

**BRIEF ON THE 19TH REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR LABOUR-BASED
PRACTITIONERS
15-19 MAY 2023, KIGALI, RWANDA**

I. Background and Rationale

The Government of Rwanda will host the 19th Regional Seminar for Labour-based Practitioners following a vote by the participants of the 18th Regional Seminar in Tunisia in September 2019.

The 19th Regional Seminar will take place in Kigali, from the 15th to 19th May 2023 under the theme, “**Promoting skills and productive (decent) jobs for our common better future**”.

Eighteen Regional Seminars have been held in the past hosted by various African Countries and drawing practitioners and other interested stakeholders from Africa, America, Asia and Europe. The main purpose of these seminars has always been to share views, experiences and review developments in employment-intensive approaches. Seminar participants represent a range of institutions and interests, including policy makers, employers’ and workers’ associations and labour-based technology practitioners, NGOs, academic and research institutions and the private sector.

During the 19th ILO Regional Seminar, participants will discuss and share experiences on policies and strategies on how to create communities that are resilient to socio-economic, environmental and climate change hazards and ensuring a just transition through labour intensive approaches.

The 19th Regional Seminar will focus on drawing the attention of national and regional governments, the private sector, and development partners towards policies, strategies and programmes that promote the creation of jobs, skills learning and business opportunities for African young women, men and other most at-risk population. The whole world is currently grappling with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and active conflicts that are affecting the livelihoods of millions of people around the world. The Regional Seminar provides a platform to reflect on these challenges and their impact on the economics and the people of the region, suggesting mitigation measures with a focus on employment and employability

This seminar is expected to attract over 500 participants, both local and international. Participants pay a registration fee as well as their own travel and accommodation costs.

II. Objectives

The key objectives of the ILO Regional Seminar are as follows:

- To promote the culture of **sharing experience, knowledge and technology and mutual learning in** the spirit of south-south cooperation as well as international solidarity.
- **To promote pro-employment and skills development** through infrastructure development, manufacturing, urban low-income settlements, agricultural infrastructure works, and environmental protection, including climate change adaptation works

III. Themes and subthemes

The 19th ILO Regional Seminar will be held under the main theme of “**Promoting skills and productive (decent) jobs for our common better future**”.

Sub-Themes for research topics and case studies include:

- i. Skills Development and Innovations in employment intensive technology, approach and work methods relating to the development of rural and urban infrastructure;
- ii. Enabling policy, legislative and Institutional frameworks for the promotion of Inclusive public employment programmes and green works in job-rich sectors;
- iii. Skills and competencies for transformative infrastructure and sustainable livelihood;
- iv. Employment intensive works in the context of fragility (natural disasters, conflict and refugee situations).

IV. Tentative seminar program

The Seminar’s unfolding will include an opening ceremony, a Ministerial meeting and a series of high-level policy speeches, Research presentations, roundtable discussions as well as Exhibitions to showcase knowledge and products. There will also be field visits to selected development projects combined with tourist attractions. The following is the tentative program:

Time	Activity	Responsibility
Saturday 13 th – Sunday 14 th May 2023		
10:00 am-17:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival/Registration • Setting-up exhibition stands 	Welcome Team
Monday, 15 th May, 2023		
Session 1: Opening Ceremony		
07:00 am -08:30 am	Transfer of Participants from Hotels to Seminar Venue: “ <i>Rwanda Conference Centre, Kigali</i> ”	National Organising Committee (NOC)
07:30 am – 09:00 am	Registration for late arrivals, networking and refreshments	NOC
09:00 am– 09:30 am	Participants seated and Cultural performance	MC: Ms. Makeda Mahadeo/MR Regis Isheja
09:30 am	Arrival of the Chief Guest	MC
09:30 am – 09:40 am	Welcome Address by host of 19 th Regional Seminar	Honourable RWANYINDO KAYIRANGWA Fanfan Minster of Public Service and Labour
09:40 am – 09:50 am	Address by the host of 18 th Regional Seminar	Head of the Tunisian Government delegation
09:50 am – 10:30 am	Spotlighting: Reimagining jobs creation and youth empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Mito Tsukamoto, Branch Chief DEVINVEST/ILO • African Development Bank Group • CEO Private Company/Continental

