

MEDIA ADVISORY

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR – 12 JUNE 2009

GIVE GIRLS A CHANCE: End Child labour

GENEVA (ILO News) – The annual World Day Against Child Labour will be marked by events in scores of countries around the world on 12 June amid growing concerns over the impact of the economic crisis on child labour, and in particular girls.

For the World Day, the ILO will release a new report entitled "Give Girls a Chance: Tackling child labour, a key to the future," highlighting the exploitation of girls in child labour and warning that the crisis could force more girls out of education and into child labour.

The report by the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) of the International Labour Office (ILO) will provide latest estimates on the number of girls in child labour and detail the exploitative forms of child labour facing them.

This year's World Day also marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of ILO Convention No. 182 on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour.

World Day Against Child Labour 2009 Events

World Day events will be held in some 50 countries across the world. Events around the world will involve governments, employers and workers, other UN organizations and non-governmental organisations, media events, awareness raising campaigns, cultural performances and other public events. For more information on World Day events, reports, background and other materials, see <http://www.ilo.org/ChildLabourWorldDay>

In **Geneva**, the ILO will mark the World Day with a plenary session of the International Labour Conference, between 1500 and 1600 on 12 June. The session will be led by the ILO Director General. Between 1400 and 1500 there a **childrens solidarity event will be** organised jointly with the City of Geneva and the Geneva-based community organisation *Le Respect* on the Place des Nations in front of the UN Office at Geneva.

At both Geneva events, the "**Haba na Haba Band**" composed of young musicians from Kenya will perform. The band members come from the slums of Nairobi, but have developed their musical skills in a youth centre supported by the ILO-IPEC programme. See the band on www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gxt_MpXcu5s&feature=related

Note for the media:

Broadcast quality video material on child labour in different regions of the world is available to broadcasters by contacting the Department of Communication, Radio and TV unit on tv_radio@ilo.org for video materials.

For more information or to interview experts in child labour, please visit the World Day website or contact the ILO International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour at +41 22 799 7341, +41 22 799 6568 (English, French Spanish) or +41 22 799 8286 (English only), or via email ipec@ilo.org