

Social protection and apprenticeship in the informal economy

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Social protection in the ILO

- An extensive definition
- Two main dimensions:
 - Enhancing social security
 - Promoting decent conditions of work
- Protection of the most vulnerable groups, including people in the informal economy



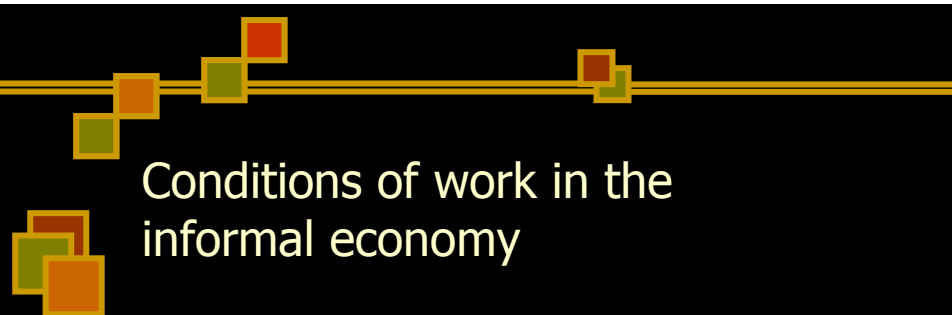
Social protection and the informal economy

- Lack of social protection: a defining characteristic of informal jobs
- The objective: extending social protection and facilitating transition to formality
- Development of specific policies and tools



Social security in the informal economy

- Access to health care: community-based schemes (STEP programme)
- Extending existing social insurance schemes
- Basic social security package: basic pensions, child benefits, cash transfers



Conditions of work in the informal economy

- Health and safety preventive measures
- Two programmes:
 - Work improvement in small enterprises (WISE)
 - Work improvement in neighbourhood development (WIND)
- Wages regulation, working time, maternity protection, child care services



Social protection and apprenticeship in the IE

- Social protection of apprentices:
 - Working conditions: OSH, wages and income, working time
 - Access to social security benefits
- Including social protection dimensions in training of apprentices, especially OSH



Integrated policies for the informal economy

- InFocus Initiative: combining employment promotion and social protection
- Apprenticeship a possible entry point for approaches using different ILO tools
- In line with an occupation-based approach currently being developed