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabel/World
10:30 am – 10:50 am	Opening remarks by ILO	Director General of ILO
10:50 am– 11:00 am	Artistic performance	
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Keynote Address by Guest of Honour	Guest of Honour
11:30 am– 11:50 am	Group Photo & Health Break	
Session 2: Tunis to Kigali		
11:50 am – 11:55 am	Introduction of session	Moderator 1: Mr. Faustin Mwambari
11:55 am – 12:25 pm	Scene setting: Global Employment Intensive Investment Programme initiatives and trends	Mr. Chris Donnges Senior Economist, ILO EMPINVEST
12:25 pm– 13:00 pm	Plenary discussions	
13:00 pm– 14:00 pm	Lunch Break	
Session 3: Sub-theme 1 “Innovations in employment intensive technology, approach and work methods relating to the development of rural and urban infrastructure”		
14:00 pm – 14:05 pm	Introduction of sub-theme 1	Moderator 2: Ms. Carmen-Joy Abrahams, DDG of Ministry of Public works and Infrastructure, South Africa
14:05 pm – 15:15 pm	Scene setting: Infrastructure development and Structural Transformation of Africa	African Development Bank Group
15:15 pm– 16:30 pm	Panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng. Patricie Uwase, Minister of state in charge of Infrastructure International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group Invited Hon Minister Author of paper 1 & 2
16:30 pm– 16:40 pm	Closing Remarks	H.E. Mrs.Chaltu Sani, Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure, Ethiopia
16:40 pm– 16:45 pm	Wrap-up of Day 1	MC
16:45 pm– 17:30 pm	Health break	
18:00 pm	Private Sector round table	PCO
Tuesday, 16th May, 2023		
Session 4: “Enabling policy, legislative and Institutional frameworks for the promotion of Inclusive public employment programmes and green works in job-rich sectors”		
08:30 am– 08:35 am	Introduction the Sub-theme 2	Moderator 3: IUCN
08:35 am – 09:00 am	Scene Setting: Driving job creation and climate action through Policy and institutional reform	Hon. Dr Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, of the Republic of Rwanda Or

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		Hon. TW Nxesi, Minister of Employment and Labour, South Africa Or Invited Hon. Minister
09:15 am – 09:35 am	Paper 3: Innovation in Policy and institutional frameworks	
09:35 am – 09:55 am	Paper 4: Public Employment programme	
	Paper 5: Green Jobs	
10:00 am– 11:00 am	Think tank 1: Policy & institutional framework, PEP and Green Jobs	Panelist
11:00 am– 11:30 am	Health Break	
11:30 am– 11:35 am	Introduction	Moderator 4: Maikel Lieuw-Kie-Song
11:35 am – 12:30 pm	Ted Talk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies on climate action and green jobs • Gender and Social Inclusion • Youth Empowerment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rwanda: Ms. Teddy Mugabo, Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Green Fund. • N.Astou BA NDIAYE, Secrétaire Permanente AFRICATIP • UN Women • Ms. Chido Mpemba, AU Youth Envoy
12:30 pm – 13:00 pm	Networking and touring exhibition area	All
13:00 pm– 14:00 pm	Lunch Break	
Session 5: Ministerial Statement		
14:00 pm – 14:05 pm	Participants Seated	
14:05 pm – 14:15 pm	Introduction of the session	Moderator 5: Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, Regional Director, Africa • RO-Africa
14:15 pm – 14:30 pm	Ministerial Presentation – Kigali Statement	Hon. Minister of MIFOTRA
14:30 pm – 15:00 pm	Plenary Discussions on Kigali Statement	
15:00 pm– 16:30 pm	Health Break	
15:00 pm – 15:20 pm	Paper 6: Inclusive procurement policy and Regulation	Moderator 6: Mr. Claude Yao Kouame, EIIP Specialist • DEVINVEST
15:20 pm – 15:40 pm	Plenary Discussions on Paper 6	
15:40 pm– 15:50 pm	Summary of Day’s Proceedings	MC
15:50 pm– 16:00 pm	Brief on Field Visit for the Next Day & closing	NOC
19:00 pm	Gala Dinner	

