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First of all thanks to all those who sent their positive and useful feedback on our recent ASIST Africa e-newsletter!

Many of you have expressed interest in receiving brief info about the Employment-Intensive Investment Programme activities to include those of ASIST Asia-Pacific and EIIP activities in Latin America and beyond. We have therefore decided to provide you with this global EIIP e-news.

While this e-news will largely cover frequent updates on programme activities, the Bulletin will continue to be produced twice a year with in-depth thematic coverage. As previously, we count on your excellent contributions to the continued success of the Bulletin!

The present edition of the e-news will focus mainly on reaching you all with our greetings before new year:

We wish you all the best for the festive season and a Happy New Year 2007!



As we are setting out the direction for the coming year, let us mention a few issues at global, regional and national levels.

EIIP underwent an independent evaluation this year. Many of you provided contributions to this evaluation with in-depth knowledge and views about the programme strategy. This being a strategic evaluation, focus of course was on the relevance of the strategy, and how efficient and effective ILO uses it in its strategic framework and operations for sustained impact.

We were very happy with the evaluators' positive feedback, in particular related to EIIP tools and methodologies, and the recognition of the role that local resource-based strategies play in making globalisation more socially oriented. However, of benefit to the ILO programme managers is the advice provided for improved results and impact.

While endorsing the overall strategic choices made by ILO, the main recommendations for change were linked to improved networking and partnerships, both within and beyond ILO in order to get "bigger bang for the bucks". The changing UN, financing and budget support mechanisms are but two elements discussed by the evaluation team in terms of strategic choices to be made by the ILO. We have also been advised on how we could better involve and make use of ILO constituents and colleagues from other departments to upscale and advance the EIIP internationally and within country programmes.

See their recommendation in the summary report prepared by the ILO Director General to “his board”, the ILO Governing Body in November (www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/gb/docs/gb297/pdf/pfa-2-2.pdf).

The limiting factor in implementing the recommendations is of course availability of core resources. Donor resources for regional or HQ ILO experts are more difficult to obtain in an era of national budget support and UN reform, and sourcing funding for the ASIST programmes is a continuous challenge. At country level however, the resources are fairly important, ILO has signed new agreements with countries to provide EIIP technical assistance for more than US\$ 50 million over the last two years.

Recognising this important demand for services from the member States and the central policy role that EIIP now plays within the ILO strategic programme, we are pleased to note that the ILO itself is presently increasing funding for the EIIP including core expert positions at the level of sub-regional offices in Africa (incl. with ASIST Africa) and core expert positions in Asia-Pacific. This increase replaces somewhat the downscaling we have faced with the number of staff in the ASIST programmes.

We will be able to maintain the number of posts at the HQ EIIP unit (EMP/INVEST). You may however note that Jinchang Liu retired from the ILO (EMP/INVEST) at the end of November and that Steve Miller will be retiring at the end of May 2007.

We wish we also had an opportunity to increase the core staff for support to Latin America, but that is still in the making...

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A pilot rural road maintenance project in Cameroon using labour-based techniques started in November 2006. The ILO technical assistance consists of providing support to the rural roads unit on design, monitoring and appraisal of labour-based projects, the training of 11 small-scale entrepreneurs and 6 consultancy firms, the organization of on-site training, the supervision of 200 km selected from the labour-based maintenance road program, the organization of a field trip, the coordination of a sensitization workshop on the labour-based approach. Funding is provided by the Government of Cameroon for a period of 12 months.

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The EIIP has been working with the Government of Ethiopia over recent years in support of a World Bank loan in which labour-based road contracting has been introduced in Tigray Region. An integrated Sida-funded project is following up with employment and investment policy development including tools for employment impact assessments of sectoral budgets, enabling environment for skills and entrepreneurship and capacity building with two regions for employment-intensive infrastructure development.

A new project is being designed with the Addis Ababa City Council on solid waste management including support to local authorities' management capacity and to small enterprises for service delivery in this sub-sector. The sizeable project is funded under the Dutch programme support to ILO.

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The EIIP is also playing a key role in ILO's response to the President of Liberia's call for support to employment creation. A project, again funded through the Dutch programme at the order of US\$ 3 million has just started with two major EIIP components covering road construction and solid waste management.

