



Recurrent Item Employment- Report and Conference Discussion

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CONCEPT

Purpose of the Recurrent Item system
according to 2008 Declaration



“ understand better the diverse realities and needs of the ILO Members with respect to each of the strategic objectives (and) respond more effectively to them, using all the means of action at its disposal, including standards-related action, technical cooperation, technical and research capacity of the Office, and adjust its priorities and programmes of action accordingly”



The Report Title: Employment Policies for Social Justice and a Fair Globalization

2008 Declaration poses three sets of interrelated governance questions



- Role of ILO in 21st century challenges of employment, social justice, fair globalization and decent work. Scope for improved multilateral partnerships, dialogue and policy coherence.
- Employment policy challenges and responses at the national level:
 - How have constituents been doing in using ILO employment policy guidance instruments?
 - Can cooperation between members through peer reviews of their employment policies be enhanced, if so how?
- The effectiveness of the office in responding to constituents needs around employment using all the means of action at its disposal.



Content of RIR report



- **Part I: Overview of employment challenges**
 - Ch 1: Introduction: Social Justice for a fair globalization
 - Ch 2: Trends and challenges in employment
- **Part II: Key Employment Themes**
 - Ch 3 Policies to promote full and productive employment
 - Ch 4 Sustainable enterprises and job creation
 - Ch 5 Skills for Employability and Productivity
 - Ch 6 Trade, international finance and labour markets
 - Ch 7 Work in the informal economy and promoting transition to formality
- **Part III: Future priorities**
 - Ch 8: Possible way forward



Final Remark



- This has been a truly Office-wide effort with strong engagement of and contribution from all Technical Sectors, the Field Offices, the Turin Center, ACTRAV and ACTEMP.
- There are ongoing consultations on the dynamics and nature of the June discussion including a meeting on the 28th of January with social partners and regional coordinators. The process will continue after the GB.

