

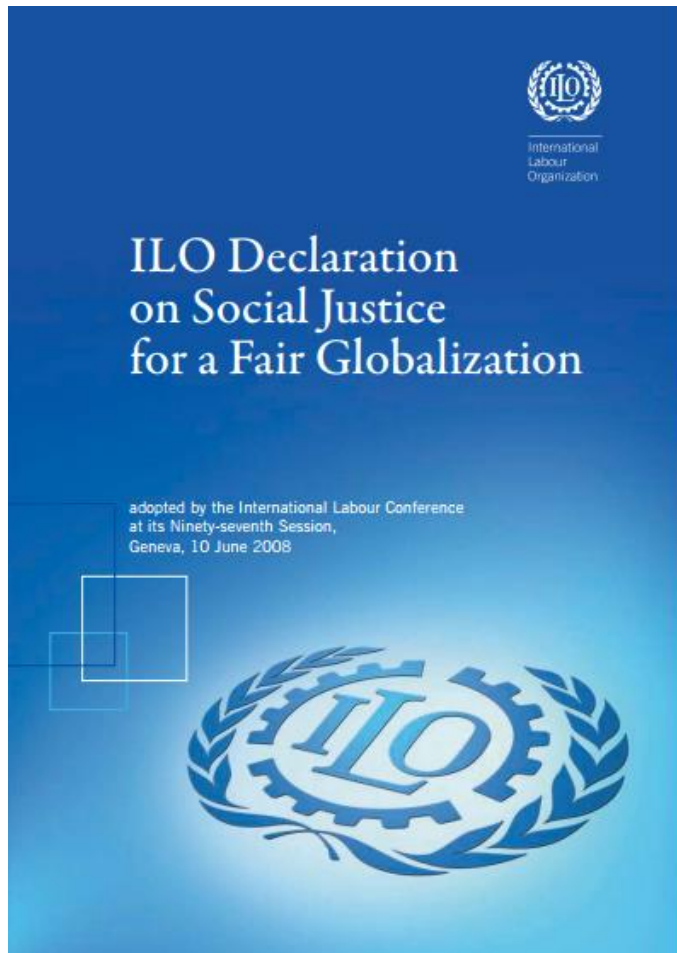


Strengthening the Impact of Trade on Employment (STRENGTHEN)



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The International Labour Organization unanimously adopted the **ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization** on 10 June 2008.

It states that as **trade** and financial market policy both affect **employment**, it is the **ILO's** role to **evaluate those employment effects** to achieve its aim of **placing employment at the heart of economic policies**.

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14-1



Fourth item on the agenda: Decent work in global supply chains

Reports of the Committee on Decent Work in Global Supply Chains: Resolution and conclusions submitted for adoption by the Conference

This report contains the text of the resolution and conclusions submitted by the Committee on Decent Work in Global Supply Chains for adoption by the Conference.

The report of the Committee on its proceedings has been published on the Conference website in *Provisional Record 14-2* and is submitted for adoption by the Conference subject to corrections, which Committee members will be able to submit until 10 June 2016, 18.00 hrs.

1. **Global supply chains** are complex, diverse and fragmented. Across textile, clothing, retail, footwear, automotive, food and agriculture, seafood, fisheries, electronics, construction, tourism and hospitality, horticulture, transport and other sectors, global supply chains have increased, facilitated by technological development. They **have contributed to economic growth, job creation, poverty reduction and entrepreneurship and can contribute to a transition from the informal to the formal economy.** They can be an engine of development by promoting technology transfer, adopting new production practices and moving into higher value-added activities, which would enhance **skills development, productivity and competitiveness.**

Trade and Employment and the SDGs

Goal 8:
**PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
GROWTH,
FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT
AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL.**

