

Joint FEDUSA-ILO workshop on the role of Trade Unions in women’s entrepreneurship development

In late 2011 the FEDUSA Social Policy Committee requested support from the ILO’s WEDGE-SA project to raise awareness amongst its affiliate unions on women’s entrepreneurship development. Thus, ILO WEDGE-South Africa together with the Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) organized and conducted a 2 day introductory training at FEDUSA, in Roodepoort, South Africa, on Women Entrepreneurship development from 28th and 29th May, 2012.

The objectives of the 2 day introductory training in the WED guide was to:

- Raise awareness of the role of trade unions in promoting women’s entrepreneurship development (WED).
- Give participants a basic understanding of the frameworks in women’s entrepreneurship development.
- Help participants develop ideas for opportunities for WED in their Unions.

27 participants attended the training, 4 men and 23 women from FEDUSA affiliates: UTATU, HOSPERSA, SAPTU, NULAW, JAMAFO, NDCAWU & PTAWU)

Feedback from the trainees suggested that the training was real ‘eye opener’ and helped them understand how Trade Unions can be involved in women’s entrepreneurship development.

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