



Technical Meeting on Labour Market Information Bangkok, 10-13 February 2004

Information Note

“... the delegates urge each member State of the Asia-Pacific region to establish, through tripartite discussion and consensus, a national plan of action for decent work, which should define, within the overall framework of the ILO Decent Work Agenda, national priorities, a timetable for implementation and a set of indicators for the purposes of regular tripartite monitoring and evaluation.”

Conclusions of the Thirteenth Asian Regional Meeting, Bangkok, August 2001

A Technical Meeting on Labour Market Information is being planned by the Sub-regional Office for East Asia in Bangkok during 10-13 February 2004 as part of a Labour Market Indicators Library (LMIL) Network. The purpose of the Network is to establish a global information system to reinforce regional partnerships. The aim is to facilitate access to up-to-date labour market indicators that will assist policy makers, social partners, research institutes and other users in identifying, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and programmes for labour markets and employment issues. The overall objective of the LMIL Network in Bangkok is to enhance the capacity of constituents to process, manage, analyse and disseminate labour market information that is timely, accurate, pertinent and comparable. Technical support is provided by the Key Indicators of the Labour Market (KILM) and the Bureau of Statistics (STAT) at ILO headquarters and the ILO Training Centre in Turin working together with the ILO Sub-regional Office for East Asia and the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok.

The objectives of the technical meeting are to: (i) outline the functions of labour market information systems, (ii) introduce concepts and methods for measuring decent work with statistical indicators, (iii) present tools for knowledge management and data dissemination and (iv) develop national action plans for improving the dissemination of labour market information.

The tripartite meeting will include four participants from each country – Cambodia, People’s Republic of China, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Thailand and Viet Nam. It is encouraged that women be nominated to participate in the meeting. In addition to one each representing organizations of employers and workers there will be government participation from both the Ministries of Labour and the National Statistical Offices in order to promote links between users and producers of labour market information.

Participants in the meeting are requested to submit a short paper of two-three pages on principal challenges and proposed solutions for improving the dissemination of labour statistics in each country. In addition, participants are asked to bring with them major publications of labour statistics from population censuses, household-based surveys, establishment surveys and administrative records to present for review and discussion at the meeting.