

## Profiles

### **Brief note for introducing Trevor Riordan**

Mr Riordan is the Manager of the new Regional Skills and Employability Programme in Asia and the Pacific (SKILLS-AP), in the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok.

Mr Riordan is responsible for the ILO's work on skills and employability, at the regional level, across all member States in Asia and the Pacific. This includes, for example: work on reforming national training policies and systems; investment in lifelong learning and training; skills for poverty reduction; and the recognition of an individual's skills and prior learning.

Prior to transferring back to Bangkok, Mr Riordan was the Manager of Training Policies in the ILO's Skills and Employability Department in Geneva. He was also responsible for specialist inputs on skills into the ILO's major reports such as the World Employment Report. Mr Riordan led the team responsible for preparation of a new Human Resources Development Recommendation (R.195) which was adopted by ILO member States at the 2004 International Labour Conference.

Before joining the ILO's regular staff, he worked in several countries in Asia, for many years, as a project manager in major technical cooperation projects. He is a mechanical engineer by profession and has higher degrees in education and training.

**Mr David Lythe**, a New Zealand citizen, is a specialist in post-secondary school education and training. He retired in 2001, from the position of General Manager of the Office of the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, and has undertaken consultancy, including project leadership, in a number of nations in Asia, the Pacific and the USA.

He had a significant role in central Government structural reform and the implementation of new policies for post-secondary school education and training in New Zealand from the mid-1980s.