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Conclusions

1. Recognized the need for promoting Decent Work and more Effective Public Employment and Social Protection Programmes through South-South Triangular Cooperation through ILO;
2. Recalled the Fourth IBSA Summit Joint Declaration adopted in Brasilia on 15 April 2010, when the Prime Minister of India, the President of Brazil and the President of South Africa reiterated the need to promote a job-intensive recovery from the downturn and create a framework for sustainable growth and their support for the Global Jobs Pact;
3. Recalled the Declaration of Intent between IBSA and the ILO signed on the 22nd of November, 2010 during the Global South-South Development Expo hosted by the ILO and the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation;
4. Recognized progress made in countries of the South in developing innovative solutions to the challenges of poverty and decent work gaps, such as India’s Mahatma Gandhi’s National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), South Africa’s Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and Brazil’s Bolsa Familia;

Recommendations

1. To further develop and promote south-south and triangular cooperation in order to contribute effectively to the implementation of the Decent Work Agenda and its our strategic objectives through the building of partnerships and exchanging of experiences in the fields of employment, social protection, rights at work and social dialogue;
2. To enhance policy dialogue and exchanges between India, Brazil, South Africa and all countries of the South and the ILO;
3. To better appreciate the range of policy issues relevant to public employment programmes/employment guarantees, green jobs and other innovative social protection schemes;
4. To provide and obtain guidance on the design of effective policies and programmes and exchange these experiences among countries of the South; and
5. To support and work with ILO’s South-South and Triangular Cooperation Initiative to foster greater solidarity and enhance equality among countries and peoples in the world of work.

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