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

What we have done? Through the ETE project under the component of “capacity building”, funded by the European Commission, the International Labor Organization organized two days “World Integrated Trade Solution” Training from 2-3 November 2010 in Jakarta.

The objective of the WITS training was to enhance the capacity of the ILO constituents in Indonesia by reinforcing their knowledge in understanding on what are the data sources for international trade covering exports/imports, tariffs, market access and how to retrieve such data through the so-called application of WITS and SMART. Using such application participants can effectively make use the integrated available data collected by different international organization to analyze trade.



The Director of the ILO Jakarta, Mr. Peter van Rooij opened with a welcoming speech in which he asserts that free trade has been a very burning issue in Indonesia particularly with the implementation of the China ASEAN FTA that began early this year. The worries of having businesses collapsed and job losses have been the main concern for all. It is understood that free trade may cause job creation as well job losses, yet it will depend on the economic actors including the government in how to prepare themselves to prevent such adverse effects.

For example, the formulation of trade and employment policies which are in coherence is important to avoid such damaging employment effects and at the same time to prepare with the right and strategic measures.

Mr. Hiroaki Kuwahara, Chief, Trade Information Section, Trade Analysis Branch, Division for International Trade, UNCTAD. As, the training is mainly related to software application, therefore the training is based on face to face interaction which allowed a constructive communication and exchange of experience between instructor and participants. This way it stimulates participants to learn more.



The participants were representatives from the Government Ministries, such as the Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration (MOMT), Ministry of Trade, Board of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), National Statistics Office (NSO), trade unions representative and employers' association (APINDO). In total there were 13 participants.

The WITS training went well. The high interest of participants could be observed from their full attendance and very high enthusiasm in understanding the subject.

What next? Technical Training on “Social Accounting Matrix (SAM)”..

