

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### 19<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR LABOUR-BASED PRACTITIONERS

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#### I. Background of the Regional Seminar

The 19<sup>th</sup> ILO Regional Seminar for labour-based practitioners will be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the City of Kigali. The purpose of the Seminar is to promote widespread and cost-effective use of employment-intensive approaches to infrastructure development that result into sustainable assets and optimise creation of employment, skills learning and business opportunities for the disadvantaged communities. The past eighteen Regional Seminars have been held in various African Countries bringing together practitioners and other interested stakeholders from Africa, America, Asia and Europe to share views, experiences and review developments in employment-intensive approaches. Seminar participants come from a range of institutions, including policy Makers, employers' and workers' associations and labour-based technology practitioners, NGOs, Academic and research institutions and the private sector. The seminar also has a parallel ministerial segment that takes place during the first two days of the seminar.

#### II. Context

The Employment intensive approach is premised on the principle of putting the people and the work they do at the center of economic and social policy and business practice in order to achieve a future of work that provides decent and sustainable employment and employability.

There are countless opportunities to harness the transformations underway in our region, for example, in infrastructure development and the green economy, to achieve full employment and decent work. But this will require a reshaping of public/private investment, workplace learning, business incentives and innovations, as well as aligning economic models with an inclusive, human-centered growth and development path.

The 19<sup>th</sup> regional seminar will facilitate reflection on how to promote socio-economic and job creation, ponder on mitigation measures, and share regional and international good practices with a focus on employment and employability.



### III. Call for Papers

The Organizing Committee for the 19th Regional Seminar invites high quality papers on research & technical works, case studies, technology updates etc., addressing one of the following seminar theme and sub-themes.

#### Main Theme

The 19<sup>th</sup> ILO Regional Seminar has the main theme **“Promoting skills and productive (decent) jobs for our common better future”**

**Summary Description:** Creating communities that are resilient to socio-economic, environmental and climate change hazards and ensuring smooth transition. The Theme also reflects Sustainable growth in terms of:

- Economic sustainability:
- Environmental sustainability:
- Socio-cultural sustainability

#### Sub-themes

The four sub-themes with related topics have been suggested for high quality research papers & technical works, case studies, technology updates etc.

Sub-themes
<p><b>1. Innovations in employment intensive technology, approach and work methods relating to the development of rural and urban infrastructure</b></p> <p>This sub-theme will cover among others the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Technology and digital options in delivering transformative public works programmes (relating to infrastructure development, energy, transport, WASH, Agricultural, etc.) and to optimise jobs, skills learning and business opportunities for vulnerable people.</i></li><li>• <i>Environmental stewardship, ecosystem restoration and climate-proofing of public assets to enhance climate change adaptation</i></li><li>• <i>Local beneficiation through the promotion of alternative and environmentally friendly local construction materials, eco-construction and knowledge</i></li><li>• <i>Creating a sustainable local contracting industry through systematic capacity development interventions</i></li></ul>



- *Fostering the transition of workers and economic units from the informal to the formal economy*

## **2. Enabling policy, legislative and Institutional frameworks for the promotion of Inclusive public employment programmes and green works in job-rich sectors**

*This sub-theme will cover among others the following topics:*

- *Mainstreaming Gender-responsive social and environmental safeguards through consistent policy promotion and advocacy*
- *Inclusive procurement policies and regulation system to promote Employment Intensive works.*
- *Innovative decision support tools to promote Employment Intensive Works, including employment impact assessment*
- *Case studies on inclusive pro-employment and climate smart policies, strategies and programmes that benefit women, youth, People with disabilities and other vulnerable groups*
- *Community participation and empowerment as well as enhanced participation of women, youth and people with disability in public works*
- *Innovative and technology-assisted monitoring and evaluation systems and tools*

## **3. Skills and competencies for transformative infrastructure and sustainable livelihood**

*This sub-theme will cover among others the following topics:*

- *Skills and competencies development in public employment programmes, in the context of changing world of work (i.e., social, economic, business and technological changes).*
- *Building national training capacity for an effective and efficient delivery of employment intensive and green works:*
- *Fostering regional collaboration among labour-based practitioners and technical training institutions*
- *Digital skills to enhance productivity and effectiveness of labour-based programmes*



- *Indigenous and local knowledge and other appropriate skills and practices*
- *Enhancing youth employability through targeted skills and competencies development*

**4. Employment intensive works in the context of fragility (natural disasters, conflict and refugee situations as well as economic decline,)**

- *Delivery of Productive Social Safety Net initiatives in the context of fragility*
- *EIIP role in COVID-19 response*
- *Contribution of EIIP in promoting Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN) and social cohesion.*
- *Convergence of Public Employment Programmes and Social Protection, i.e., expanding social protection coverage for the poor*

**IV. Selection Procedures**

Accepted papers will be included as part of resource materials to be published in written and electronic format in English and French and distributed to all delegates. Authors of accepted technical papers will also be invited to present their papers in the Technical & Scientific Sessions of the 19<sup>th</sup> Regional Seminar for Employment Intensive Approach (HIMO) practitioners to be held in Kigali, Rwanda from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Please note that all papers submitted in response to this Call for Papers will be subjected to a full peer review process in accordance with criteria laid out by the organizing committee. Note also that Papers that are commercial or promotional in nature will not be considered.

Individuals/groups wishing to present papers are invited to send a one-page abstract written in English/French, to reach the Seminar Organizing Committee by **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 18:00pm**. Abstracts should be submitted **online** or sent by e-mail to the [iloseminar2023@mifotra.gov.rw](mailto:iloseminar2023@mifotra.gov.rw) (cc: [kidanu@ilo.org](mailto:kidanu@ilo.org)) or through the link at Seminar Secretariat's website ( still under development).

Abstracts should be between 300 – 400 words. The purpose of the abstract is to describe the content of the paper and give enough indication regarding the content of the paper to encourage the reader's interest.



Please also indicate up to three key informative takeaways for the audience summarizing the key subjects covered by the paper. The following information should also be included on the same page: -

- Title of the paper;
- Name(s) of author and co-author(s);
- The corresponding author's title, initials and name, organization and postal address, phone, fax and e-mail details.

Detailed guideline on the preparation and submission of the papers and the abstracts are available on the seminar website (still under the development) or <https://www.mifotra.gov.rw> or <https://www.ilo.org/eiip>

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