

## EMPLOYMENT SECTOR

### The Job Creation and Enterprise Development's Resource Platform

A meeting with field and headquarter enterprise development specialist held in Sri Lanka (Nov 2004) highlighted the need to establish a web-based platform to improve communication and knowledge sharing. Originally it was envisaged that the site would only cover the field of business development services. However, as the system was developed it was decided to broaden its content to include all technical themes covered by the Job Creation and Enterprise Development.

The Resource Platform became operational in late 2005 and continues to be refined and upgraded. The platform is a password controlled extranet that provides members of the ILO's Global Team of Job Creation and Enterprise Development practitioners, which include specialists, project staff and closely associated consultants with secured access to and the capacity to share key documents and other electronic files. The Resource Platform was designed to be compatible with the Department's Internet and Intranet. Staff from other ILO units may gain access by requesting a password from the Resource Platform administrators.

Some important features of the Resource Platform include the ability for all members to (a) access the site from any internet provider, (b) upload and share documents about their projects and other activities, (c) get immediate access to important key technical documents, (d) search for documents amongst specialized library (e) search for team members with specialized expertise. In addition, the Resource Platform includes features to automatically produce and send out electronic newsletters that include news items from both the Field and Headquarters.