



20TH ILO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LABOUR BASED PRACTITIONERS

MAY 19-23, 2025 • AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION • ADDIS-ABABA, ETHIOPIA

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 01: MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

SESSION I: OPENING CEREMONY

8:45AM - 8:85AM	Seating & Entertainment	
8:55AM - 9:05AM	Arrival of the Guest of Honor & Exhibition Visits	MC
9:05AM - 9:20AM	Welcome Address	H.E. Chaltu Sani Minister of Urban & Infrastructure FDRE
9:20AM - 9:40AM	Address & Symbolic Handover	Representative from Rwanda
9:40AM - 10:00AM	Remarks by ILO Social Partners	Regional & National Representatives of Employers and Workers
10:00AM - 10:10AM	Remark by AU	Representative from AU
10:10AM - 10:20AM	Remark by UN RC	H.E. Dr Ramiz Alakbarov UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator in Ethiopia
10:20AM - 10:30AM	Keynote Address	H.E. Mr Gilbert F. Hounbo Director General ILO
10:30AM - 10:35AM	Formal Invitation of the Guest of Honour	HE Chaltu Sani Minister of Urban & Infrastructure FDRE
10:35AM - 11:00AM	Opening Remarks	By the Guest of Honor
11:00AM - 11:30AM	GROUP PHOTO & HEALTH BREAK	

SESSION II: SCENE SETTING

11:30AM - 11:45AM	Two Diamond Partners' Message	
11:45AM - 12:00PM	Session Introduction	MODERATOR: H.E. Muferihat Kamil Minister of Labour & Skills FDRE
12:00PM - 12:15PM	Spotlighting: Reimagining Socio-economic Development to Ensure Decent Works and Social justice for all	H.E. Fanfan Rwanyindo Kayirangwa ILO ADG and Regional Director for Africa





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12:15PM - 12:30PM	Inclusive Economic Development Driving Employment & Employability: Ethiopian Experience	H.E. Dr Fitsum Assefa Minister of Planning & Development FDRE
12:30PM - 12:45PM	Global EIIP initiatives and trends	Ms Mito Tsukamoto Chief of the Employment in Investment Branch ILO
12:45PM - 1:00PM	Public Employment Programs: Pathway to Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Employment.	H.E. Dr Teshale Berecha State Minister of Labour & Skills FDRE
1:00PM - 2:00PM	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION III: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES THROUGH LABOUR BASED INFRASTRUCTURE: JOBS, LIVELIHOODS & INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT		
2:05PM - 3:15PM	Panel Discussion MODERATOR: H.E. Ahmed Shide Minister of Finance FDRE	
	Impact of Voluntary Sustainability Standards on Decent Rural Employment: Evidence from Smallholder Coffee Farms and Cooperatives	PRESENTER: Mr Tesfaye Berihun
	Lessons Learned from Operationalizing EIIP in Contexts of Forced Displacement: PROSPECTS	PRESENTER: Ms Stephen Opio Technical Advisor PROSPECTS
	Resilient Infrastructure in Fragile Ecosystems: The Tunisian Experience for a Better Adaptation of Forest Villages and Oases to Climate Change	PRESENTER: Mr Mohamed Wael Ben Ameer
	Reflection on Inclusive Infrastructure Development	PRESENTER: Hon. Mr Sune Krogstrup Ambassador of Denmark to Ethiopia & Permanent representative to the AU
3:15PM - 3:30PM	Reflect on the Session Presentations	Hon. Ms Paula Schindeler Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Ethiopia
3:30PM - 3:45PM	Closing Remarks	H.E. Mr Ahmed Shide Minister of Finance FDRE
3:45PM - 4:30PM	HEALTH BREAK & CLOSURE	
6:30PM	EVENING RECEPTION COCKTAIL AT FRIENDSHIP PARK	





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DAY 02: TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

