



FOR INFORMATION

FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other matters arising out of the work of the 97th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference

Follow-up to the adoption of the conclusions on skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development

1. On 12 June 2008, the 97th Session of the International Labour Conference adopted the conclusions on skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development drawn up by the Committee on Skills.
2. The conclusions set priorities for research, technical cooperation and advocacy work. The Office was also called upon to coordinate support for skills development at the country level under the “Delivering as One” framework.
3. Follow-up action has started in the following areas:
 - the Committee’s conclusions have been published in a reader-friendly format, while promotional materials and the corresponding web site now reflect the central themes of the conclusions;
 - a cross-country review of national qualification frameworks has been launched, comparing expectations, implementation and results of policy objectives, in collaboration with the Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training (CINTERFOR);
 - a research agenda is planned on the skills needs implications of climate change in developing countries, to be used in developing tools on skills forecasting;
 - a joint technical meeting with the Turin Centre has set out a workplan for incorporating research findings and the conclusions into their courses on skills development policies and vocational training institution management;
 - consultations have begun with UNESCO, the World Bank and other agencies and donors on joint research and on coordinating efforts at the UN country team level to improve coherence between basic education and vocational training.

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