

Mr Raymond Torres (France)

Appointed Director of the International Institute for Labour Studies, at the D.2 level, with effect from 1 September 2007.

Born in 1960, Mr Torres graduated in mathematical economics and econometrics in 1984, from University of Paris I. He also holds a degree, obtained in 1982, from the “Institut d’Etudes Politiques” of Toulouse, France. He was a lecturer in economics at the University of Paris-Dauphine.

Before joining the ILO, Mr Torres worked at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), first as an Economist in the Economics Department, subsequently as Senior Economist and then as Head of the OECD Employment Analysis and Policy Division. As part of the latter job, he was the editor of the OECD publication *Employment Outlook*, and in charge of the reassessment of the OECD Jobs Strategy. He also oversaw preparations of a thematic review on older workers – which led to the publication of a series of 21 country reviews, as well as a synthesis report published in 2006 entitled *Live longer, work longer* – and developed a new project on school-to-work transition and youth employment. He has authored several studies on labour markets, international trade, economic growth and core workers’ rights, including the 1996 OECD report *Trade, employment and labour standards*. Between 1997 and 1999, Mr Torres worked at the ILO as Chief of the Task Force on the Social Dimensions of Globalization, which led to the publication of seven country studies and a synthesis report.