INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME SECURITY

Revised Draft Programme

APRIL 6, WEDNESDAY, 2005

Venue: Hall No. 6, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

10.30-11.30 Tea and Registration

12.00-12.45 Inaugural Session

Inauguration
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India

Chairperson
Dr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairman, National Commission on Enterprises in Unorganised /Informal Sector

12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.20 Session 1: Concepts and New Contexts of Employment and Income Security

Keynote Speakers
Guy Standing, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva
Ashwani Saith, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague


15.20-15.40 Tea

15.40-17.00 Session 2: Employment and Income Security: Perspectives from International Experiences

Presentations
Chris Nyland and Russel Smith, Monash University, Australia
S.C. Mishra, UNDP, Jakarta
Wahid Mahmud, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

17.00-19.30 Session 3: Experiences of Employment Security and Best Practices in India

Chairperson
A. Vaidyanathan, Former Member, Planning Commission (to be confirmed)

Presentations
S. Mahendra Dev & N. Chandrasekhara Rao, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad
K.S. Vatsa, Secretary, Government of Maharashtra
Vijay Mahajan, Basix India, Hyderabad
D. Rajasekhar & S. Madheswaran, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangabre
Manas Bhattacharya, ILO, New Delhi
T.T. Sreekumar, National University, Singapore
Sujata Patel, University of Pune

19.45
Reception & Conference Dinner
Venue: India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road

APRIL 7, THURSDAY, 2005

Venue: Jacaranda, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110003

9.00-11.00 Session 4: Industrial Restructuring, Redundancy and Job Security in the Organised Sector

Chairperson
K.M. Sahney, Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Government of India
(to be confirmed)

Presentations
C.S. Venkata Ratnam, International Management Institute, Delhi
R. Nagraj, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
Mukul Asher, National University of Singapore
Indira Hirway, Centre for Development Alternative, Ahmedabad
Ajit Singh, University of Cambridge & Sukti Dasgupta, ILO
Jan Breman, University of Amsterdam

11.00-11.20 Tea

11.20-12.45 Session 5: Employment and Income Security in the Informal Sector: Self Employed and Home-Based Workers

Chairperson
V.S. Vyas, Chairman, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur

Presentations
Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission
Surjeet Singh, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur
Jeemol Unni, Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad

12.45-13.30 Lunch

Chairperson
G.K. Chadha, Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Presentations
Ravi Srivastava, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
D.P. Choudhary, University of Wollongong, Australia and Anup K. Karan, IHD
Amitabh Kundu, JNU, New Delhi

14.45-15.00 Tea

15.00-16.30 Parallel Sessions of the Working Groups

Group I: Restructuring and Job Security in the Organised Sector

Group II: Employment and Income Security for Wage Labour

Group III: Employment and Income Security for the Self-Employed and Home Based Workers in Non-Agricultural Sector

Group IV: Income Security for the Cultivators

16.30-18.30 Session 7: Panel Discussion on Employment Guarantee Programme

Chairperson
B.N. Yugandhar, Member, Planning Commission (to be confirmed)

Presentations
Jean Dreze, Delhi School of Economics
K.P. Kannan, Member, National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector

Pannellists
Suresh Tendulkar, Delhi School of Economics
Ram Manohar Reddy, Editor, Economic and Political Weekly
Jayati Ghosh, CESP, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Atul Anjan, General Secretary, All India Kisan Sabha
Rohini Nayyar, Planning Commission
Venue: Gulmohar, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

9.00-10.45 Session 8: Employment and Income Security for the Vulnerable Groups

Chairperson
Bina Agrawal, Institute of Economic Growth, University Enclave, Delhi
Dev Nathan, IHD, New Delhi
Amita Shah, GIDR, Ahmedabad
Preet Rustogi, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, Delhi
Aswani Deshpande, Delhi School of Economics

10.45-11.00: Tea

11.00-12.15 Parallel Sessions of the Working Groups

Group V: Employment and Income Security for Vulnerable Workers Affected by Market Fluctuations and Policy Changes
Group VI: Income Security for Those Unable to Work (eg. Old, Disabled, etc.)
Group VII: Employment and Income Security for Women Workers
Group VIII: Employment and Income Security for the Scheduled Castes and Tribes

12.15 – 13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.15 Session 9: Presentation of the Reports of the Working Groups

14.15-14.30 Tea

14.30-17.00 Session 10: Panel Discussion on “Towards Mainstreaming Employment in Growth Strategy”

Chairperson
Yoginder K. Alagh, Chairman, IHD

Presentations
T.S. Papola, President, India Society of Labour Economics and Indian Economic Association
Errol D’Souza, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

Panelists
B.B. Bhattacharya, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
R. Radhakrishna, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
Duncan Campbell, ILO, Geneva
Pranab Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning commission
Prabhat Patnaik, Jawaharlal Nehru University
17.00-18.00  **Concluding and Valedictory Session**

*Chairperson*
*Rakesh Mohan*, Secretary, Ministry of Finance (to be confirmed)

*Valedictory Address*
*Gerry Rodgers*, Director, Policy Coordination, ILO, Geneva

18.00  High Tea