

Technical Consultation on Employment of People with Disabilities: A Human Rights Approach

A Tripartite ILO Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand: 18-20 January 2006

Programme

Wednesday, 18 January

Day 1

- 8:30-9:30** Registration at United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
- 9:30-10:00** Opening Session
- 10:00-10:30** Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:30-11:00** Overview of Technical Consultation
Introduction to the ILO
- 11:00-13:00** First thematic presentations on 'Employment of People with Disabilities - Moving towards a Human Rights Approach'
- Tim de Meyer, ILO *General Overview on national and international legislation*
- Lee Swepston, ILO *What is a rights-based approach and can it be used in practice?*
- Barbara Murray *Moving towards a human rights approach: -Experience of selected countries*
- Discussion
- 13:00-14:30** Lunch
- 14:30-14:45** Introduction to 1st Working Group Session
Moving towards a human rights approach to training and employment of people with disabilities: What action is required of governments?

- 14:45-16:15** 1st Working Group Session
- 16:15-16:45** Coffee/Tea Break
- 16:45-18:00** Plenary - Feedback from working groups
Discussion
- 18:30** Reception

Thursday, 19 January

Day 2

- 9:00-9:15** Impressions of Day 1 (Participant)
Summary of Day 1 discussions (ILO)
- 9:15-10:30** Second thematic presentations on 'What have governments been doing nationally and regionally to promote a human rights approach to the employment of persons with disabilities?'
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| Debra Perry, ILO | <i>The Asia-Pacific Experience</i> |
| Lee Swepston, ILO | <i>Experiences from ILO and UN supervision</i> |
| Barbara Murray, ILO | <i>Developing and enforcing rights-based legislation - effective consultation and monitoring mechanisms</i> |
- Discussion
- 10:30-11:00** Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:00-13:00** Promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities: Recent initiatives
- Four contributions - once from each of the participant countries, with a response by a delegate from another country
- Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-14:45 Introduction to 2nd Working Group Session

What initiatives can the social partners and DPOs undertake, separately or collaboratively, to promote the training and employment of people with disabilities taking into account the human rights approach?

14.45-16:15 2nd Working Group Session

16:15-16:45 Coffee/Tea Break

16:45-18:00 Plenary - Feedback from working groups
Discussion

Friday 20 January

Day 3

9:00-9:15 Impressions of Day 2 (Participant)

Summary of Day 2 discussions (ILO)

9:15-9:45 Third thematic presentation on media and communications strategies

ILO Media expert

Discussion

9:45-10:00 Introduction to 3rd Working Group Session

What actions can be taken at country level by governments, social partners and DPOs, separately or collaboratively, to improve the practical impact of laws and policies concerning the training and employment of people with disabilities?

10:00-11:00 Working Group Sessions

11:00-11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15-12:30 Plenary - Feedback from Working Groups

Discussion

12:30-13:00 Review of the Consultation, concluding remarks, next steps and closing of the Technical Consultation

Barbara Murray, Debra Perry, Lee Swepston (ILO)

13:00 Lunch