



**12TH REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR LABOUR-BASED PRACTITIONERS
8th – 12th October 2007, Durban, South Africa**

“Prioritising Employment Creation in Government Policies, Programmes and Investments”

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Regional Seminar for Labour-based Practitioners is a renowned forum for furthering knowledge and practice through the presentation of papers and stimulated debate amongst practitioners, planners, policy makers, researchers, funding and development partners – and all others involved in infrastructure development.

The 12th Regional Seminar will be hosted by the Government of South Africa’s National Department of Public Works in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) focusing on the above mentioned theme. The theme seeks to encourage sharing of knowledge and experience on the benefit and impact of public works on improving livelihoods of the target groups and eradicating poverty through the creation of employment opportunities and skills development.

You are hereby invited to submit abstracts for papers on the above theme to be presented at the 12th Regional Seminar reflecting the above mentioned theme. To enable focused knowledge sharing and deliberation on the theme; the papers should focus on the following sub-themes, covering both rural and urban environments:

- **Employment Impact Assessments**
 - ◇ Methodologies for assessing the impact of public works investment programmes on job creation
 - ◇ Institutional framework for assessing and monitoring employment impact of public works investment programmes
 - ◇ Ensuring sustainable development - Integrated employment and environmental impact assessment
 - **Public Works Programmes and Social Transfers**
 - ◇ Using public works for income support or as a guarantee for the poor
 - ◇ Decentralized public investment programmes
 - ◇ Public works for peace building in post-crisis situations
 - **Employment-focused Procurement and Private Sector Development**
 - Introducing employment objectives and labour standards into public bidding and tendering procedures
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- Potential sectors and modalities for private sector development in public investment programmes
- Policies that promote private sector investments in labour-intensive sectors and technologies

Authors are requested to send their abstracts of not more than 1000 words in digital format (text in IMB-PC Microsoft Office suite software and graphics as tiff or jpeg files) to the Seminar Organising Committee by **30 April 2007**. Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by **30 June 2007** and requested to prepare and submit their final papers by **15 August 2007**.

Abstracts should be sent to the Seminar Organising Committee.

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Guide to Authors

Authors are advised to carefully consider their readership. The aim should be to produce an informative and/or provocative paper and not an academic thesis. Bear in mind that most of the readers will be practical people who are interested in workable solutions to problems that they face in their work. Detailed technical details, specifications and analysis should be confined to annexes.

The paper should address a particular sub-theme and present one or more of the following:

- the ‘state of the art’ position on one or more relevant technical issues
- inform participants of relevant projects and/or programmes practice and experience
- present a controversial issue(s) in order to stimulate discussion.
- how was the benefits measured? Strength and weakness of the methodology
- what would we do differently if we were to start afresh?
- what lessons did we learn?

Presentation of the paper

Authors will be allocated a maximum of twenty minutes to present a resumé of their paper. The presentations should be complimented with visual aids such as overhead slides or digital Power Point presentation.

Publication of papers

Printed copies of papers will be made available to participants when they arrive. The papers will be published on the Regional Seminar web site and in the printed version of the Seminar Proceedings. The Seminar Technical Organizing Committee reserves the right to edit papers where necessary.