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Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment (ETE), an ILO-European Union project, and ITC-ILO jointly organized a training on 'Basic Concepts in International Trade and Employment' on 23-26 May 2010 at Hotel Sundarban in Dhaka.

The key objective of the training was to enhance the capacity of the trade union members so that they can effectively participate in the dialogues aimed at the formulation and implementation of the coherent trade and employment policies in Bangladesh.



A total of 21 trade union leaders from different sectors: tea, ready made garments, leather, banking, railway and jute participated in the training. Mr. Gagan Rajbhandari, Director a.i. ILO, Mr. Shah Md. Abu Zafar, Mr. Wazedul Islam Khan, Chairman and the Member-Secretary of the NCCWE respectively were present in the opening session.

Mr. Samuel Asfaha, Programme Officer, ITC-ILO and Dr. Md. Fashiul Alam, Professor, Chittagong University conducted the technical sessions. Sessions were conducted on various trade related issues such as basic concepts of trade policies, Multilateral trading system, effects of trade on employment, trade policies of Bangladesh, trade and employment policy coherence, social dialogue and collective bargaining etc.

ETE project, which is funded by the European Union, is being implemented in four countries including Bangladesh (others countries are: Indonesia, Benin and Guatemala). The objective of the project is to analyze and support the formulation of effective and coherent trade and labour market policies that address the adjustment challenges and expand the opportunities for the creation of decent employment.

