

**Status of Decent Work Country Programme Development by Region
(as of 31 July 2009)**

Region	Stage I: Preparatory phase (1)		Stage II: Draft DWCP document (2)				Stage III: DWCP final document (3)	Remarks for stages 1-3	Other existing or upcoming cooperation framework with member States
	On-going consultation	DWCP concept paper	In the drafting process and in consultation with constituents	Under the appraisal process by the DWCP Regional Support Group	Appraised by the DWCP Regional Support Group	Redrafting stage based on inputs from the appraisal	Approved by the Regional Director		
Africa	49	33	25	11	11	8	11	Another one DWCP is pending approval of the Regional Director.	
Americas	5	6	7		6	1	12	One DWCP expired in 2007.	In some countries, there is either a memorandum of understanding and a sub-regional tripartite declaration and plan of action on employment.
Arab States	4	4	2		4	1	3		A country strategy is being developed for two countries. In Palestine, there is an ILO employment and labour market strategy endorsed by constituents.
Asia Pacific	6		1	1	18	4	12	Another three DWCPs are pending final endorsement by constituents within 2009.	In several countries, there is a national plan of action on decent work. Other forms of cooperation include: memorandum of understanding, national policy for decent work, decent work country framework, and national common agenda on narrowing decent work deficits.
Europe	3	1	1				9	Six DWCPs expired in 2007. Consultations have started in four countries where current DWCPs will expire at the end of 2009.	In three countries, there is a memorandum of understanding between constituents and the ILO.
Total	67	44	36	12	39	14	47		

Explanatory Notes:

(1) This phase involves provision of information on DWCP development process with/without some initial consultation on actions to be taken by the ILO and tripartite constituents. The DWCP concept papers could be prepared by a country office for initial discussions but they are not a required step in the DWCP development process. They are prepared to: (i) present analysis and data which help tripartite constituents set DWCP priorities; and (ii) identify and advocate core priorities which should be present in all DWCPs, in particular strengthening tripartite constituents and applying international labour standards.

(2) Draft DWCP documents include all elements of DWCPs, developed through a process of consultation with tripartite constituents. They are appraised by the DWCP Regional Support Groups through the quality assurance mechanism set up to improve the quality of DWCP documents.

(3) DWCP final documents that, while subject to modification if conditions change, have met the requirement for approval and can be cited as the vehicle for ILO action.