

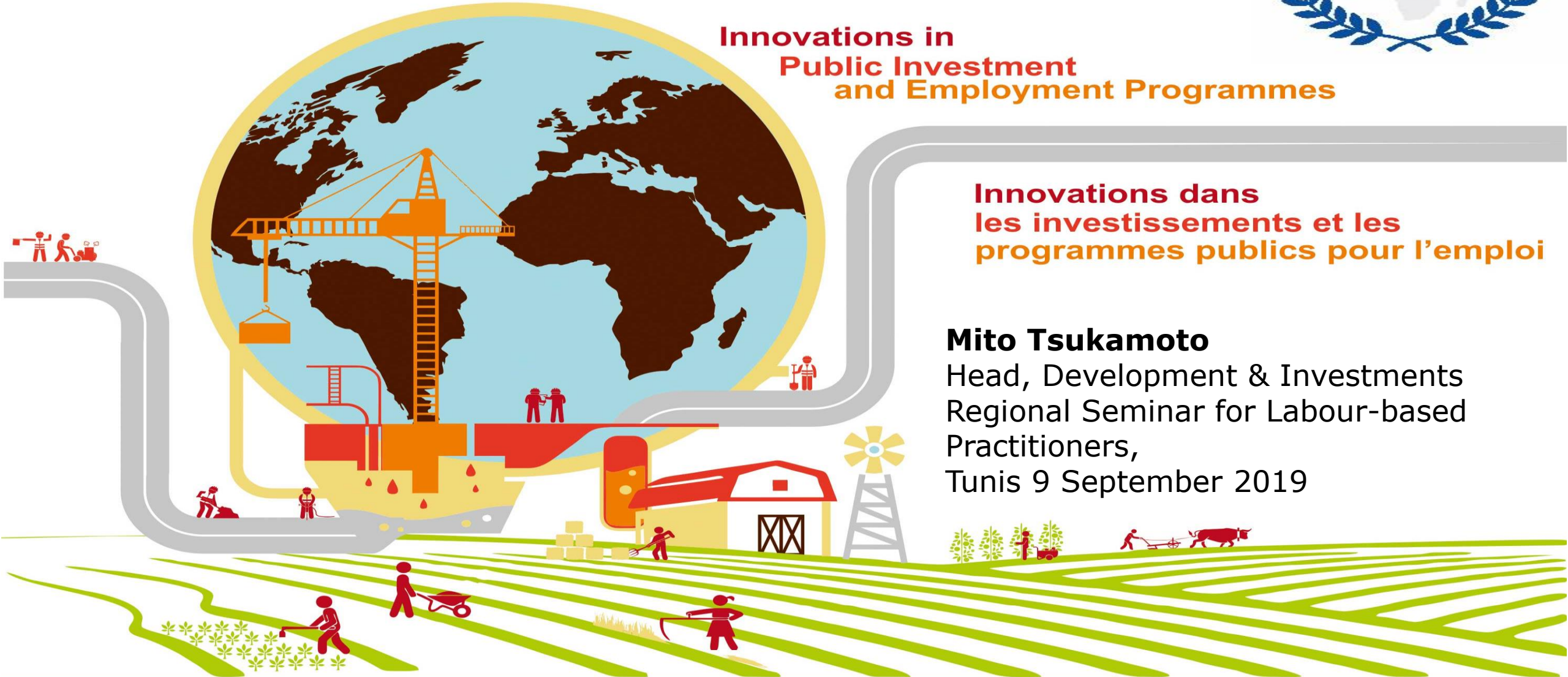


Innovations in Public Investment and Employment Programmes

Innovations dans
les investissements et les
programmes publics pour l'emploi

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Quality and Sustainable Infrastructure

