



# Strengthening Labour Governance in MSMEs and Supporting the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy in Africa



The project “Strengthening Labour Governance in MSMEs and Supporting the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy” (GOVERNANCE project) aims at **supporting Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises (MSMEs), including in the informal economy, to prevent occupational risks, improve working conditions and promote respect for Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (FPRW).**

It targets five countries of the Africa region: **Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Madagascar, Togo and Tunisia** and will focus on **two to three sectors per country** selected following a preliminary assessment and consultations with national constituents.

It builds on the achievements of two ILO projects: one aimed at fostering Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (PAMODEC) and one aimed at Strengthening Labour Administration and Labour Inspection in French Speaking African Countries (ADMITRA).

In order to achieve its goal, the project will implement a twofold strategy: On one hand, it will **support national labour inspectorates (and other public institutions) to better ensure compliance with FPRW and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) legislation** in selected sectors, including in the informal economy; on the other, it will **raise awareness of/and mobilize constituents about FPRW and OSH issues**, for them to better prevent occupational risks and implement FPRW on the ground.

**Good practices from the project will be documented and shared among constituents** from the five countries at a regional event. This sharing will enable those countries to adopt a common declaration on the promotion of FPRW and OSH leading the way for other countries to prevent occupational risks, improve working conditions and promote respect for FPRW into MSMEs and Informal Economy.

## At a Glance:

- **Target countries :** Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Madagascar, Togo and Tunisia
- **Donor :** Ministry of Labour, Employment, Vocational Training et Social Dialogue
- **Duration:** 36 months – starting summer 2016
- **Partners:** Labour Ministries, labour tribunals, employers’ and workers’ organizations, national training institutions, universities, ITC-ILO
- **Direct beneficiaries:** labour administrations, labour inspectorates, labour tribunals, OSH institutions, training institutions, universities and employers’ and workers’ organizations
- **Ultimate beneficiaries:** All workers working in MSMEs in the formal and informal economy of the selected sectors



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