

International Conference on South-South Cooperation- Innovations in Public Employment Programmes for Sustainable Inclusive Growth 01st-03rd March 2012, New Delhi

Press Statement

The International Conference on South-South Cooperation on "Innovations in Public Employment Programmes and Sustainable Inclusive Growth" is being held in New Delhi, India from 1-3 March 2012 under the aegis of IBSA. The Conference is being organized by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India in collaboration with the Ministries of Rural Development and External Affairs, with the technical collaboration of the International Labour Organization. The main objective of the Workshop is to share knowledge between countries to ensure better cohesion for overall inclusive growth with equity. 40 delegates from 22 countries from Asia, Africa and South America participated in the Conference. It is also being attended by representatives, officials and experts from Central Ministries, State Governments, ILO, UN Agencies, Workers' and Employers' Organizations and others.

In the new economic environment, collaboration between emerging economies through South-South Cooperation is going to be an important feature of Global Economic Development in the current century. The coming together of the countries of South-South will lead to exchange of high quality information, better understanding of the best practices prevailing in these countries and development of effective technical cooperation programmes. As developing countries, we are facing identical problems in many aspects of employment and social protection. There is a need for enhancing South-South Cooperation which will create synergy mutually beneficial to all. Public employment programmes, skill development initiative and social protection are some of the

areas where we can share our expertise, experience, practices and ideas for promoting, developing, designing and implementing schemes and programmes which will further lead to innovations.

South-South cooperation has been historically used to describe the exchange of resources, technology, and knowledge between developing countries, also known as countries of the global South. Recently, South-South Cooperation has been successful in decreasing dependence on the aid programs of developed countries and in initiating a shift in the international balance of power.

Government of India is committed in promoting South-South Cooperation for achieving sustainable inclusive growth that benefits all and the vulnerable sections of the society, but sustainable inclusive growth through innovations in public employment programmes will be more effective in a world where there are no trade barriers and no restrictions in the movement of labour.
