

ILO AND ADB TO ISSUE JOINT REPORT ON SITUATION OF WORKING WOMEN IN ASIA

A new report on how women are faring in the world of work will be issued by the by the International Labour Organization (ILO)* and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Friday 29 April, in the run-up to Labour Day on May 1.

The joint report, *Women and labour markets in Asia: Rebalancing for gender equality*, looks at prevailing gender-related patterns in employment and the labour market, and inequalities that both pre-date and have resulted from the economic crisis. It highlights the economic and social costs of continuing gender inequalities and cautions that some crisis recovery measures may actually be making women more vulnerable. The report suggests strategies and policy recommendations to correct gender-related vulnerabilities and exploitation.

The report is a joint undertaking by the ADB and the ILO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, reflecting the high-level commitment of both organizations to gender equality in the region, as an economic and social investment that will generate enormous dividends for sustainable development in the region.

Copies of the report and related materials will be available on the organizations' websites: www.ilo.org/asia and www.adb.org.