

Zimbabwe ILO SRO Anniversary Celebration and launch of the DWCP



The ILO SRO Harare Event for the 90th Anniversary, Promotion of the 2008 ILO Declaration on Social Justice and Launch of the Zimbabwe DWCP was officiated by the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, the Right Honourable Morgan Richard Tsvangirai noting that “the inclusive government is committed to working with the ILO, Labour organizations and Business in continuing to strive for fair and equitable working conditions”.



The ILO Director a.i. Mr. Alphonse Tabi-Abodo delivered his speech calling for Social Justice and Decent Work for ALL in Zimbabwe.

Mr. Tabi-Abodo reiterated that women and men, families and communities want to live in a world where the values of dignity, respect and security, of freedom and equality have a meaning in their own lives.



Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai proposed a toast congratulating the ILO for “90 years of meaningful contributions, not only in Zimbabwe but to our global society as well and for ensuring that its agenda reflects the agenda of its member states and their social partners”.



The Zimbabwe Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) was signed by (from R to L front row) the ILO, MoLSS, EMCOZ and ZCTU.

Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai said "we have witnessed, Government, Labour and Business signing the DWCP for Zimbabwe. This Programme is designed to address the challenges in our labour market with assistance from the ILO. This kind of collective approach is what we need in our road map towards economic recovery". The DWCP for Zimbabwe

was adopted in 2005 and reviewed in 2008 to take into account the recent policy developments.



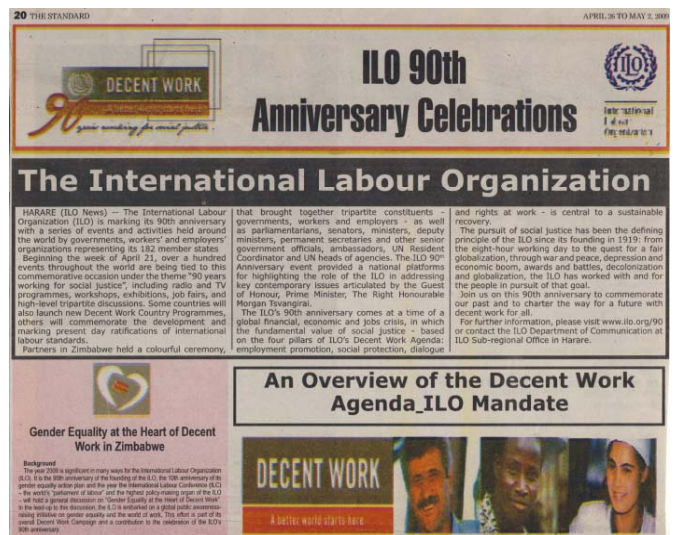
There were more than 180 guests at the ILO Event including Ministers and other senior government officials, Ambassadors and other diplomats, Heads of UN Agencies, Civil Society Organizations and Non Governmental Organizations.



Guests included the Minister of State in the President's Office, Senator John Nkomo (ex Chairman ILO GB); Minister of State in the Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Mutambara's Office, Senator Gibson Sibanda (ex member ILO Governing Body); Minister of Youth Development, Indigenization and Empowerment, Hon. Saviour Kasukuwere; Minister of Women's Affairs, Gender and Community Development, Hon. Olivia Muchena, Deputy Ministers and Permanent Secretaries from various Ministries; Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Union (ZCTU) President, Mr. Lovemore Matombo, Vice President and ILO GB member, Mrs Lucia Matibenga and Secretary General, Mr. Wellington Chibebe; Employers Confederation of Zimbabwe (EMCOZ) Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Ncube and Chief Executive Officer Mr. John Mufukare.



The UN Resident Coordinator giving his closing remarks said “the Zimbabwe United Nations Development Assistance Framework (ZUNDAF) 2007 - 2011 maps out the UN support to the Government and its various stakeholders. All individual UN agencies' programmes such as the DWCP for Zimbabwe signed today are integrated in the ZUNDAF.”



“ILO 90th Anniversary Celebrations”, a supplement on the ILO 90th Anniversary Celebrations was published by the Zimbabwe Independent Newspapers, showing specific areas where the ILO was working to promote Social Justice and Decent Work in Zimbabwe.

“Decent Work for us”, a Shona and English theme song “Decent Work for us” was composed and produced by a well known Zimbabwean musician David Chifunyise. The song is being played on Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation Radio and has the potential of becoming a hit among the local population.



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PM Tsvangirai pays tribute to ILO

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Mr Tsvangirai was officiating at the 90th anniversary celebrations of the International Labour Organisation in Harare.

He said the organization has also done well in campaigning for freedom of association and equality at work.

