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Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment (ETE Project)

What we have done? One of the main components of the "Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment" is capacity building. The ETE project had conducted a number of trainings; this SAM training was one of the activities under the ETE project, under the component of "capacity building". It was conducted on 7-11 February 2011 at Sultan Hotel Jakarta.

The objective of this training was to promote the capacity of the ILO constituents in Indonesia by reinforcing their understanding on Social Accounting Matrix and Multiplier Analysis so that they can effectively make assessment on the employment effects of external trade through the European Union-funded ILO project on "Assessing and Addressing the Employment Effects of International Trade".



The methodology of this training is based on face to face interaction which allowed a constructive communication and exchange of experience between facilitator and participants. This way it may stimulate participants to voice their opinion.

The facilitator is mainly from the International Training Centre (ITC) Turin-Italy, Mr. Samuel Asfaha and supported by economist from the University of Indonesia, Mr. Djoni Hartono.

The participants were representatives from Government Ministries, such as the Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration (MOMT), Min of Trade, BAPPENAS, National Statistics Office (NSO), trade unions representatives and employers' association (APINDO) as well as international organization. The specialist training went relatively well. The interest of participants could be observed from



their attendance. Participants were really stimulated by the fact that this training is beneficial and useful for their works.

Since the opportunities and challenges of trade are country specific, the project supports research and analysis in Indonesia to understand the specific situation and undertakes training activities to strengthen the capacity of policy makers, researchers and the social partners to assess, address and monitor the effects of trade on employment in Indonesia. The dialogue of policy makers and social partners on issues linked to trade and employment is a key to this end. A Policy Working Group (PWG) is therefore intended to facilitate such policy dialogue and provides a venue where participants review and discuss research findings, identify priority areas for action and subsequently formulate coherent trade and labour market policy recommendations.

The Policy working group is coordinated by the Directorate General of Manpower Placement and Development jointly with the Board of Research, Development and Information of the Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration (MOMT), with a membership of 15-20 people.

The 1st PWG meeting has conducted on 25 January 2011 at MOMT and the 2nd PWG meeting on 10 February 2011.

What next? In order to promote the familiarization of the participants in using the methodology for assessing employment effects of trade, a five weeks follow up training will be conducted.