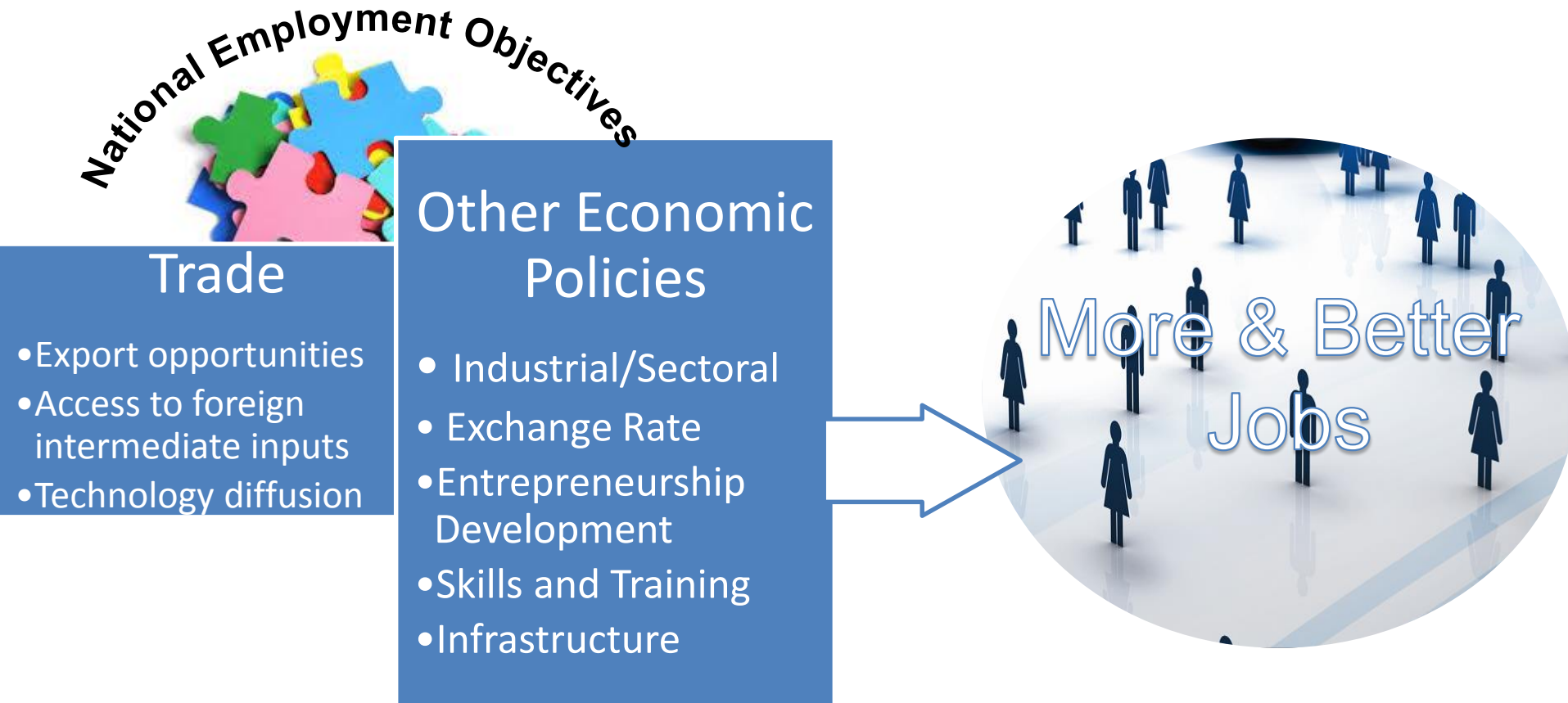
12 Targets including

**8.a Increase Aid for Trade support for
developing countries, in particular
least developed countries, including
through the Enhanced Integrated
Framework for Trade-Related Technical
Assistance to Least Developed
Countries.**