The above are rapid response measures while support and funding is being sourced for the National Public Works Programme which has been developed with the Government over the recent months.

Madagascar

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The Government of Madagascar has been implementing EIIP approaches since long and while the ILO support in terms of international staff is limited to one person, the programme is one of the biggest in terms of programme finance. The country has a good basis for and a good record on employment and local resource-based investments in several sectors, from rural access roads and public buildings (schools, health centres, water and land management for rural and urban development, as well as upgrading of communal and sub-urban infrastructure. The activities cover a wide range of policy work, now with important contributions to the operationalisation of the Madagascar Action Plan which replaces the previous poverty reduction strategy (PRS).

At present, two ongoing development activities are undertaken to i) update the macro economic assessment carried out in the mid-90s to provide updated information on the impact of local resource-based investments on the economy, and ii) analyze the current programming processes and priority setting with a view to integrate employment criteria in the selection, implementation and evaluation processes of public investments.

The recommendations will be analyzed at a national workshop where ILO support to employment policy, skills and entrepreneurship development and employment-intensive investment approaches are discussed under the umbrella of a Sida-funded ILO support programme.

It is however the Norwegian support to different sectoral programmes mentioned above that provides the major vehicle for EIIP operations in Madagascar. The work in the road sector has been largely mainstreamed using small enterprises coming out of the ILO supported / Norway funded EIIP resource centre for capacity building of central and decentralised government staff, contractors and consultants.

The resource and training centre has been turned into a public - private partnership operation and is today self-financed, managed by the "Association Centre Formation HIMO" (look up article on the opening <http://www.madagascar-tribune.com/index.php?JOURNAL=884&RUB=37>). The centre is providing capacity building for consultants and contractors for different sectoral programmes including the school building programme under the UNICEF, WB and other donor-supported "Education for All" programme and the Madagascar Urban Infrastructure Upgrading programme.



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The ILO is implementing a multisectoral project in Mali with an aim of promoting youth employment. The project is carried out in close collaboration with the National Agency of Youth employment promotion (APEJ). Funding is provided by the Governments of Mali and Luxembourg. Beside the employment created, significant achievements have been made; productive infrastructure such as irrigation and land management, afforestation and feeder roads are developed in rural areas. This work is complemented by urban works (pavements) and a training component of local actors involved in the implementation of project activities including local associations, small and medium contractors.

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The ILO contributed to a workshop last October organized jointly by the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development, the Dutch and the Canadian Cooperation on the theme “Promoting sustainable economic development through Labour-Intensive Public Works in Rural Rwanda”. The conclusions and recommendations pointed out by national and international stakeholders involved in the planning and execution of EII projects in Rwanda will strengthen the coordination and enhance the extension of the EII approach in several catalyst sectors of the rural economy: development of terraces and marshland, roads rehabilitation, water supply points, reforestation, environmental protection, soil and water conservation, etc. These actions which are considered to be productive or supportive to production are indispensable for the preservation of the national heritage and revitalization of the local economy.

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The ILO is implementing a US\$ 13 million programme in Somalia covered by two projects, one for Somaliland and Puntland and one for the Mogadishu and South areas. Funding is provided by Danida, DFID, EU, Norway and Italy, as well as contributions from UN. Despite the fragile political situation in parts of Somalia, these projects are making significant impact on the lives of the people and building hope for dialogue at local level.

The Employment, Enterprise and Livelihood Programme is working in the areas of Somaliland and Puntland, which have enjoyed relative peace and stability for more than a decade. The interventions focus on developing basic community infrastructure and supporting urban and rural infrastructure for social and economic development, as well as identification and support to potential value chains for greater local economic development, the latter in cooperation with a sister project of the FAO supported by the same donors (presently by Danida and DFID, and previously substantial Italian contributions).

