



Project Brief for the ILO/EC Project

“MONITORING AND ASSESSING PROGRESS ON DECENT WORK” (MAP)

Monitoring and assessing progress towards decent work at the country-level is a long-standing concern for the ILO and its constituents. Against this background, the 2008 Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization details that member States may consider “the establishment of appropriate indicators or statistics, if necessary with the assistance of the ILO, to monitor and evaluate the progress made” (Paragraph II.B.ii.). In the past, countries have repeatedly called for ILO technical cooperation to support their efforts to monitor and assess progress towards decent work.

Implemented by the ILO with funding from the European Union, the project “Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work (MAP)” will help to address this need. Over a period of four years (2009 to 2012), the project will work with government agencies (incl. Ministries of Labour), National Statistical Offices, workers’ and employers’ organisations and research institutions to strengthen the capacity of developing and transition countries to self-monitor and self-assess progress towards decent work.

The project will facilitate the identification of decent work indicators that are relevant at the national level (based on the outcome of the Tripartite Meeting of Experts held in September 2008); support data collection; and use the collected data for an integrated policy analysis of decent work in order to make them relevant for policy-making. Project activities include: the preparation of background country-studies; national consultation workshops to identify decent work indicators; regional workshops on decent work indicators; support to national statistical offices or other relevant institutions; the preparation of in-depth country-studies on decent work; national meetings of researchers and policy makers to disseminate the results of country-studies; training and knowledge-sharing workshops; and the production of a manual on the “global methodology to self-monitor and self-assess progress towards decent work”.

The project covers ten countries in all major regions, including two countries in Africa (Niger and Zambia), four in Asia (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia and a further country), two in Europe (Ukraine and a further country) and two in Latin America (Brazil and Peru). Through the regional activities, the global methodology will be disseminated beyond the project countries. The project is implemented by the Policy Integration Department (INTEGRATION) in close collaboration with the Department of Statistics, other technical units; regional, sub-regional and country offices; and the ILO’s International Training Centre in Turin. For more information see the project website at <http://www.ilo.org/map> .