

INT/01/50/USA - Raising Public Awareness and Support to implementation of the ILO Declaration (Awareness Raising Project) (US\$ 60,000)

The Awareness Raising Project (ARP) of the ILO Declaration Programme has a unique opportunity to help the ILO and its constituents in Uganda to more fully realize the Declaration on fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. The ARP which began on 1st February 2006 will last for 6 months (February to July 2006). The ARP, had in the past, worked closely with a technical cooperation project entitled Strengthening of Labour Relations in East Africa (SLAREA) which ended on 31 December 2005.

Through the ARP the ILO is continuing to work with tripartite constituents in Uganda on promoting the new labour legislation and providing additional support to ensure that Government officials, workers' and employers' representatives have a better understanding of the new legislation, when enacted, and its importance to Uganda.

Achievements

The major outcome of these interventions was the passing of the following Bills into Law on March 27, 28th and 29th, 2006).

1. Occupational Safety and Health Bill 2005, it revises Factories Act, Cap 220, (LOU) 2000
2. Employment Bill 2005, it revises the Employment Act, Chapter (Cap) 219 (LOU) 2000,
3. Labour Unions Bill 2005, it revises the Trade Unions Act, Cap 223, (LOU) 2000
4. Labour Disputes (Arbitration and Settlement) Bill 2005, it revises the Trade Disputes (Arbitration and Settlement) Act, Cap 224, (LOU) 2000

With the laws being passed the Project will focus on sensitising ILO Constituents and the general public on the new laws as well as documenting and disseminating lessons learnt from the process.