The Employment for Peace Programme in South and Central Mogadishu seeks to provide a tangible peace dividend in the lives of ordinary Somali people by engaging communities in large scale employment opportunities, injecting cash through wages, improving access and infrastructure, reviving local markets and building local skills and capacities. Since August 2006, more than 200,000 work days of employment have been created and over half a million US dollars has been put directly into the pockets of poor Somali families living in the cities of Mogadishu and Baidoa through ILO's Employment for Peace Programme. In addition further resources have been injected into the local economy through equipment hire. Through the programme's unique community driven recovery approach, local communities are engaged in solid waste management projects involving the removing of heaps of garbage accumulated over the past 15 years that blocks access roads and drainage and poses a health risk. The programme is also involved in initiatives to develop local engineering capacities as well as the

capacities of the newly formed district councils to undertake employment-intensive works. A significant achievement of this process besides the employment created, the cash injected into the communities, the skills built, and the opening up of access roads and restoration of the cities is the dialogue and agreement to work together towards a common objective between different districts and communities. It is hoped that the dialogue created at local level will improve the tense situation between leaders at higher level too, although recent developments indicates that this is now less likely. The programme is funded by the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway.

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The Government of South Africa is continuing its ambitious Expanded Public Works Programme with an aim of creating 1 million job opportunities over a five year period through targeting employment creation in existing municipal and local government funding at the order of US\$ 2.5 billion for infrastructure and service delivery. The programme is well underway with a reported number of about 210,000 jobs created earlier this year.

ASIST Africa has played an important role in developing this programme and the EIIP has presently eight international staff employed in South Africa, Pretoria and Petersburg, in supporting roles in the programme. These are largely funded by the Government of South Africa with some support also from DFID.

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The EIIP response to the Tsunami in Aceh and Nias focuses on generating employment and capacitating district governments and small-scale local contractors in undertaking local resource-based road rehabilitation works in 5 districts. While the project only started rolling out in July it has been effective in reaching out to its target groups, the local governments and small-scale local contractors in a timely manner. The capacity building efforts for district Infrastructure Agencies emphasize transparent and cost-effective road contracting, quality road outputs, and employment generation. Government staff is involved in project implementation through on-the-job training. Under the coaching of and in close working partnership with project's staff they undertake road surveys, contract pricing, and competitive bidding of the road contracts. According to project monitoring, the results to date have been satisfactory and selection of contractors has been done in a transparent manner with the use of objective criteria. Cost comparison to other similar labour-based road rehabilitation approaches has shown that the roads are indeed cost-effective. A proposal is under preparation to extend the project to the conflict affected areas in Aceh. ASIST AP has also started to develop and implement an Integrated Rural Accessibility Planning (IRAP) exercise on Nias Island as a way to strengthen the community development work under the World Bank supported Kecamatan Development Programme (KDP) upon request from the earthquake rehabilitation agency BRR.

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A "Cash for Conflict Reduction and Meeting Basic Needs" project addresses the needs to promote peace and stability by providing short-term employment opportunities (cash-for-work opportunities) to IDPs and other vulnerable members of society; particularly unemployed youth, living both in and outside IDP camps. Through the implementation of the project it is expected that unrest caused by unoccupied youth will decrease contributing to the easing of tension and an increase in stability in the country. In addition to this, ILO and UNDP designed a new Project "Work for Peace" (Serbisu Ba Dame) that focuses on extending the successful current Cash-For-Work interventions both in terms of timeframe and geographical coverage, targeting primarily unemployed youth in rural areas. Given that specific context in which it will be implemented (focus on rural areas), the Work for Peace (Serbisu Ba Dame) Project will scale-up the level of current cash-for-work activities, by giving priority to rural infrastructure rehabilitation, defined as small-scale infrastructure in rural areas including: rural roads, water supplies, irrigation systems, public facilities and markets. In particular, the current conditions of the national and district rural roads are known and show a high degree of deterioration and their repair or rehabilitation represents therefore a priority for the Timor-Leste Government. The rehabilitation of rural infrastructure creates thus direct and indirect opportunities for income generation and employment, improves access to basic needs and social and economic goods, and provides opportunities for private sector development, capacity building and community participation.