Mr. Tsvangirai said the inclusive government is committed to working with the ILO, labour organizations and the business community to encourage good working relations and create a conducive environment for business so as to promote productivity in industry.



ILO Inokurudzira Kuchengedzwa kweKodzero dzeVashandi

Na Sylvia Manika
Harare
22/04/2009

Sangano re International Labour Organisation, kana kuti ILO, rapemberera neChitatu kuvambwa kwakaitwa sangano iri makore makumi mapfumbamwe apfuura. Pahurongwa uhu, sangano reILO rapururawo hurongwa hunotsigira mashandiro akanaka evashandi, kana kuti *Decent Work Country Program*. Sangano iri rayambirawo vashandirwi pamwe nehurumende, kuti kodzero dzevashandi dziremekedzwe.

There were several media (radio, TV, Internet and newspapers) reports centred around the 90th anniversary celebration and awareness campaigns on the ILO Declaration on Social Justice and the Zimbabwe DWCP with ILO Director and Programme Staff in English and national languages Shona and Ndebele.

“Decent Work in Zimbabwe”, a television documentary on ILO’s work in Zimbabwe with four episodes covering progress in all the strategic objectives of the ILO (tripartism and social dialogue, social protection, employment creation, and standards, fundamental principles and rights at work) as well as common principles of action such as gender equality was filmed and produced by Chipawo Media.

The documentary uses professional drama to showcase and articulate ILO areas of work in the main national language (Shona) and English (main language of communication in

Zimbabwe). It also features various views on past, present and future role of the ILO coming from the ILO Director General, Deputy Director ILO Regional Office for Africa, the ILO SRO Harare Director a.i. as well as the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, former and current Zimbabwe members of the ILO Governing Body, the ILO Director a.i. and the partners Ministry of Labour and Social Services (MoLSS), Employers Council of Zimbabwe (EMCOZ) and the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU).

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) national television studios will continue broadcast the documentary and play the theme song.

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Govt to work with

BY MORGAN TSVANGIRAI
Minister of Labour and Social Services, Honourable Ministers, Honourable Ministers, Acting Director of the ILO Sub-Regional Office, Mr. Tilo Aboda, Trade Union and Business Leaders, Ambassadors, The UN Resident Co-ordinator and Representatives of other International Organisations, Senior Government Officials, Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to thank the Minister of Labour and Social Services, the Honourable Mujuru and the Acting Director of the ILO Sub-Regional Office, Mr. Tilo Aboda, for inviting me to join my colleagues from Government, and representatives from Labour and Business in commemorating the 90th anniversary of the International Labour Organisation.

The ILO's proud history includes campaigning against slave and forced labour, designing programmes for the eradication of child labour, campaigning for freedom of association and equality at the work place and calling for collective determination of the shop-floor price of labour. These are just a few examples of the organisation's tireless efforts to bring about social justice in the labour market.

Government grateful
The Government of Zimbabwe is also grateful for the efforts which the ILO has taken with its constituents to addressing the issue of HIV and AIDS at the workplace and beyond. Worldwide

productivity diminishes. To recover our economy we need a healthy workforce and in this respect, I urge the ILO to continue supporting the HIV and AIDS programmes in the workplace.

"Inclusive government is committed to working with the ILO, labour organisations and business"

Ladies and Gentlemen, this inclusive government is committed to working with the ILO, labour organisations and business in continuing to strive for fair and equitable working conditions.

Such is our commitment to the principle of the tripartite approach, that it has been included within the Global Political Agreement that forms the foundation of this government and in that agreement it is represented by the National Economic Council.

I am proud to have worked with the ILO throughout the 1980s and 1990s and to have been part of the team that established Zimbabwe's own Tripartite Negotiating Forum in 1998, in an attempt to address the socio-economic issues faced by workers in this country.

Plight of workers
In addition, this Government has further responsibilities of which we are conscious in this situation, it is imperative that this spirit of cooperation and consultation between its key stakeholders continues and flourishes. In this regard you have my full commitment to work tirelessly for best business growth and the rights of the workers.

At this occasion, we have witnessed government labour and business signs the Decent Work Country Programme for Zimbabwe. This programme is designed to address the challenge in our labour market with assistance from the ILO. The kind of collective approach - what we need in our road towards economic recovery.

In line with the purpose of the Decent Work Agenda in Zimbabwe I am confident that this Government's Short Term Economic Recovery Programme will provide a solid foundation through which to pursue this agenda.

Therefore I ask both labour and business to join with the Government to work together under the auspice of STERP.

"We will pursue a legislative agenda that entrenches the rights of all citizens and all stakeholders"

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The Anniversary events began with the International Women’s Day Celebration with the Vice President, Hon Joice Mujuru.

