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ILO'S PARTICIPATION AT ISSA'S 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BEIJING (ILO News) – Several key officials from the International Labour Organization (ILO) will be in Beijing next week to participate in the International Social Security Association's (ISSA) 28th General Assembly, scheduled to take place at China World Trade Centre, Beijing, from 12 to 18 September. With a shared commitment to strengthen social security and extend it to all workers and their families, the ISSA and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) have long cooperated on relevant initiatives.

The ILO will participate in the forthcoming conference on a number of levels. A Plenary Session led by the ILO on Wednesday, 15 September, will focus on the extension of social protection to rural populations. Mr. Assane Diop, Executive Director of the ILO will chair this session.

In addition, two ILO side events will supplement the work of the General Assembly. The first of these, to be held on Tuesday, 14 September, Mr. Michael Cichon, Chief of the Financial, Actuarial and Statistical Services Branch of the ILO, will present the organization's state-of-art quantitative training activities in social protection, otherwise known as QUATRRAIN. The second side event, to be held at 12:30 on Friday, 17 September, will be an information session on the *Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All*. Based on a consensus aimed at expanding social security coverage that was reached by governments, employers and workers during the International Labour Conference in 2001, the Global Campaign was launched by the ILO in June 2003. Mr. Emmanuel Reynaud, Chief of Social Security Policy and Development Branch of the ILO, will provide a briefing on the campaign on Friday, 17 September 2004.

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