road
- 17:00 Arrival at Cape and Mamba Point Hotels in Monrovia
- 18:00 – Meeting for Speakers and Moderators at Mamba Point Hotel
18:30
- 18:30 - Reception for all Participants and Invited Local Guests
20:30 Mamba Point Hotel, Mamba Point Road

Monday, September 8, 2008

- 8:30 Registration begins at The Cape Hotel Conference Centre
- 9:00 Welcoming Remarks and Official Launch of the Workshop
Samuel Kofi Woods, Minister of Labour
Mpenda Kabundi, Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Africa, ILO
Mary Robinson, Founder and President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative
Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- 10:00 Plenary Panel 1: Perspectives on Challenges for Development and Decent Work
in Africa
Jordan Ryan, UN Resident Coordinator in Liberia
John Odah, General Secretary of the Nigeria Labour Congress and Vice-President of ITUC-Africa
Rose Karikari Anang, Executive Director, Ghana Employers Association
Håkon A. Gulbrandsen, State Secretary for International Development, Norway
Zhou Yuxiao, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Liberia
Arnold Kanyangarara, Coca Cola
- Discussion
Moderator: Liberia Minister of Agriculture Chris Toe and Ambassador of the United States Ambassador
Linda Greenfield (TBC)
- 11:15 Coffee/tea Break

- 11:30 Plenary Panel 2: Learning from Policy and Practice
 Post-conflict reconstruction and job creation: Examples from Liberia and Mozambique
- Liberia: Video and Presentation from Jackson Wonde, Deputy Minister of Labour
 - Mozambique: Vice Minister of Planning Victor Bernardo
- Discussion
 Moderators: Liberian Rehabilitation and Development Committee Chair Natty B. Davis and UN Resident Coordinator Jordan Ryan
- 12:45 Lunch
- 13:45 Plenary Panel 3: Promoting sustainable enterprises and decent jobs in the formal and informal sectors
- Donor Perspectives on Support for Decent Job Creation in Enterprises
 Errol Graham, Senior Economist for Liberia, The World Bank
 - Moving out of Informality: Local Economic Development Programmes in Ghana
 Video and Presentation by Esther Ofei-Aboagye, Director, Institute of Local Government Studies in Ghana
 - Supporting Local Producers in Company Value Chains
 Kene Umeasiegbu, Cadbury Schweppes
 - Developing Good Standards and Practice in the Extractives Sector
 Chris Anderson, Newmont Mining
- Discussion
 Moderators: Mary Robinson and Liberian Minister of Gender and Development Vabah Gayflor
- 15:30 Coffee/tea Break
- 16:00 Breakout Sessions
- Post-conflict reconstruction and development
 - Sustainable enterprise development in the formal and informal economy
 - Gender equality and decent work
- 17:00 Report Back and Discussion
 Moderators: Rozanne Chorlton, UNICEF Representative (TBC) and Pat Horn, WIEGO

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

- 9:00 Summing Up and Synthesis of Day 1
- 9:15 Plenary Panel 4: Building coherent employment and growth strategies
- Lessons from Tanzania - Ladis C. Komba, Permanent Secretary of Labour, Employment and Youth Development
 - Lessons from Zambia - Simon Kapilima, Assistant Deputy Commissioner and Coordinator of the Zambia Decent Work Country Programme
 - Lessons from Aid Programs - TBC
- Discussion
Moderators: Minister of Youth and Sports Etmonia Tarpeh and (TBC)
- 10:30 Coffee/tea Break
- 11:00 Breakout Sessions
- Building coherent employment and growth strategies
 - Building capacities for social dialogue
 - Applying a decent work approach to agricultural livelihoods
- 12:00 Report Back and Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Tripartite Discussion on a Decent Work Country Programme for Liberia
- Deputy Minister of Labour Jackson Wonde
 - President of the Liberia Labor Congress
 - President of the Liberia Chamber of Commerce
- Discussion
Moderators: Minister of Public Works Loseni Donzo (TBC)
- 15:30 Closing Remarks
- Samuel Kofi Woods, Minister of Labour, Liberia
 - Sina Chuma-Mkandawire, Director, ILO Office for Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone
 - Heather Grady, Director of Policy and Strategy, Realizing Rights
 - Olubanke King-Akerele, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia (TBC)
- 16:00 End of Workshop