

ANNOUNCEMENT
20th Regional Conference for Labour-based Practitioners
in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Government of Ethiopia, through the Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure (MUI) is proud to announce that it will host the 20th Regional Conference for Labour-based Practitioners in the historic and beautiful city of Addis Ababa from the 19th – 23rd May 2025, at the Adwa victory memorial hall.

The past nineteen Regional Conferences have been held in various African Countries drawing practitioners and other interested stakeholders from Africa, America, Asia and Europe to share views, experiences and review developments in employment creation and building resilient communities. Conference participants come from a range of institutions, including policy Makers, employers' and workers' associations and labour-based technology practitioners, NGOs, Academic and research institutions and the private sector.

The theme for the 20th ILO Regional Conference is **“Resilient communities and Healthy Environment: the EIIP approach”**. During the Conference participant will discuss and share experiences on policies and strategies relating employment promotion and forge a path towards social justice that ensures a more sustainable and prosperous future for all individuals and communities.

The 20th Regional Conference focusses in drawing the attention of national and regional governments, private sector and development partners towards policies, strategies and programmes that promote the creation of jobs, skills learning and business opportunities for young women and men of Africa. The whole world is currently grappling with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and active conflicts that are threatening global order and affecting the livelihoods of millions of people around the world. The Regional Conference provides a platform to reflect on these challenges, their impact on economics and people of the region and to suggest mitigation measures with a focus on employment, employability and environmental stewardship.

Ethiopia is keen in sharing its experiences and to learn from others in a spirit of south-south cooperation and international solidarity. We look forward to your participation!

The sub-themes, call for papers as well as further details on the 20th Regional Conference will follow shortly.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, Addis Ababa on 14/10/2024

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