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Integrated Rural Accessibility Planning IRAP/GIS project in Cambodia was successfully completed. An EIIP Technical Assistance Team worked with the government counterpart technical staff in Phnom Penh and at different Project Implementation Units (PIUs) in four covered provinces to develop and implement the IRAP activities. The IRAP/GIS Project's main objective was to institutionalize IRAP in the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) and build a sustainable capacity to apply the technology nationwide and build local capacity for application in the 4 provinces of Battambang, Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey and Oddar Meanchey. The Project provided hands-on onsite skills development exposure and experience to the MRD technical staff seconded to IRAP/GIS Project. The staff members were gradually given increasing responsibilities, and later allowed to handle crucial activities after the technical assistance team was assured that they can do prescribed tasks without much ILO supervision. MRD has institutionalized the IRAP unit in its Planning Division.

To promote economic growth and create sustainable jobs in rural areas, the Government aims to restore road access using employment-intensive technology throughout the country. EIIP is implementing an ADB funded project to demonstrate the potential for increasing the direct poverty reduction impact of the national road network and mobilize road maintenance funds for the provincial governments. The project is demonstrating sustainable decentralized finance and management of labour-based road maintenance on a sustainable basis and is training small-scale private contractors in the project area in labour-based road maintenance techniques. The project has recently completed a base-line survey that will be used in future impact assessments.

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EIIP provides technical assistance to the rural road component of an ADB-funded Smallholder Development Project in Southern Laos in the design, planning and implementation of labour-based works. The project seeks to promote commercial smallholder agriculture and associated agribusiness, with the overall objectives of achieving sustained increase in rural income and long-term reductions in rural poverty. The project has a rural road component to improve market access. Road construction activities have now started.

ASIST AP is supporting the poverty reduction strategy of the Government and is collaborating with the Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction (MCTPC) to build on the principles of a completed IRAP project and support MCTPC in developing and implementing an integrated approach to improve rural access at the district level. Data collection activities have started to identify investment gaps to meet national poverty reduction targets at the district level.

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In August 2005, the Indian parliament passed a law that guarantees 100 days a year of employment on public works projects to a member of every household in 200 of India's 600 districts - a scheme that is to be extended to all of the other districts within five years. EIIP has initiated activities related to ILO's contribution to this National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and is providing support in the development of methodologies for participatory planning and selection of employment-intensive water conservation/harvesting and flood control and protection works in NREGA; the preparation of an integrated project proposal for the implementation of a pilot project in a selected district and the adaptation of ILO's guide on Labour Policies and Practices for application under NREGA.

ASIST AP is exploring with the Indian Roads Congress the scope for collaboration on the introduction and mainstreaming of principles, practices and approaches related to labour-based rural road maintenance and participatory local-level investment planning, which have been developed by EIIP in India over the last few years. ASIST AP is also supporting work on developing and demonstrating decentralized investment planning procedures (IRAP). Guidelines and manuals have been developed and are currently being translated and will be distributed to all local government units in the State of Orissa.

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The Government of Sri Lanka with the assistance of international donors is implementing a programme for rebuilding livelihoods in the affected coastal areas and reviving local economies. This Income Recovery Programme (IRP) consists of temporary employment schemes, micro-finance, capacity building and vocational training, support services for micro and small enterprises, income transfers and other social protection measures. A reconstruction and development agency (RADA) has been created to oversee and coordinate the Tsunami recovery programmes and its Livelihoods Unit has responsibility for the IRP. The ILO has received funding from Norway and is providing technical support to RADA through the Income Recovery Technical Assistance Programme (IRTAP), which started in mid-October 2005 and will run until the end of February 2007. IRTAP has three main pillars: social protection, community

infrastructure recovery and local economic development. EIIP is involved with the community infrastructure recovery and cash-for-work activities of the programme. In addition, EIIP will collaborate with UNOPS on EU funding for developing and implementing IRAP activities.

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In a series of discussions between the Governments of Azad Jammu Kashmir, the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), the World Bank and the ILO, the parties have agreed to collaborate on specific technical assistance activities to support and facilitate the on-going implementation of these two projects. The main thrust of the collaboration has been identified as overall project management support, assistance in the tendering and procurement process related to civil works contracts, establishing appropriate technical guidelines for rehabilitating earthquake damaged buildings and organisational and technical support in relation to mobilising communities for village access roads. The projects to which these services are linked mainly consist of construction and rehabilitation of damaged/destroyed rural infrastructure, including primary schools, government office buildings, irrigation structures and village access roads. The proposed EIIP support is envisaged as an additional component over and above the management resources made available within the framework of the two projects. The WB has offered to finance these services through grant funding available to its Country Office in Pakistan.

