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Experiences through partnership between Japan and the ILO for the promotion of decent work agenda in the context of fragility

Concept note and agenda

Background

Africa enjoyed two decades of dynamic economic growth with increased employment opportunities. However, due to the restrictions under COVID-19, and other factors such as the increase in commodity and fuel prices resulting from the Russian Invasion of Ukraine, the continent's chances of economic recovery have been hindered, and unequal access to decent jobs and social protection remains one of the most pressing issues.

The ILO has been supporting the developing countries for the past 50 years through the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) to address unemployment, underemployment, poverty and various related social problems. The EIIP assists stakeholders in each country to formulate, implement and evaluate comprehensive policies and programmes on public infrastructure investment in order to promote employment, particularly in situations of conflict, disaster and other emergencies.

Japan has supported the promotion of decent work through quality infrastructure development, human resource development, and cooperation on occupational health and safety.

The ILO/EIIP and Japan have been collaborating on capacity building on labour-intensive construction methods (LBT) and are expected to continue to deepen the cooperation for the promotion of decent work in Africa in the future.

Key questions

- Effects and lessons learned on job creation and human resources development through public investment in infrastructure development in fragile situations such as disasters and conflicts.
- Measures to promote decent work.
- Deepening the partnership between the ILO and Japan to promote employment-intensive investments.

Co-organizers: ILO, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).

Format: A fully virtual webinar (1.5h) with 2 key note speeches + 3 panel discussants + discussion with audience + conclusion.

Date: 22 August, 2022.

Time: 10:00 – 12:30 CET (17:00 – 18:30 JST)

Language: English, French, Japanese (simultaneous interpretation).

Preliminary agenda (Geneva time)

10h00 – 10h15 Opening remarks and key note speech/presentation

Facilitator: Mr. **Andreas Klemmer** (ITCILO)

Speakers:

- Ms. **Martha Newton**, Deputy Director General for Policy (ILO)
- Mr. **Toshiyuki Nakamura**, Senior Vice President (JICA)

10h15 – 11h00 Panel discussion

Facilitator: Mr. **Andreas Klemmer** (ITCILO)

Speakers:

- Mr. **Randria Tsiferana Simon**, General Director of Water (Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), Madagascar
- Mr. **Ato Yetimgeta Asrat**, Deputy Director General (Ethiopian Roads Authority) Ethiopia
- Mr. **Américo Ocuá Dimande**, Director General (National Roads Administration), Mozambique

11h00 – 11h25 Interaction with participants and Q&A

Moderator: Mr. **Andreas Klemmer** (ITCILO)

11h00 – 11h25

- Ms. **Mito Tsukamoto**, Chief, Development and Investment Branch, Employment Policy Department (ILO)