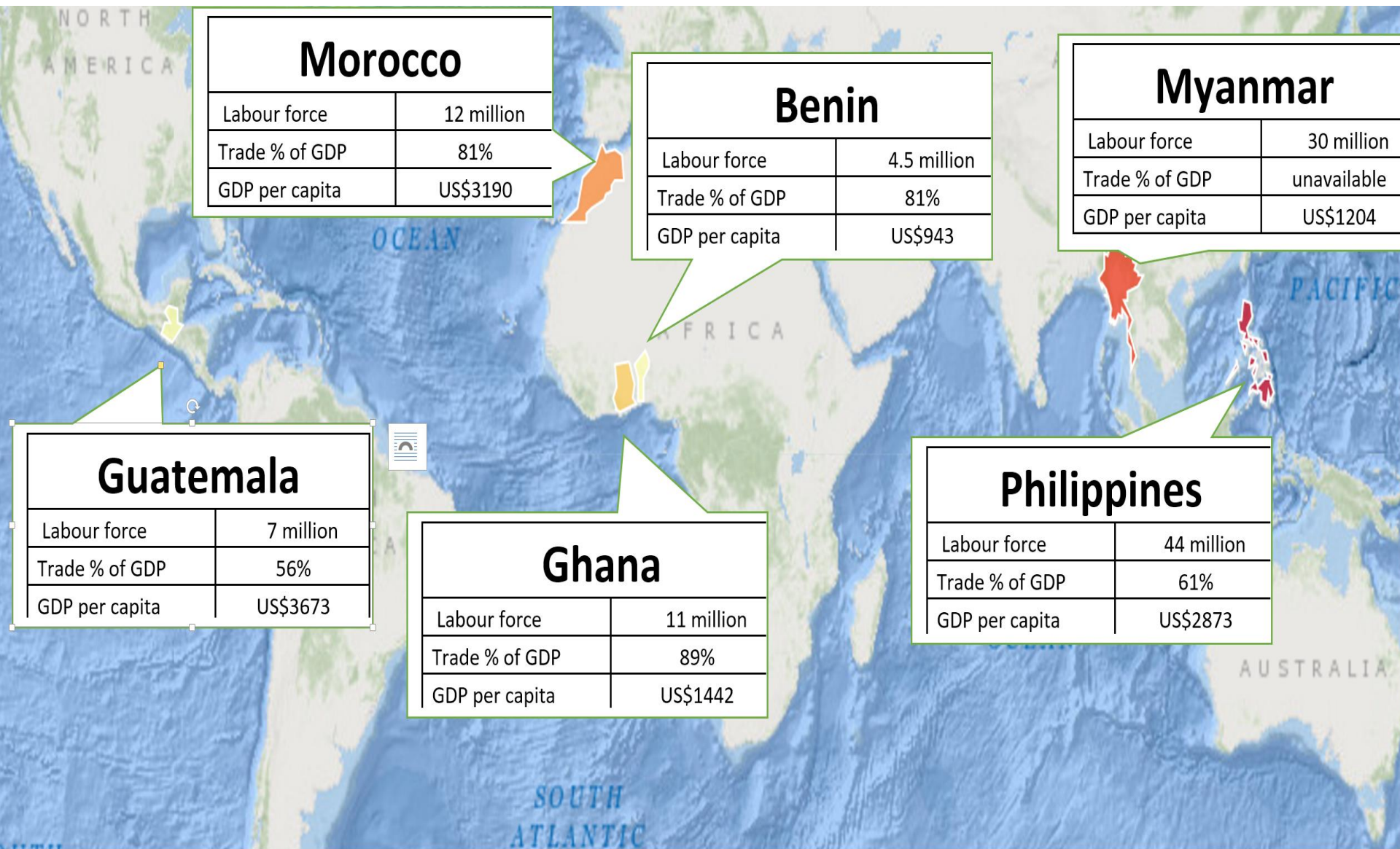


STRENGTHEN Logic:

More and better jobs can be achieved if trade and other economic policies are coherent with national employment objectives



