

## IIRA ASIAN REGIONAL CONGRESS

Hotel Ashoka, 19-21 April 2007 in New Delhi  
THE CHANGING GLOBAL LABOUR MARKET  
Challenges and Opportunities for Asia

Rapid changes in technology, globalization and the reorganization of business internationally have affected the global labour market. Within Asia, the initial impact of the changes in the labour market scene are likely to be mixed. Some countries like China and India are poised for sustained growth over the next decade or two. However the opportunities for many other countries are different.

Several Asian countries need to focus on basic education and skills training. Also they need credible systems of compensation and social safety nets for those who are adversely affected by economic restructuring. They need to blend efficiency with equity, providing decent work for all so that globalization becomes fair. Civil society needs to intervene and reprioritise development goals so that economic growth becomes the means to human progress and wellbeing.

The Asian Regional Congress will discuss these issues in separate tracks. Special workshops are planned to focus attention on general trends in employment, particularly in select sectors. The pre-Congress Seminar will deliberate on the relative competitiveness of China and India with special reference to concerns about labour, employment and industrial relations.

## SUB THEMES

1. Balancing decent work with competitiveness
2. Education and Skill training
3. Social safety nets
4. Trade Unions and Civil Society

## PARALLEL TRACKS: SECTORAL PRESENTATIONS

During the Congress parallel technical sessions will be held to focus on the experiences of labour and employment relations in the following specific sectors in the knowledge economy :

- ▶ Research and Development
- ▶ IT in Engineering and Design
- ▶ IT and IT enabled services
- ▶ Outsourcing – BPOs to KPOs

## PRE-CONGRESS SEMINAR :

DIMENSIONS OF RELATIVE COMPETITIVENESS - INDIA AND CHINA

## INVITATION FOR PAPERS

Research based papers on the congress theme, sub-themes and parallel tracks/sectoral themes as well as the pre-congress seminar are welcome.

Last date for receipt of abstracts: 30 Nov 2006

Late date for communication of acceptance of abstracts: 15 Dec 06

Last date for submission of full text of papers: 25 Feb 07



**Congress Fees (in US\$)** For Indian delegates 1 US\$ = Rs. 45

	Upto 31 Dec 2006	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2007	From April 2007
IIRA Members	220	250	275
Non-Members	250	225	300
Students	60	70	80
Accompanying Persons (badge)	60	60	60

The registration fees covers admission to all Congress sessions, Congress papers, the welcoming reception following the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony and coffee breaks. These fees include the corresponding taxes.