

16 – 17 December, 2009: Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Finance Sector Workers in Selected African Countries, ILO Office, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The ILO in collaboration with its Tripartite Constituents is organizing a Regional Tripartite knowledge-sharing conference on the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Finance Sector Workers in Selected African Countries in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 16 to 17 December 2009.

Objectives of the Conference

In line with the conclusions of the global dialogue forum on the impact of the financial crisis on finance workers (ILO Geneva, 24-25 February 2009) this knowledge-sharing conference will focus on the following:

- Review the effects of the crisis on finance workers in Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Tanzania, whose financial industries are globally integrated and therefore most likely to experience significant fallout from the crisis.
- Develop proposals to improve the employment content of any measures envisaged to stabilize the countries' financial sectors, enhance social protection for affected workers, and enhance the role of financial services as an essential service of public and social interest which also continues to sustain decent employment prospects and
- Propose action to give effect in the sector to the recommendations of the first African decent work symposium on recovering from the crisis.

Participants

Apart from ILO, participants of the conference will consist of government officials and members of employers and workers organizations in the five African countries. Also included are representatives from the Union Network International (UNI) and the International Organization of Employers (IOE) who will provide worker and employer perspectives of the crisis from a global viewpoint and measures put in place around the world to address social effects. The African Development Bank (AfDB) will participate as an observer.

Venue

The Regional Tripartite Conference will take place at the ILO Office in Dar es Salaam, located at Plot No. 75/27, 105/27, Maktaba Street at the heart of the city of Dar es Salaam.

Context

The ILO Global Dialogue Forum on the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Finance Sector Workers, held in Geneva 24-25 February 2009, adopted a set of Conclusions recognizing that the degree and extent of the impact of the crisis vary across countries and industry segments. They also call on the ILO and its tripartite constituents to monitor the evolution of the crisis, and anticipate its social and labour impacts beyond the current countries and segments. As part of the Forum's follow up, the ILO is requested to promote tripartite cooperation at the global, regional or national levels to tackle the impact of the crisis on employment in the sector. Towards this end, the ILO is requested to collect data, monitor, analyze and disseminate information on trends in employment in the finance sector, and advise on the employment, social and labour dimension of proposals on the financial crisis by international institutions. It should also provide assistance at regional and national levels for governments and the social partners to address the social and labour dimensions of the crisis and any associated reform processes.