

# BUREAU FOR WORKERS' ACTIVITIES (ACTRAV)

**Poverty Reduction Strategies and the Informal Economy**  
*Inter-Regional Workshop for trade unions from Asia and Africa*  
23-25 November 2009, Bangkok

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009:**

- 09:00-10:30      **Official Opening Ceremony:**  
Ms Sachiko Yamamoto  
ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific
- Introduction to the Course:**  
Objectives, working methods  
Mr Arun Kumar  
ACTRAV
- Introduction of Participants**
- 10:30-11:00      Coffee break
- 11:00-11:45      **Poverty Reduction Strategies: origins and  
implementation since 1999**  
Mr Claude Akpokavie  
ACTRAV
- 11:45-12:30      **Country Reviews of Poverty Reduction Strategies**  
Brief Country presentations
- 12:30              Lunch
- 14:00-15:00      **Country Reviews of Poverty Reduction Strategies**  
Brief Country presentations
- Summary of country reports and key elements  
Mr Claude Akpokavie
- 15:00-15:30      Coffee break
- 15:30-18:00      **Workshop discussion**  
Key elements coming from country reports: future trade  
union strategies

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009:**

- 09:00-10:00            **Workshop discussion: continuation**
- 10:00-10:30           **Plenary discussion of Workshops**
- 10:30-11:00           Coffee break
- 11:00- 12:30           **Trade Union strategies for Poverty Reduction in a context of global economic and financial crisis: what next?**  
*Mr Claude Akpokavie*
- Plenary discussion and Summing up
- 12:30-14:00           Lunch
- 14:00-15:00           **Informal Economy & Decent Work: Challenges for Trade Unions in Asia and in Africa**  
*Ms Christine Nathan and Mr Arun Kumar*  
*ACTRAV*
- 15:00-15:30           Coffee break
- 16:00-18:30           **Country experiences of Organising Informal Economy workers**  
*Brief Country Reports*

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009:**

- 09:00-10:00           **Organising Informal Economy Workers: summary of experiences from Asia and Africa**  
*Ms Christine Nathan*
- 10:00-10:45           **ILO Recommendation 198 on the Employment Relationships and informal economy employment**  
*Mr Arun Kumar*
- 10:45-11:00           Coffee break
- 11:00- 12:30           **Organising : Workshop exercises based on the Manual on Organising**  
*Ms Christine Nathan*
- 12:30-14:00           Lunch
- 14:00-15:00           **Organising: Workshop exercises based on the Manual on Organising: continuation**

15:00-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-17:30

**Plenary discussion on Organising**

*Ms Christine Nathan*

17:30-18:30

**Evaluation**

*Mr Arun Kumar*

**Closing Remarks**