

South-South Dialogue: the Role of Decent Work in Sustainable Development

Perspectives from Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean

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Closing the massive global jobs gap is one of the most prominent challenges of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Between 2015 and 2030, about 670 million jobs will have to be created, mostly in developing countries, to contain the current spread of unemployment, in particular among youth, and to cope with the growth in the working age population. The quality of jobs, not just the quantity, is at stake—of all those who are employed one in four have to cope with their family on less than US\$2 a day. Access to adequate social protection is still restricted to around 25 per cent of the population.

This South South Dialogue will bring together regional and national perspectives from Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean on how employment and decent work could be framed in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The results of this informal policy dialogue will inform delegations participating in the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

Moderator:

Ms Jane Stewart, ILO Special Representative to the UN and Director, ILO Office for the United Nations

Discussants:

Ms Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

H.E. Ms Maria Cristina Perceval, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN

H.E. Jean-Francis R. Zinsou, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Benin, Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries

Mr Aeneas Chuma, ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa

*Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.
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