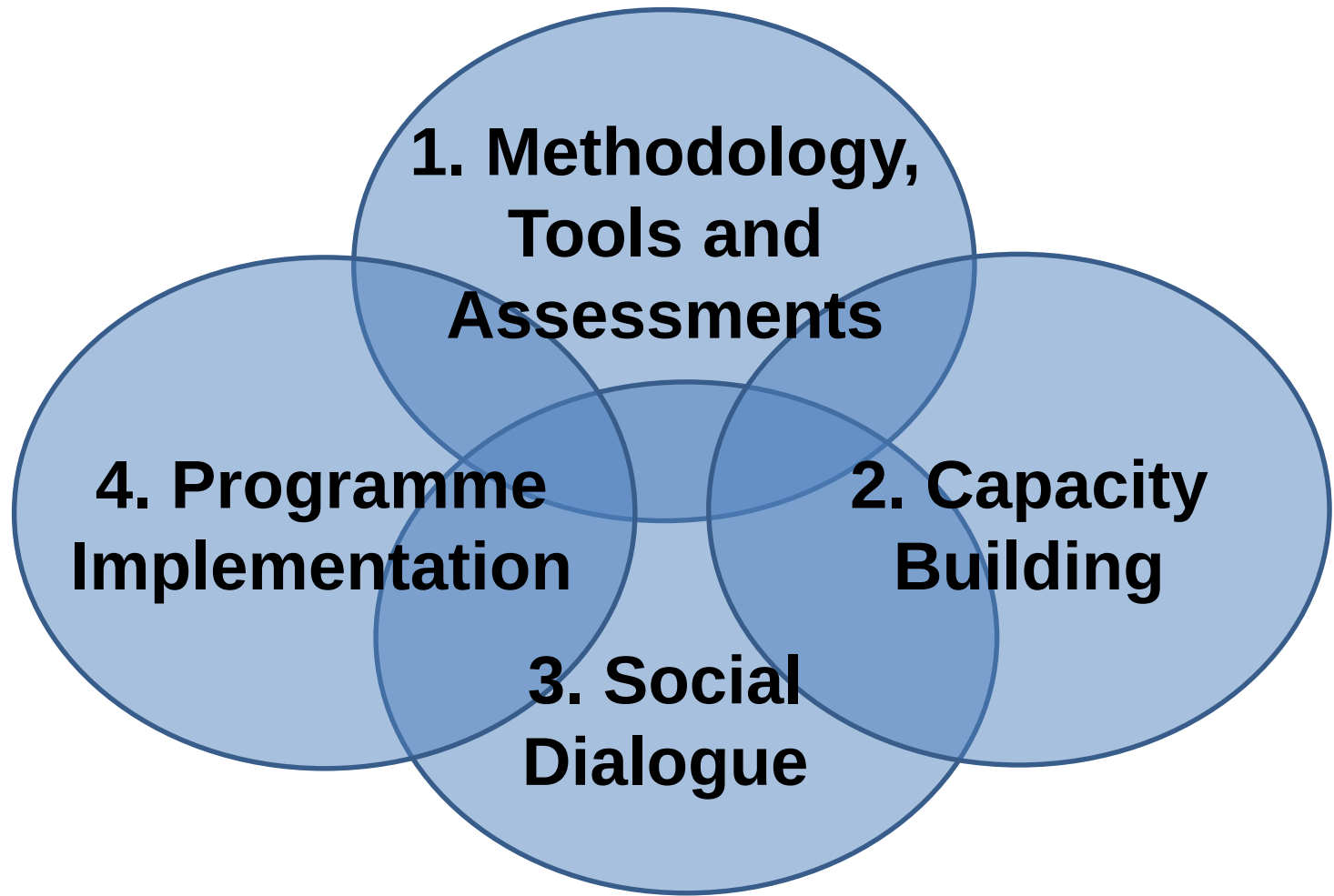
STRENGTHEN Project Countries



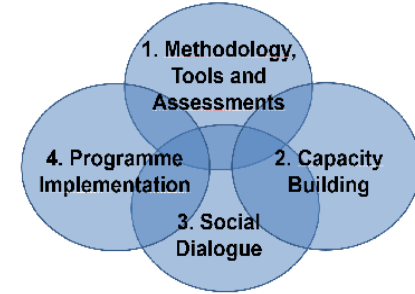
Coverage: 6 Countries

Project Timeline: Now until September 2018

Key Activity Areas of the STRENGTHEN Project



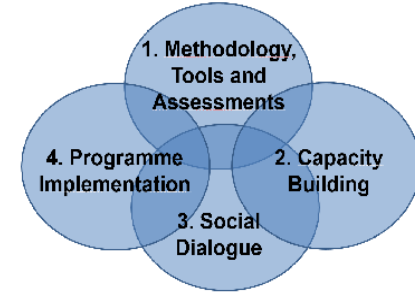
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1. Methodology, Tools and Assessments

- Existing national policy priorities for sectors and trade are identified and assessed for coherence with national employment and development objectives.
- The state of relevant national statistical data, availability of local experts, and applicability of *STRENGTHEN* methodology and tools are assessed.
- *STRENGTHEN* methodology and tools are adapted and implemented to produce studies of various trade and employment-related topics (e.g., export value chains, regional trade agreements, trade and skills, trade and the informal economy, SMEs, youth employment, etc.) identified as relevant to national policy priorities.