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Wednesday, 17 th May, 2023		
Session 6: Field Visit		
07:30 am	Departure for Field Trip	NOC
08:30 am – 13:00 pm	Visits on various project sites	
13:00 pm – 14:30 pm	Lunch	
14:30 pm – 17:00 pm	Visits on various project sites	NOC
17:00 pm	Departure for Kigali	
Thursday, 18 th May, 2023		
Session 7: Sub-theme 3 “Skills and competencies for transformative infrastructure and sustainable livelihoods”		
08:30 am– 08:35 am	Introduction the Sub-theme 3	Moderator 7: Mr. Patrick Daru, Head of Operations, SKILLS
08:35 am– 09:15 am	Report back on field-trip	Team Lead of each group
09:15 am – 09:35 am	Scene Setting: Lifelong learning to ensure future of works	Hon. Iriere Claudette, Minister of State ICT & TVET
09:35 am– 10:35 am	Panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Card • ENABEL • Egypt • Zimbabwe • Trade Union Representative
10:35 am – 10:45 am	Special intervention	Hon. Minister /Ghana Invited Hon. Minister
10:45 am– 11:15 am	Health Break	
11:15 am– 12:15 pm	Paper presentations in breakout sessions Paper 7,8 & 9: Transformative skills	
12:15 pm– 13:00 pm	Group Discussions on Papers 7,8 & 9 and wrap-up	
13:00 pm – 14:00 pm	Lunch Break	
Session 8: Sub-theme 4 “Employment intensive works in the context of fragility (i.e., natural disasters, conflict and refugee situations, economic decline, etc.)”		
14:00 pm– 14:05 pm	Introduction the Sub-theme 4	Moderator 8: Mrs. Mito Tsukamoto, Branch Chief DEVINVEST/ILO
14:05 pm – 14:25 pm	Scene Setting: Crises management and development nexus	Hon. Minister of Local Government and disaster management, Mozambique or Madagascar
14:25 pm – 15:05 pm	Paper 10 & 11	
15:05 pm– 15:15 pm	Plenary Discussions on Papers 10 & 11	
15:15 pm – 15:45 pm	Health break	
15:45 pm– 16:45 pm	Country experience sharing on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rwanda

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure & youth employment • Convergence of PW and Social protection: case of TASAF • Fighting environmental degradation in Sahle • Use of ICT in project/contract planning and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanzania • W. Africa • Tunisia
16:45 pm– 17:00 pm	Summary of Day's Proceedings	MC
18:00 pm	Networking Cocktail	
Friday, 19 th May, 2023		
Session 9: Closing Ceremony		
09:00 am – 09:05 am	Participants Seated	
09:05 am– 09:20 am	Profiling Sponsors	MC: Ms. Mugabekazi Grace
09:20 am– 10:00 am	Presentations and Vote for 20 th Regional Seminar Host Country	
10:00 am– 10:30 am	Seminar findings, Conclusions and Way Forward	
10:30 am– 11:00 am	Health Break	
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Discussion on Seminar resolutions	
12:15 pm– 12:25 pm	Vote of thanks	Seminar participants
12:25 pm – 12:35 pm	Closing Remarks by the ILO	Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, Regional Director, Africa/ RO-Africa Mr. W. Chibebe, DIR ILO-Dar
12:35 pm– 12:45 pm	Closing Remarks by the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs	Hon. Minister
12:45 pm – 13:00 pm	Closing by MIFOTRA	Hon. Minister
13:00 pm	Lunch and Departure	