



FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Update on strategic priorities
for MULTI for 2006-07**

1. The appendix contains a simplified version of the strategic priorities table presented in March 2006,¹ with a summary indication of the current status of each work item. An update was provided to the Officers of the Subcommittee during their meeting at the 296th Session of the Governing Body.
2. The major challenge remains resource mobilization for work items requiring specialized technical skills, in particular making the Business and Social Initiatives Database (BASI) more user-friendly.

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¹ GB.295/MNE/4/1.

Appendix

Strategic priority ¹	Output expected	Current status
1. Follow-up to the Eighth Survey		
1.1. Knowledge development	Publications	Criteria have been developed for assessing good practice and case studies have been developed or commissioned.
1.2. Promotional activities and technical advisory services	Print updated MNE Declaration, translate; produce executive summary	New edition printed with new cover design; translations in process; draft pamphlet produced explaining MNE Declaration.
1.3. Alternatives for the Ninth Survey	Office paper proposing alternatives	Completed. See GB.297/3/1.
2. IFI on CSR		
2.1. Knowledge development	Publications; collection of good practice	Research under way on agriculture-into-retail and electronics sectors.
2.2. Tripartite and expert meetings to consider what constitutes good CSR practice	Recommendations	InFocus Forum on the relationship between private systems of inspection, social auditing and certification to be held during the November 2006 Governing Body. InFocus Forum on voluntary reporting practices to be held in the March 2007 Governing Body.
2.3. Promotional activities and technical advisory services	Training package	Training package developed in consultation with social partners; now being piloted.
3. Development of practical guidelines for implementing the MNE Declaration	Guidelines	In process, linked to development of promotional materials for 30th Anniversary event.
4. MNEs and industrial relations	Working papers	Work to commence in 2007.
5. International Forum for the 30th Anniversary of the MNE Declaration	Event with range of outputs	In process. See GB.297/MNE/4/1 for detailed update.
6. Upgrading BASI to be more user-friendly	Improved database	Exploring external funding possibilities.
7. Cooperation with other international organizations	Raise the profile of the MNE Declaration	Participating in meetings, providing technical assistance. See GB.297/MNE/2/2 for further information.

¹ These are the strategic priorities endorsed by the Subcommittee last March. See GB.295/MNE/4/1, 295th Session, March 2006, appendix.