



Returning to Ethiopia from the Middle-East, where some were abused and trafficked, these women now benefit from vocational training offered by an ILO project.



Conference on forced labour and trafficking in Africa



Two centuries after the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, at least 20.9 million people – of which 3.7 million in Africa – continue to work under coercion, largely in the informal and illegal economy. In terms of prevalence, at least 4 in every 1000 people in Africa are in forced labour on any given day. Available research suggests that forced labour in Africa is deeply rooted in poverty and traditional practices of social exclusion. Worldwide, governments and social partners are considering the development of new international standards during the International Labour Conference in June 2014, in view of strengthening prevention, as well as the protection and compensation of victims.

Save the date!

On 19-20 November 2013, the ILO is organizing a tripartite conference to assess current responses, to document good practices and lessons learnt, to devise a strategy and build a coalition to champion the fight against forced labour and human trafficking in Africa.

The event will take place in **Lusaka, Zambia**, at the Southern Sun Hotel. A background paper will be sent to participants ahead of the meeting.

Participants will include:

- *Representatives of Governments and Workers and Employers representative organizations*
- *Researchers on forced labour, human trafficking and slavery-like practices in Africa*
- *Resource persons to share lessons learned from other regions/countries*
- *Observers from other regional and international organizations, civil society and donor community*

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