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As part of the UN response to the catastrophe provoked by the Hurricane Stan in October 2005, ILO worked closely with UNDP under the Flash Appeal Framework to rehabilitate basic infrastructure using employment-intensive methods. In areas already affected by very high levels of poverty and much dependant on subsistence agriculture damaged by the hurricane, this provided much needed income to those most affected, allowing them to rebuild their livelihoods.

Over a period of 6 months, the ILO carried out 106 projects with a total cost of approximately US\$1.1 million in the Departments of Sololá and San Marcos, providing over 150,000 days of direct employment to 5,053 heads of households. As a result of a selection of simple clearing works and the collaboration with municipalities and FONAPAZ regarding material provision and technical supervision in the case of more complicated works, 80% of the total budget was spent on salaries for unskilled workers.

Since June 2006, an ILO expert in the field of employment creation is posted with UNDP, working on the incorporation of employment-intensive technologies and enterprise development in UN and Government reconstruction projects, especially housing and roads. The expert is furthermore working together with Government in the development of national employment policies with an impact beyond reconstruction. To this end a three day training course was held for high level Government and UN officials together with UNDP and the International Training Centre of the ILO.

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This project of revival of economic production and jobs creation, especially for non-skilled workers, responds to the Government of Haiti's priority orientation and programming area for the period of 2006 to 2007.

Implemented in the region of Gonaïves, with UNDP and ILO support, this project demonstrates the relevance of the employment-intensive investment approaches applied to environment protection, emergency and recovery, and prevention of risks and natural disasters. Beside employment created and income generated, the project through the protection of the resource base, soil and water conservation, erosion control and afforestation set up a model of intervention at reduced scale, but responding to the needs of local organisations. This model will now be reproduced on broad scale, and will facilitate to link the emergency phase to sustainable development.

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In response to the Hurricane Mitch, in 1998, a Dutch-funded ILO project incorporated an employment-intensive reconstruction component. This was followed up by a larger project in 2001 funded by

Luxembourg, providing training and technical advice to public infrastructure projects on the incorporation of employment-intensive methods and the development of a local construction industry.

During the project's first phase, which finished in October 2006, it provided technical support to 32 infrastructure projects with a total cost of over US\$1.5 million, creating over 155,000 days of direct employment for nearly two thousand workers, and creating 14 local construction enterprises. It worked with 15 municipalities in which capacities were created to apply the employment-intensive approach in the planning and execution of works. At national level, the project provided training (of trainers) for project counterparts, and worked with the social investment fund FISE on the development of a community contracting approach currently being applied to approximately half of the projects implemented by FISE. The project also achieved the incorporation of the employment-intensive investment approach into the National Development Plan, providing policy support for the mainstreaming of the approach.

A proposal for a second phase has been developed and approved by the Government of Nicaragua, which will aim to replicate the approach in other municipalities, institutionalize the project activities at central level, and further develop supporting policies and strategies, including appropriate procurement legislation, with the objective of mainstreaming the approach. The proposal has been submitted to Luxembourg and is currently being negotiated.

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At the request of the Government of Paraguay, the ILO carried out a study regarding the potential for employment generation in public investments in infrastructure, as well as identifying the main obstacles for the implementation of an employment-intensive investment approach. The study concluded that of a total foreseen public investment of US\$2.5 billion over the period 2006-2009, approximately US\$1 billion was determined for infrastructure investments appropriate for labour-based technologies. These investments have the potential of creating the equivalent of an additional 20,000 jobs a year, equivalent to 12% of open unemployment.

Amongst the main obstacles identified by the study, are the lack of an employment policy, the absence of employment creation as an objective in the PRSP and the weak and unofficial status of the Vice-Ministry of Labour as leader in the topic of employment generation. The existing legislative framework forms another major barrier - although the Public Procurement Law pretends to stimulate the contracting of micro and small enterprises, the requirements with regards to direct contracting, guarantees and experience are amongst the highest in Latin America, thus severely impeding local contracting and the use of employment-intensive technologies. The study includes a number of recommendations for improving the situation.