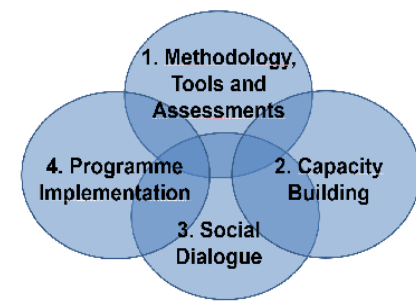
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2. Capacity Building

- Knowledge-sharing seminars and technical-training workshops are conducted according to the different needs and capacities of representatives from governments and social partners.
- Representatives from governments and social partners are trained to build a common understanding of concepts and issues and provide an effective basis for policy discussions on addressing the effects of trade on employment

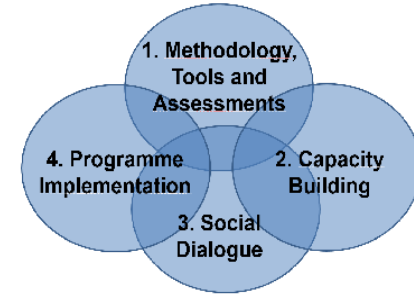
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3. Social Dialogue

- A *Policy Working Group (PWG)* with representatives from relevant line Ministries, social partners, staff of national statistical agencies, specialized agencies and research institutions are invited to form a multi-actor platform for policy discussions on trade and employment.
- Policy discussions are evidence-based, aimed at clarifying and facilitating the convergence of positions of various stakeholders, and synthesized into recommendations for changes in policies and programmes.

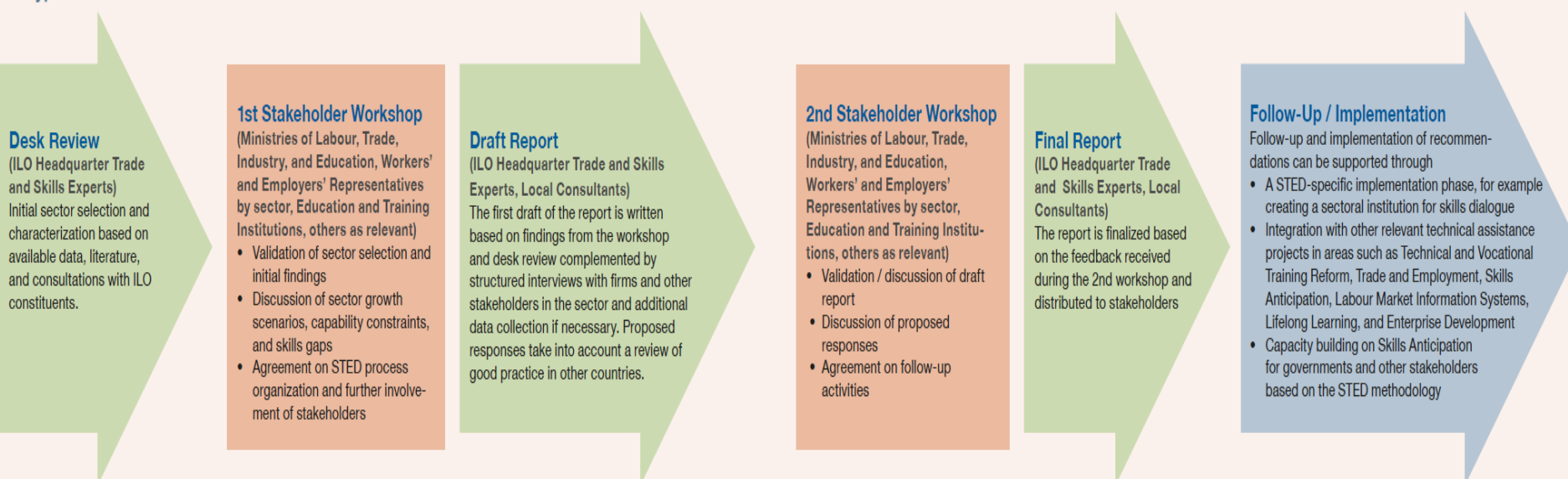
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4. Programme Support and Implementation

Skills for Trade and Economic Diversification (STED): This is a sector-level tool developed by the ILO that assists in the formation of skills development policies that help countries become more competitive in the context of open markets as well as build or maintain a sound and diversified economic structure.

