

## News Round-up

Significant steps taken towards a new international human rights instrument on HIV/AIDS

The first draft text of an international labour standard in the form of a Recommendation on HIV/AIDS and the world of work was released by the ILO and shared to participants at the [9th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific \(ICAAP\)](#), held in Bali, 9-13 August. The draft text was based on discussions held at the International Labour Conference in Geneva this June by member States. [Click for more.](#)



Employment challenges for rural youth discussed

Some 30 representatives from China, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam attended the meeting: "Addressing Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Youth Employment in Asia", in Chiang Mai, 17-19 August. Jointly organized by the ILO, FAO and UNESCO, the workshop aimed to encourage collaboration in improving the employment and training of rural young people. [Click for more.](#)

A Better World Start Here: Be Part of It

A new (one minute) public service announcement has been produced to highlight the important role of Decent Work in building stronger, fairer societies in Asia and the Pacific. It was created to mark the ILO's 90th anniversary and is running on TV stations throughout the region. [Click to view.](#)

Discussion on education, skills and youth employment concludes

The results of the recent [ApYouthNet discussion forum](#) on how education and skills training can help young people find jobs have been published and can be found on the ILO website . For more information about the Asia-Pacific Knowledge Network on Youth Employment (APYouthNet), and to register for future discussion forums, [click here.](#)

## Feature

The plight of migrant workers with HIV/AIDS



Ms Marites Cardines, a former migrant worker from the Philippines worked as a domestic worker overseas where she was sexually abused and became infected with HIV/AIDS. Back at home Marites joined the Positive Action Foundation Philippines (PAFPI) where she educates potential migrant workers about HIV risks and provides pre-departure orientation for migrant workers in Cebu City. [Click for more.](#)

## Look Ahead

## National Tripartite Consultations on Decent Work for Domestic Workers

National Tripartite Consultations on Decent Work for Domestic Workers will take place in Bangkok, Thailand (10 September); Vientiane, Lao PDR (18 September) and Phnom Penh, Cambodia (mid October). They serve as platforms for constituents to share their views and opinions in preparation for the June 2010, 99th International Labour Conference in Geneva, which will focus on the agenda for Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

## Strategic Collective Bargaining for Employers Road Show

A road show on Strategic Collective Bargaining for Employers is being organized by the ILO Regional Office, the ILO Bureau of Employers Activities (ACTEMP), with inputs from the International Organization of Employers. The aim is to enhance and strengthen their knowledge of collective bargaining and negotiation skills. Road shows will take place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (7-8 September), Hanoi, Viet Nam (10-11 September), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (14-15 September) and Shi Jiazhuang, China (17-18 September).

### Calendar

Training Workshop on Employment Services Delivery in the Pilot Provinces

1-4 September, Vientiane, Lao PDR

National Tripartite Workshop on the Development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National OSH Programme

3-4 September, Hanoi, Viet Nam

Subregional Training of Facilitators on Disability Equality Training

7-11 September, Bangkok, Thailand

Third Industrial Relations Team Meeting

10 September, Bangkok, Thailand

ILO/Korea Training on Participatory Training Methodologies to Improve Working Conditions

21-25 September, Seoul, Korea

Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI) Training of Trainers on Work Improvements in Small Enterprises (WISE)

mid October, Vientiane, Lao PDR

### Bookshelf

Training and employment opportunities to address poverty among rural youth: a synthesis report / by FAO, ILO and UNESCO. Bangkok : FAO, ILO, UNESCO, 2009. 28 p.

The study identifies training and employment needs and opportunities to help improve farm income generation for young women and men in rural areas. [Click for more.](#)

The global economic crisis: labour market impacts and policies for recovery in Asia / Gyorgy Sziraczki, Phu Huynh and Steven Kapsos. Bangkok : ILO, 2009. 27 p. (ILO Asia-Pacific working paper series)

The report assesses the impacts of the financial and economic crisis on the labour market in the region and suggests some national policy responses based on employment generation through decent work and improved social welfare. [Click for more.](#)

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