SESSION IV: STRIKING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE USE OF LABOUR, TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY TO DRIVE DECENT JOBS		
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	SIDE EVENT BY MINISTRY OF URBAN & INFRASTRUCTURE: Rural Connectivity for Food Security Program of Ethiopia	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	SIDE EVENT BY ILO & AUDA-NEPAD: Skills anticipation to sustain investments & sector development: Lessons Learned from a Joint ILO-AUDA-NEPAD Multi-Country Project	
9:30AM - 9:45AM	MODERATOR: H.E. Dr Ergogie Tesfaye, <i>Minister of Women & Social Affairs, FDRE</i> SCENE SETTING: Is Technology Driving Employment? Dr Martha Phiri, <i>Director of Human Capital, Youth and Skill Development, Africa Development Bank.</i>	
9:45AM - 10:00AM	Sustainable Utilization of Prosopis Juliflora: A Pathway to Green Jobs and Livelihood Enhancement in Garissa and Tana River Counties, Kenya	PRESENTER: Mr Elyas H.M & Ms Amina A.M.
10:00AM - 10:40AM	The EIIP Approach for a Better Regional Balance and Sustainable Development.	PRESENTER: Prof Zayani Khemaies
10:40AM - 11:00AM	Interdisciplinary Research Project towards Community Resilience Enhancement by Reducing Road Disasters Caused by Expansive Soil in Ethiopia	PRESENTER: Dr Fukubayashi Yoshinori
11:00AM - 11:30AM	HEALTH BREAK	
11:30AM - 11:50AM	Integrated Local Development that goes beyond the simple Construction of Structures: Case Study of the Village of "Douar Ncham".	PRESENTER: Eng Riadh SAFI
11:50AM - 12:30PM	Plenary Discussions	MODERATOR: H.E. Dr Ergogie Tesfaye <i>Minister of Women & Social Affairs</i> FDRE
12:30PM - 12:45PM	TED STYLE TALK: Green job creation and fair labor practices in the Ethiopia's renewable energy sector	PRESENTER: Dr Wondwossen Kassa <i>Director</i> Ethio-Power Academy
12:45PM - 1:00PM	TED STYLE TALK: Creating Resilient and Smart Cities through Labor-Intensive Urban Transformation: The Addis Ababa City Transformation Experience	PRESENTER: Dr Ashagrie Gebrewold Abdi
1:00PM - 2:00PM	LUNCH BREAK	





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SESSION V: MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

2:05PM - 2:15PM	Two Platinum Partners' Message	
2:15PM - 2:20PM	Introduction of the session	MODERATOR: Ms Mito Tsukamoto <i>Chief of the Employment in Investment Branch</i> ILO
2:20PM - 2:45PM	Ministerial Presentation - Addis Statement	
2:45PM - 3:30PM	Plenary Discussion on Addis Statement	MODERATOR: Ms Mito Tsukamoto <i>Chief of the Employment in Investment Branch</i> ILO
3:30PM - 4:00PM	Leveraging Employment Impact Assessments to Maximize the Social Impact of Infrastructure Investments	Mr Ralf KRUEGER
4:00PM - 4:30PM	HEALTH BREAK	
4:30PM - 5:00PM	Plenary Discussions	MODERATOR: Ms Mito Tsukamoto <i>Chief of the Employment in Investment Branch</i> ILO
5:00PM - 5:15PM	Summary of Day's Proceedings	
5:15PM - 5:30PM	Brief on Field Visit for the Next Day & Closing Remarks	MC

DAY 03: WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

SESSION VI: FIELD VISITS

Coordinated by Addis Ababa City Mayor's Office

SITE VISITS

Riverside Development, Botanical Garden and Entoto Forestry, Lemi Industrial Park, ECWC Kaliti Production Compound, Addis Ababa Urban Development & Housing Development Projects



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DAY 04: THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