Fig. 3:
Typical STED Process

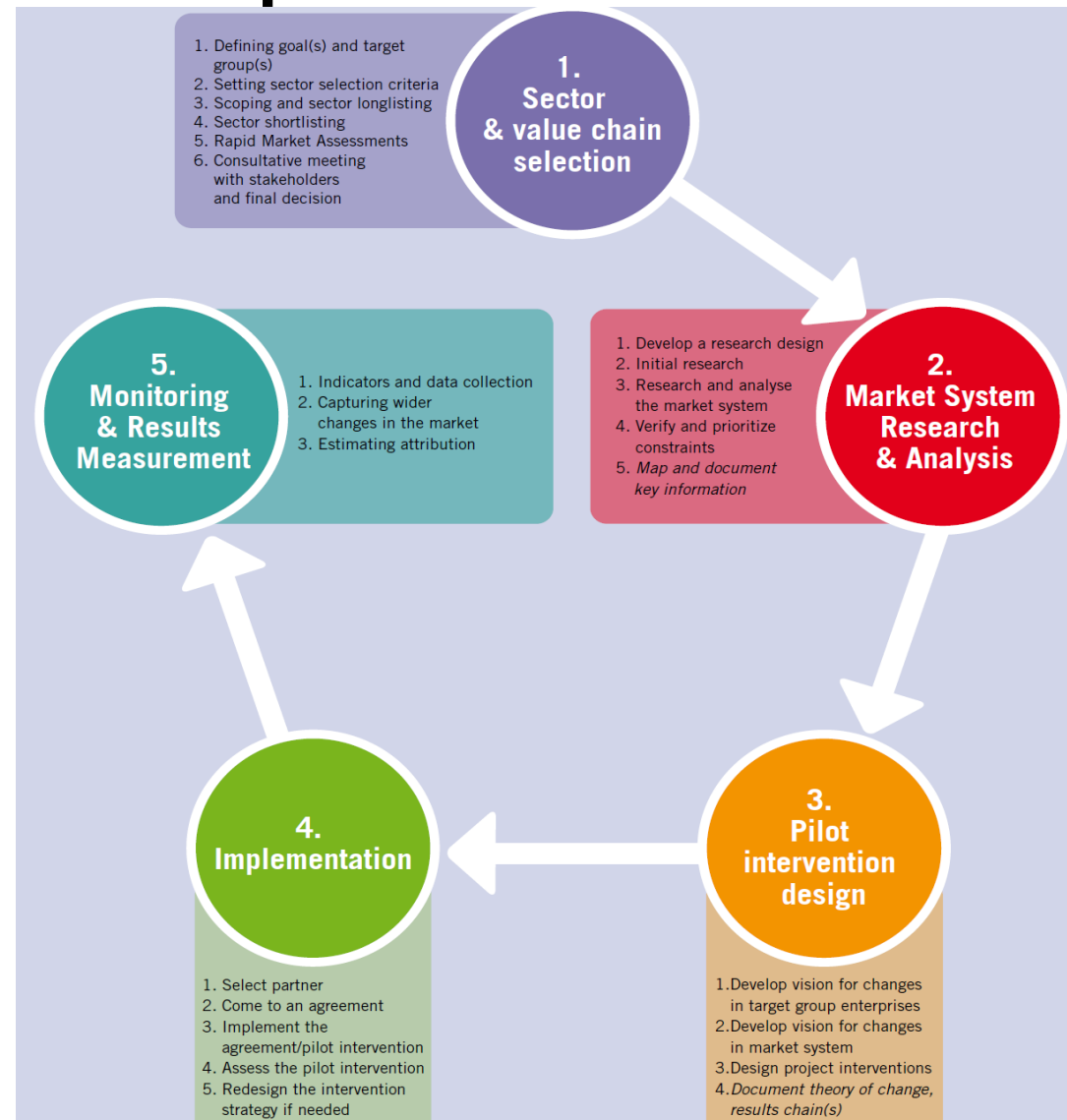


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Trade and Value Chains in Employment-Rich Activities (TRAVERA). This program utilizes the ILO's Value Chain Development Approach in analysing export supply chains and helping SMEs identify and exploit export market and export supply chain opportunities for employment creation and upgrading.





Thanks for your kind attention!

The STRENGTHEN Project webpage:
<http://www.ilo.org/employment/Whatwedo/Projects/sector-trade-policies/lang--en/index.htm>



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