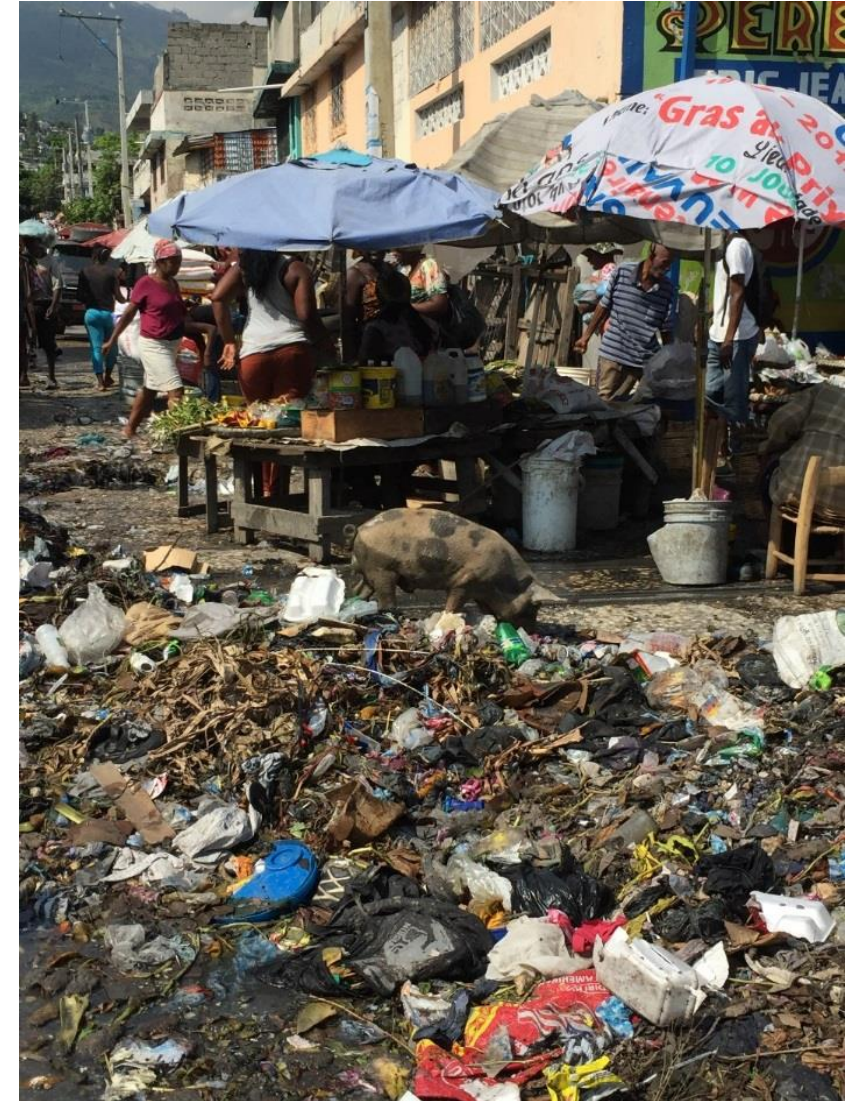
- 2017 -**EU's External Investment Plan** : a favourable investment climate and contributing to jobs and growth in Africa and European neighbourhood countries;
- April 2019 -**World Bank spring meetings** : PPPs and infrastructure flourished on the agenda;
- June 2019 - **Quality Infrastructure Investment** : endorsed by G20 leaders;
- August 2019 - **7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development**;
- Different regional initiatives : addressing infrastructure deficits and regional connectivity by the **AU and the Regional Economic Communities (REC)**;
- **G5 Sahel Priority Investment Programme** and **the Sahel Alliance** : boosting infrastructure development and building resilience and social cohesion in cross border regions.
- Other regional initiatives : African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

**Great potential and opportunities created
for infrastructure and job creation in the African Region!**



The Reality

- **2 billion people** living in fragile and conflict affected situations
- **300 million workers** continue to live in extreme poverty and informality.
- **Additional risks :**
 - Climate change
 - scarce natural resources
 - protracted conflict
 - low levels of human development
- **Requirements:**
 - Address poverty and inequality
 - Address structural imbalances
 - Protect existing resources
 - Build resilience and address the root causes of fragility.





Inequality gaps and the future?

- **Structural problem** - Inability of economy to:
 - (i) generate sufficient number of jobs,
 - (ii) improve the quality of employment for those employed,
 - (iii) ensure that the growth is inclusive
- Labour force > than jobs (600M new jobs needed)
- **Youth unemployment** = early labour market exclusion



**Increasing
social, economic
and security -
instability!**



Impacts of Climate Change

- **Increased drought and decreasing rainfall.** water scarcity affecting 75 to 250 million people by 2020 and 350 to 600 million by 2050
- **Heat stress.** 2.2 per cent of total working hours worldwide lost, a loss equivalent to 80 million full-time jobs. This is equivalent to global economic losses of US\$2,400 billion
- **Climate resilience.** Changing rain patterns, natural disasters, water scarcity and biodiversity loss – all of this, affects infrastructure, but also livelihood's of the most vulnerable.

SOCIAL JUSTICE and Just Transition is about helping the vulnerable adapt to climate change and to protect their natural wealth



Contribution to the Decent Work Agenda

- **the normative agenda** (C122 Full Employment, C94 Labour Clauses in Procurement, R202 SPF, R204 Transition to Formality, R205 Employment and Decent Work for Peace & Resilience)
- extending **social protection through income security**
- contributing to **social dialogue** between social partners, local stakeholders and the private sector
- promoting **decent working conditions** on construction sites and **strengthening local institutional** capacity



Development Cooperation

- **Joint Resource mobilization efforts :** US\$140m globally
- **African Region:** Over US\$60m (*Cameroon, Comoros, the Gambia, Madagascar, Mauritania, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and in our host country Tunisia*)
- **Strong collaboration** for ILO Technical Assistance and support to national programmes through national budgets



Strengthened Partnerships

- **Institutional** and financial partnerships founded in 45 of the 54 countries in Africa.
- **Multi-sectoral activities:** sectorial Ministries, Development Banks and UN agencies to promote labour based approaches and share resources and innovative methods are diversifying over time, especially in Africa
- **Extending DC cooperation** : BMZ/KfW, Government of France, Ireland, Japan, Norway, the European Union (DG Devco/DG Trade).
- **Extending collaboration with the UN family** : FAO, IFAD, IUCN, UNEP, WFP



Capacity Development and Strengthening of Institutions

- Targeting of the most vulnerable youth, women, disabled, refugees, economic migrants, host communities, ...
- Government, workers, employers, and social partners
- Close link with the construction industry by providing training for local contractors and technical staff of Ministries in charge of Public Works.
- New appropriate labour-based technologies, nature based solutions
- Support tonational labour-based institutes
- Training at the global level at our ITC-Turin, at the Regional level through the University of Cape Town and Costa Rica, and also in-country as the demands rise.



5 Key Messages

1. Assess trade and employment impact of sectoral investment strategies
2. Increase investment in people's capabilities through employment intensive approaches to ensure "No one is left behind"
3. Increase investment in the institutions of work – strengthening local institutions ensuring local ownership
4. Increase investment in decent and sustainable productive work.
5. Working in partnership – doing more with less, but even better!