SESSION VII: GREEN AND INCLUSIVE URBAN DEVELOPMENT: JOBS, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	SIDE EVENT BY ILO/EMPINVEST: Appropriate Technology, Circular Economy and Employment	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	SIDE EVENT BY Addis Ababa City Mayor's Office: Urban Transformation and Youth Employment	
9:30AM – 11:10AM	MODERATOR: Prof. Phil Paige-Green <i>Consultant</i> Road Research Center, ERA	
	SCENE SETTING: Reflection on Green and Inclusive Urban Development: Jobs, Sustainability & Climate Solutions HE Eng Wondimu Seta <i>General Manager of Addis Ababa City, with the rank of Deputy Mayor</i>	
	KEYNOTE ON: Sustainable Infrastructure Development in the Context of Fragility Robert Lisinge <i>Director</i> TICID/ECA	
	TOPIC:	PRESENTER:
	Decent work in nature-based solutions 2024 report: Findings and Implications for Africa	Mr Maikel Lieuw-Kie-Song
	ILO-IPDLI's Experience in Urban Infrastructure Development: An Integrated and Resilient Approach	Mr Kamel Boulehmi
	Appropriate Technology and Circular Economy: Organic Waste for Food Production.	Dr Christoph Ernst
11:10AM - 11:30AM	HEALTH BREAK	
11:30AM - 12:00PM	TOPIC:	PRESENTER:
	Transforming lives in rural Ethiopia: Maximizing Social Impact Through Trail Bridge Construction.	Mr Hunde Tamene Diribsa
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Plenary Discussions & Wrap-up	MODERATOR: Prof. Phil Paige-Green <i>Consultant</i> Road Research Center, ERA
1:00PM - 2:00PM	LUNCH BREAK	





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SESSION VIII: MAXIMIZING THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

2:05PM - 2:45PM	Two Platinum Partners' Message		
2:05PM - 2:45PM	Reflection on Field Visits		
	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3
	MODERATOR: Dr Fitsum Teklu Addis Ababa University	MODERATOR: Dr Jad Boubaker IPDLI Project Manager ILO Tunisia	MODERATOR: Ato Dawit Moges President Ethiopian Employers Federation
3:00PM - 5:00PM	PRESENTER: Dr Naod Mekonnen <i>Infrastructure, growth & Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia: A Dynamic CGE Analysis</i> Eng Joseph Odongo & Eng Dominic Louis P'Abur Okello <i>Building Resilient Communities: Maximizing Social impact through Sustainable Infrastructure Development</i> Mr Paul Ngum CEO afriQA <i>Bridging the Gap Between Higher Education and Labor Market Demands</i>	PRESENTER: Mr Mondher Khanfir <i>The Social Impact of Infrastructure: Towards Sustainable and Resilient Ecosystem-Based Governance</i> Ms Elisa Selva <i>Employment-intensive investment programmes for advancing decent work in the care economy (ILO)</i>	PRESENTER: Dr Melkamu Teklu <i>Impact of gender empowerment policies on social inclusion in selected rural infrastructure development in Ethiopia: Challenges & Opportunities</i> Ms Alina Game <i>An analysis of the impacts of drought on crop productivity and employment outcomes in Zambia.</i> Dr Degineh Herano <i>Resilience & Vulnerability of Local Communities' Livelihood to Climate change in Dale district, Sidama Regional State of Ethiopia</i>
4:00PM - 4:30PM	HEALTH BREAK		
7:00PM	GALA DINNER		





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DAY 05: FIRDAY, MAY 23, 2025

SESSION IX: CLOSING CEREMONY

9:35AM - 9:55AM	Spotlight on Partners	
9:55AM - 10:20AM	Pitching by prospective countries and Vote for 21 st Conference Host Country	
10:20AM - 10:40AM	Conference Findings, Conclusions & Way Forward: Practitioners' Statement	
10:40AM - 11:00AM	Discussion on Conference Resolutions	
11:00AM - 11:30AM	HEALTH BREAK	
11:30AM - 12:00PM	Vote of Thanks	Seminar Participants
12:00PM - 12:20PM	Closing Remarks	H.E. Fanfan Rwanyindo Kayirangwa ILO ADG and Regional Director for Africa
12:20PM - 12:40PM	Closing Remarks	H.E. Muferihat Kamil Minister of Labors & Skills FDRE
12:40PM - 1:00PM	Closing of the 20 th ILO Regional Conference for Labour Based Practitioners	H.E. Chaltu Sani Minister of Urban & Infrastructure FDRE
1:00PM	LUNCH AND CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE	

