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The ILO area of critical importance (ACI) on “Jobs and skills for youth” (ACI2) is focused on identifying interventions that “work for youth employment” and the circumstances which enable them. ACI2 is intended to support member states in the implementation of the conclusions of “The youth employment crisis: A call for action” adopted during the International Labour Conference in June 2012.

The ACI2 work plan 2014-15 includes an Asia and the Pacific regional initiative which is aimed at promoting and building capacity on what works on “Green jobs for Youth”. This initiative is therefore envisioned not only to help facilitate the implementation of the ILC 2012 conclusions but also help bring about practical application of the ILC 2013 conclusions on sustainable development, decent work and green jobs. The ILC 2013 saw government, workers and employers delegates agree on a strong common vision and guiding principles to achieve a just transition to a greener economy. Among key considerations, it highlighted the need for skills development and employment policies linked to broader development plans to incorporate education for environmental awareness with coherent skills strategies to prepare workers, in particular young people, for the future sustainable world of work.

Furthermore, this initiative is being undertaken with reference to the various relevant conventions and resolutions such as the Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142) adopted during the 60th ILC session and 2005 Resolution concerning Youth Employment, passed during the 93rd ILC. It is important to note that the latter’s conclusions on promoting pathways to decent work states that in addressing the employment challenges faced by young women and men, it is important to recall the ILO Decent Work Agenda, the ILO Global Employment Agenda, the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the ILO Declaration of Philadelphia, the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up, the body of international labour standards relevant to work and young persons, the conclusions of the Tripartite Meeting on Youth Employment: The Way Forward (Geneva, 13-15 October 2004), the World Commission report on the Social Dimension of Globalization and the ILO’s participation in the inter-agency Youth Employment Network.

In view of the foregoing, the Tripartite Knowledge Sharing Event on Green Jobs for Youth (Asia and the Pacific) will be conducted to facilitate the consolidation, mutual learning and exchange of knowledge, i.e. good practices, tested tools and approaches, enabling mechanisms, as well as lessons learned relating to green jobs promotion and youth employment, thus ushering in their adoption and/or replication among member states in the region. This initiative will build on the gains achieved from the collaboration undertaken in the region between the two programmes: Green Jobs for Asia and the Pacific (Green Jobs-A/P) and Youth Employment Network since in 2009. Representatives of tripartite constituents from selected leading countries are expected to come together to share their good practices and learnings, glean insights from ILO experts as well as from invited experts from other regions- including Africa, Europe and Latin America. The event shall also serve as a platform for visioning for the way forward in terms of adoption and replication across the region.
The Environment and Decent Work (Green Jobs) Specialist and the Youth Employment Specialist are working closely with the Skills and Employability Specialist as well as other concerned technical specialists/officers in DWT-Bangkok, Delhi, country offices (with CO-Beijing providing support through its Green Jobs Focal Points and collaborators) and Headquarters with regard this initiative.

The ILO would like to acknowledge the support and contribution being made by the China Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS), through its International Cooperation Department.

**Objectives**

- Improved understanding of Green Jobs for Youth Projects and Programmes—Success Factors and Challenges.
- Enhanced understanding of approaches and capacity to assess options for promoting Green Jobs for Youth in the various country context.
- Strengthened collaboration and networking among tripartite constituents within and across the countries and regions through various means of cooperation including through the Asia Pacific Community of Practice (COPs-APGREENJOBS & YOUTHNET) as well as possibly south-south collaboration.

**Participants**

- Tripartite representatives will be invited from the following countries. These countries will be representing the various sub-regions and are selected on the basis of documented initiatives pertaining to youth employment and green jobs.
  - Bangladesh
  - China
  - Indonesia
  - Philippines
  - Samoa
  - Sri Lanka
- In addition to the above, experts coming from other leading countries in the region as well as from other regions will be invited to further enrich the discussions allow for interregional sharing.

**Presentations**

- **Country Presentations.**
  Nominated participants will be asked to prepare country-specific presentations. The presentations will largely focus on the gains achieved from projects and programmes relating to Green Jobs and Youth Employment as well as their reflections on key success factors, challenges and key considerations for way forward. The presentations will be limited to 15 minutes each. It is important that the nominated participants from the respective countries are able to work together to produce one presentation per country. Further guidance on the presentations will be given to the nominated participants in due time. The presentations are to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

- **Technical Presentations.**
  The experts/resource persons indicated in the preceding section will be asked to prepare presentations on green jobs for youth from their own country/region perspectives and provide insights on key areas and themes. These, along with the overall background paper, shall serve as additional inputs to the policy paper to be produced at the global level after the conduct of the knowledge sharing events. Moreover, the experts/resource persons will also provide support in terms of facilitating structured group discussions.

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<td><strong>Mr Lv Yulin</strong>, <em>Deputy Director General, China Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MÖHRSS) - International Cooperation Department</em></td>
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<td><strong>Mr Kees Van Der Ree</strong>, <em>ILO Green Jobs Programme, Global Coordinator</em></td>
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<td><strong>Ms Carmela Torres</strong>, <em>ILO Skills and Employability Senior Specialist</em></td>
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Day 2, Wednesday, 28 October, 2015

09:00 – 09:15 Recap of Day 1

09:15 – 09:45 Green Jobs in Asia and the Pacific
Ms Lurraine Baybay Villacorta

09:45 – 10:15 Sharing of Good Practice Case 1 - South East Asia and Malaysia
Mr Jaran Walia, SOLSTech/Solar Academy Manager

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 – 12:30 Country Presentations/Discussions 2:
Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Tour of the Wuxi Training Centre

14:00 – 18:30 Site Visit and Dinner at Wuxi Cultural Centre

Hisky Medical Technology Co., Ltd - A Company founded by young adults, supported by local policy for young entrepreneurs & Wuxi Hi-Tech Incubation Service

Wisen Innovation Co., Ltd - A Company established by Wuxi National Sensing Park.

Day 3, Thursday, 29 October, 2015

09:00 – 09:15 Recap of Day 2

09:15 – 09:45 Sharing of Good Practice Case 2 - Africa
Ms Lorna Rutto, Eco-Post CEO

09:45 – 10:30 Sharing of Good Practice Case 3 - Asia and Latin America
Ms Shishuri Pradhan – Environmental Sustainability Manager, PLAN UK

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45 – 11:45 Hearing from the Youth (with Coffee/Tea Break)
Mr Yang Shuchun, A Young Chinese Agricultural Cooperative Leader
Ms Patana Tangpianpant, A Young Thai Public Policy/Skills Expert

11:45 – 14:00 Shaping the Strategies for Way Forward-Group Work
(with Lunch)

14:00 – 15:30 Reporting Back (Government, Employers and Workers)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:00 Talk Show: The Way Forward

Host: Mr Matthieu Cognac

17:00 – 17:30 Closing