



Celebrations in Ethiopia, April 21 - 28, 2009, Addis Ababa

International Theme: “Social Dialogue on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization”, which underlines the ILO’s enduring quest for social justice, starting with the Constitution in 1919, reinforced by the Philadelphia Declaration in 1944 and the 1998 Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and again powerfully reconfirmed by the Declaration on Social Justice in 2008.

Theme in Ethiopia: “Poverty reduction through Decent Work: The Implications of the global financial Crisis”, which underpins the Government commitment to end poverty through a series of mutli-sectoral strategies enshrined in its Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty (PASDEP).

Calendar of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event(s)</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
21-23 April	Media Activities (Briefs , Press releases, Press conferences, Publicity Materials, etc)	Various	Communication group in collaboration with the Print and Electronic Media.
23 April	Exhibition of ILO’s work and its supported programmes in Ethiopia.	UN Conference Centre	VIP and open to staff of UN and other invited guests.
23 April (Morning)	National Symposium on “ <i>Mitigating the present Economic and Job Crisis through Decent Work and Social Dialogue.</i> ”	UN Conference Centre	Invited Guests – Government, Diplomats, representatives of international organizations, research institutions, etc.
23 April (Evening)	Presentation to Winners of School Essay Competition on “ <i>Consequences of Child Domestic Labour.</i> ”	Hilton Hotel, Banquet Hall	Cocktail for invited Guests - Government, Diplomats, representatives of international organizations, research institutions, etc.
26-28 April	Exhibition of ILO’s work and its supported programmes in Ethiopia.	Ministry of Labour and Social Affair (MOLSA) - Kazanchis	Women Entrepreneurs, among others, will be exhibiting their products and available for sale.
28 th April	World Occupation Safety and Health (OSH) Day on the theme “ <i>Health and life at work: A basic human right</i> ”	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs(MOLSA) - Kazanchis	Tripartite event with exhibition of some of the OSH materials.

THE NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM – Thursday, April 23, 2009			
Activity	Presenter	Time	Facilitator
Registration		8:00 – 9:00	Organizers
Session 1: Official Opening			
Welcoming Address	Mr. George Okutho	9:00 – 9:05	Mr. George Okutho Director, ILO Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa/Master of Ceremony
Messages from ILO Tripartite Partners	Ato Kasshun Folo, President, CETU Ato Tadele Yimer, President, EEF Ato Hassen Abdella, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (MOLSA)	9:05 – 9:20	
Remarks from the UN System and African Union	Mr. Charles Dan, ILO Regional Director for Africa Mr. Fidel Sarassoro, UNDP UN Resident Coordinator Dr. Jean Ping, Chairman AU Commission Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of the ECA	9:20 : 9:45	
Key Note Address	H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	9:45 – 10:00	
Coffee Break		10:00 – 10:30	
Visit to the Exhibition Hall – for VIPs only			
Session 2: Presentations and Discussion of Technical papers	<i>A short film to be shown as a “Curtain Raiser” on the work of the ILO</i>	10:30 – 10:38	Moderated by: George Okutho
	<u>Paper 1: Macro, fiscal and labour market policies for growth and resilience to the global economic crisis</u> , by Ato Getachew Adem, Head , Development Planning & Research Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	10:38-11:00	<u>Discussant:</u> Prof. Dereje Wolde Medhin, former AAU and Universities of Burundi and Rwanda Professor
	General Discussion	11:00- 11:20	Participants

	<p><u>Paper 2</u>: <i>Private sector response to the impact of the global economic and financial crisis: The Case of Ethiopia</i>, by Ethiopian Economic Association</p> <p>General Discussion</p>	<p>11:20-11:40</p> <p>11:40 -12:00</p>	<p><u>Discussant</u>: Dr. Assefa Admassie, Director, EEA</p> <p>Participants</p>
	<p><u>Paper 3</u>: <i>Strengthening Employment policies through social dialogue to promote employment and social justice</i>, by Ms. Sabrina De Gobbi, Research Economist, ILO Geneva.</p> <p>General Discussion & Closing</p>	<p>12:00 -12:20</p> <p>12:00-13:00</p>	<p><u>Discussant</u>: Prof. Souraya H. Houssein, Dean Faculty of Economics, University of Djibouti</p> <p>Participants</p>
Visit to Exhibition Hall		13:00 -	
Session 3: Cocktail at the Hilton Hotel	<p><i>A short film to be shown as a “Curtain Raiser” on the work of the ILO</i></p> <p>Presentation to Winners of School Essay Competition on “<i>Consequences of Child Domestic Labour.</i>”</p>	18:30-22:00	<p>Invited Guests</p> <p>H.E. The President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.</p>

