PROGRAMME

Friday 3 September 2004

08h00 – 09h00  Reception and Registration of participants
09h00 – 10h00  Opening Ceremony

Welcome address:
- Mr Alain-Ludovic Tou, Minister of Labour, Employment and Youth of Burkina Faso

Introductory speeches:
- Sir Leroy Trotman, Chairperson, ILO Workers’ Group
- Mr Antonio Penalosa, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
- Ms Regina Amadi-Njoku, ILO Regional Director for Africa
- Mr Boubacar Arouna, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Administrative Reform, Benin; President of the African Union Labour and Social Affairs Commission
- Mr Patrick Mazimhaka, Vice-Chairperson, African Union Commission

Keynote address:
- His Excellency President Blaise Compaoré, President of Faso

10h30 – 11h00  Coffee break

11h30 – 13h00  Thematic session
- Perspective of Workers
- Perspective of Employers
- Perspective of the ILO, Mr Rashid Amjad, Director, Employment Strategy Department
- Perspective of the Economic Commission for Africa, Mr Emmanuel Nnadozie, Senior Economic Affair Officer
- Perspective of the World Bank, Ms. Ellen A. Goldstein, Country Manager, Burkina Faso
- Perspective of the African Union Commission, Ms Bience Gawanas, Commissioner for Social Affairs, Plenary Discussions

13h00 – 15h00  Lunch

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SOCIAL PARTNERS FORUM
« Decent work: a driving force for Africa’s development »
Ouagadougou, 3-4 September 2004
15h00 – 19h00  **Panel discussion:**
- Sub-Theme 1: Promoting agricultural development  
  Speaker: Ms Marie Noëlle Koyara FAO Representative in Burkina Faso  
- Sub-Theme 2: Development of industrial capacity, entrepreneurship, knowledge and skills  
  Speaker: Mr Abel Rwendeire, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation, Managing Director, UNIDO  
- Sub-Theme 3: Promoting the transformation of the informal economy to the formal economy  
  Speaker: Mr Ballo Bakari, Director Promotion of Informal Economy, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Youth, Burkina Faso  
- Sub-Theme 4: Towards a fair globalisation: investment; competitiveness; fair trade; market access; debt; development assistance  
  Speaker: M. Ablassé Ouédraogo, Counsellor of the President, ADB  
- Sub-Theme 5: Rights at Work  
  Speaker: Worker and Employer perspectives

**Saturday 4 September 2004**

09h00 – 10h30  **Meetings of the Employers’ and Workers’ Groups**

10h30 – 11h00  **Coffee break**

11h00 – 13h00  **Round Table: Success Stories**  
Speakers: Social Partners, European Union, SDC, DFID, French Development Agency, Netherlands

13h00 – 15h00  **Coffee break**

15h00 – 17h00  **Declaration of the Social Partners**  
- Presentation of the draft Declaration  
- Adoption of the Social Partners Declaration

17h00 – 17h30  **Coffee break**

17h30 – 19h00  **Closing Ceremony**  
- Presentation of the Declaration of the Social Partners  
- Statement of Mr Juan Somavia, Director General of the ILO  
- Statement of Ms. Bience Gawanas, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission,  
- Closing Statement of the Representative of the Government of Burkina Faso