The ILO is currently carrying out a more detailed study together with Government and a World Bank funded rural road project on the legal aspects of including micro and small enterprises and communities in the execution of public procurement contracts, with the hope of promoting local contracting and labour-based methods in the rehabilitation and maintenance of rural roads.

The research work on: “**Increased Application of Labour-Based Methods Through Appropriate Engineering Standards**” has reached a milestone through the hosting of a workshop to introduce the available outcomes of the ongoing research. The “**Guideline for Quality Assurance Procedures and Specifications for Labour-Based Road Works**” is available on the EIIP website (see below), which is one of the outcomes of the research project carried out in partnership with TRL UK and with financial support from DFID, Danida, Ireland Aid and Sida in a number of countries including Ghana, Lesotho, Uganda and Zimbabwe. Research is still ongoing in countries like Ethiopia and Mozambique.

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A new guideline: “**Increased Application of Labour-Based Methods Through Appropriate Engineering Standards: Guideline for Quality Assurance Procedures and Specifications for Labour-Based Road Works**” is available for downloading on the EIIP website.

See also: www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/recon/eiip/publ/new.htm

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Putting employment at the centre of public investment and poverty reduction processes, ITC Turin, Italy. Two interregional week-long workshops on employment-intensive investment policies and programmes at the International Training Centre in Turin were held in October and November in English and French respectively. Both workshops attracted a number of high-level government officials including a Minister of Finance, representatives from planning and foreign affairs ministries, development planners, programme/project managers, staff of educational/training institutions and finally important representatives of workers’ and employers’ organizations. These workshops are held annually at the ITC in Turin, and sub-regional and national courses have been held in a number of countries. This includes Azerbaijan and Ghana over the recent six months, as well as Guatemala as portrayed below, and a new sub-regional course is planned for Cameroon in 2007.

For further information about these and other EIIP courses, please contact the Programme Manager at ITC, Valter Nebuloni, at telephone +39 011 693 6432, facsimile +39 011 693 6451 or email v.nebuloni@itcilo.org

Poniendo el empleo en el centro de las estrategias de inversión pública y reducción de pobreza en un contexto de reconstrucción del hábitat productivo, Guatemala, 7 - 10 December 2006

High level members of Government and UN agencies involved in the reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by hurricane Stan participated in a three-day course on employment generation and enterprise development in public investments in infrastructure and service delivery. The participants concluded that the employment-intensive investment approach was very suitable for application both in the reconstruction efforts as well as in general public investments with the aim of generating employment and incomes for the poor. In this context, they identified a number of steps to be taken in promoting and facilitating the implementation of the approach at national level.

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- “**The Future of Urban Employment**” hosted by the International Labour Office in the context of the Cities Alliances with the collaboration of the Department for International Development (DFID-UK), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), UN-Habitat and the World Bank. An Informal Meeting bringing together a number of partners working on urban development and employment. 28 February - 1 March 2007, ILO Geneva, Contact is Steve Miller Tel: +41 22 799 65 87 Fax: +41 22 799 88 22 .E-mail: miller@ilo.org Website: www.ilo.org/eiip
- Third Africa Transport Technology Transfer Conference hosted by the Malawi Transport Technology Transfer Centre. Theme: **Technology transfer for Africa’s sustainable transport systems.** Mangochi, Malawi, 22nd - 25th May 2007. www.poly.ac.mw/centers/t2c/

- **12th Regional Seminar for Labour-Based Practitioners.** This seminar will be hosted by the Government of South Africa towards the end of 2007. The first announcement of the seminar describing theme, venue and period of the seminar will be made soon.

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- The online version of the [ASISTDOC database](#) of knowledge resources on employment-intensive investments in infrastructure has recently been revamped to improve access and user-friendliness. Now users can access newly added information as it is updated, as simultaneous online updates are now being done from the EIIP and ASIST offices in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In addition, we are increasing the number of full text documents that can be downloaded directly from the site.
- The **EIIP website** at www.ilo.org/eiip is now available in three languages; English, French and Spanish.
- Job opportunities are found at the ILO website www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/pers/index.htm

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 - *Capacity building programming and implementation;*
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