



ONLINE

EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPLOYMENT-INTENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN WORKS

KNOWLEDGE-SHARING FORUM

25 – 27 APRIL 2023

 3 DAYS

Information Note

INTRODUCTION

The ILO has been supporting many countries in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of inclusive, resilient and quality infrastructure investments through its Employment-Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP).

The principal objective of the EIIP is to create decent jobs with higher labour intensity. In doing so, the EIIP approach also aims to address societal and environmental issues altogether. However, EIIP interventions are often fragmented and its uptake varies from country to country. More often than not, the so-called “best practices” may not be feasible and thus not “appropriate” in fragile areas where the EIIP often operates.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) can be an effective instrument to share knowledge, boost peer-to-peer learning among the countries of the Global South that are facing similar challenges and identify the “appropriate” approach.”

South and East African countries’ labour-based practitioners (Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Infrastructure/Ministry of Public Works and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centers) have expressed particular interest in the area of green works. Green works refer to the employment intensive development, restoration and maintenance of public infrastructure, community assets, natural areas and landscapes to contribute to environmental goals such as climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, environmental rehabilitation, ecosystem restoration and nature conservation. Therefore, green works are job-rich in nature, and are a tool to tackle environmental challenges faced altogether.

Following an introductory training that provided labour-based practitioners with a common understanding of the concepts of the employment-intensive approach, green works and nature-based Solutions (NbS), this Knowledge-Sharing Forum provides an interactive knowledge-sharing opportunity to exchange and acquire knowledge on how to enhance and mainstream green works initiatives, in their respective countries. Good practices from different experiences will be documented and accessible to all the participating members.

At the end of the Forum, participants will have a clearer vision of how to continue to collaborate with each other following a South-South approach.

OBJECTIVES

- Exchange good practices on the implementation of green works and forestry works and how to build the capacity of stakeholder to implement of EIIP initiatives.
- Learn from different countries on how to effectively mainstream green works initiatives in national programmes and projects
- Be expose and aware of different options to finance green work initiatives
- Explore how to keep a momentum for knowledge sharing on green works initiatives

METHODOLOGY

The Knowledge-Sharing Forum will be held online from 24 to 27 April 2023 (3 days). Each day participants will have access to two live online sessions of 90 minutes.

The event will be conducted using a highly participative methodology, through a combination of pre-identified SSTC good practices followed by group discussions where participants will be asked to share solutions and experiences that are already in place. Participants may also raise questions and ideas that they do not have an answer to, and seek inputs from the other participating countries. Participants will have access to the ITCILO eCampus where they will be able to interact with other participants and access the recordings of the event as well as documented good practices. Before the beginning of the event, participants will have access to an online library with several background documents and reference materials including interactive reading materials.

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The Knowledge-Sharing Forum covers the following topics in three days:

Day 1: How to build the capacity of national and local stakeholders for the implementation of EIP initiatives

Day 1 will start with the recap of the main learnings of the introductory training. The discussion will then dive into identifying opportunities and challenges in mainstreaming decent work dimensions in employment-intensive investment programmes and projects. These may include the dimensions of social and environmental safeguards. Day one will also present capacity building experiences of national and local stakeholders responsible to promote EIP initiatives.

Day 2: How to work together? And how to finance green works initiatives?

Implementation of green works initiatives requires cross-cutting coordination among and between different government institutions, including but not limited to the Ministries of labour, environment, infrastructure, finance, and others. Participants will share good practices in ensuring the policy coherence of the national strategy with the objective of creating decent jobs through green infrastructure asset creation. Discussions will also revolve around how to work together at the regional level across different countries.

In addition, financing such initiatives with good intentions has always been a constraint of many countries, in particular in developing countries facing multi-faced challenges. Day 2 will therefore focus on financing modalities that could sustainably finance green works in national systems, including but beyond the donor priorities and support.

Day 3: How to continue the Forum?

Day 3 will be concluded with a view to having a common understanding on the next step, which is to develop action plans on how to strengthen and mainstream green works initiatives in their respective National Public Works programmes/projects and joint action plans between participants countries. Participants will be invited to express in an open dialogue how best they will benefit from the collaborative platform with a view to continuing the exchanges on good practices.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The training targets Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Infrastructure/Ministry of Public Works and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centres in the following six countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

These countries have been selected based on the fact that ILO's EIIP projects are being implemented there in collaboration with their stakeholders. The following 5 funding partners sponsoring the ILO projects in these countries will also be invited to the platform: The Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Japan.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us a completed online registration form at the following link: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MIN/A1716492/en>

OTHER INFORMATION

Language: The Forum will be held in English

Deadline: 20 April 2023

Course Fees: selected participants will receive a full scholarship

Certificate: An ITCILO Certificate of participation will be awarded

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