



12th Regional Seminar for Labour-based Practitioners 8th – 12th October 2007, Durban, South Africa



“Prioritising Employment Creation in government Policies and Investments in Infrastructure Programmes”

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The 12th Regional Seminar for Labour-Based Practitioners will be held from the 8th to 12th October 2007 in Durban South Africa. This Seminar under the theme **“Prioritizing Employment in Government Policies and Investments in Infrastructure Programmes”** will focus on key development issues that increase the impact of investments and government programmes on employment creation. Investments, both public and private, domestic and foreign direct, drive employment creation, both directly and indirectly.

The 12th Regional Seminar will provide the opportunity to link developmental and political commitments in the fields of employment, investment and infrastructure to three concrete areas of action, namely:

1. Assessing the impact of investment policies and government programmes on employment creation;
2. Linking social protection, basic income guarantees and job creation through productive and high-quality infrastructure development; and
3. Taking new strides in favour of private sector support to employment creation, both through small-scale domestic enterprise development and through integrating employment creation into the economic and financial strategies of those offering and receiving foreign direct investment.

The Regional Seminar, held every two years, brings together practitioners, planners, policy makers, researchers, funding and development partners – and all others involved in infrastructure development from the African region and beyond to discuss developments, share experience and ideas on the application of employment-intensive approaches in the delivery of essential infrastructure. The objective of the seminar is thus to facilitate sharing, learning and expanding of knowledge through presentation, discussion and debate on the state of the art of policy, practice, research and development.

This is the first announcement to inform interested participants of this event. Further details on the seminar and calls for paper will be made available shortly.