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on Global Issues for Development**

R4D-Employment Project
(Employment Effects of Different Development Policy Instruments)

Site Visit Programme
19-20 October 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Development and Employment: Projects, Problems, and Prospects

Roundtable Discussion – 19 October 2015 | 13:00–19:00 – Addis Ababa University

The R4D Employment project aims to find out whether there are policy instruments that could create and sustain good jobs within a developmental context by connecting local enterprises to international markets, stimulating technological upgrading, and restructuring the regulation and functioning of labour markets. Funded by the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development, the project integrates inquiries conducted in six countries: Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, South Africa and Vietnam. The R4D Employment project is committed to producing findings relevant for actual policy-making and this requires interaction with societal actors involved in development policies. Therefore, we are organizing this roundtable discussion to bring our project scientists and various stakeholders together.

Discussion Themes

Quality and Quantity: Is there a trade-off between employment quality and quantity? To what extent is any job better than no job within a development context?

Technology and Labour: Which policy instruments are used to facilitate innovation and technological upgrading? What are the hurdles to technology transfers? Does adaptation to new technology lead to more and better jobs?

Integration and Jobs: How feasible is it to change your position in the global value chains? To what extent is openness a key to development? Do production chains deliver know-how and technology together with jobs?

Programme

- 13:00–13:15 Welcome
(by **Tassew Woldehanna**, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer-Addis Ababa University (AAU), Facilitated by **Tadele Ferede**, AAU)
- 13:15–13:45 The R4D Employment Project
(by **Joseph Francois** – World Trade Institute)
- 13:45–14:00 Introducing Stakeholders
- 14:00–15:10 Panel I: Quality and Quantity
- 15:10–15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30–16:40 Panel II: Technology and Labour
- 16:40–17:00 Coffee Break
- 17:00–18:10 Panel III: Integration and Jobs
- 18:10–19:00 Conclusions

Participating Stakeholders

Ernest Berko
Ghana Ministry of Employment

Victor Konde
UN Economic Commission for Africa

Jeroen Merk
Clean Clothes Campaign

Joseph Andrianjaka Parfait
Madagascar Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training

Ian Frederick Stuert
South African Centre of Development and Enterprise

Thabo Tshabalala
IndustriALL Global Union

Nguyen TuAnh
Vietnam Central Institute for Economic Management

Jasmeer Virdee
International Trade Center

Constructing Comparable Datasets in a Developmental Context with Firm-Level Data

Workshop – 20 October 2015 | 09:00–18:00 – Addis Ababa University

The R4D Employment project not only aims to produce scientific knowledge relevant for policy-makers but is also committed to creating data sources that might be used by other researchers. Therefore, we are organizing a workshop at Addis Ababa University which brings together experts on data collection with a specific focus on firm-level data, PhD students and scientists involved in the project. The goal is to pool all the know-how we gather within the project about data collection and comparability.

Workshop Outline

The workshop is organized as a public event, and all students and staff of Addis Ababa University are invited. There will be two lectures that will outline challenges and requirements of data collection within a developmental context. The first lecture focuses on theory and practice of firm-level data collection with external funding and a joint research agenda. The second lecture reveals the role of firm-level data in evaluation of development processes. Presentations outline experiences, expectations and challenges about firm-level data collection in various countries and institutions. All presentations last 25 minutes followed by 20 minutes of discussion. The workshop ends with a general Q&A session.

Programme

09:00-10:00	Lecture: <i>Challenges in Firm-Level Data collection</i>
10:00-10:15	P-0: <i>Structure and Data Needs of the R4D Employment Project</i>
10:15-11:00	P-1: <i>Firm-Level Data in Ethiopia</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:15	P-2: <i>Firm-Level Data in Ghana</i>
12:15-13:00	P-3: <i>Firm-Level Data in South Africa</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:45	P-4: <i>Firm Level Data Collection on R&D and Innovation</i>
14:45-15:30	P-5: <i>Compiling Data on the Labour Content of Trade</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:45	P-6: <i>Measuring SME Competitiveness with Firm-Level data</i>
16:45-18:00	Discussion

Presenters

Lecture : **Tadele Ferede** (Addis Ababa University) and **Zelalem Hailegiorgis** (Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia)

P-0: **Rüya Gökhan Koçer**
(University of Geneva)

P-1: **Kekeb Gebregiorgis**
(Addis Ababa University)

P-2: **Emmanuel Nii Abbey**
(University of Ghana)

P-3: **Wayde T. Flowerday**
(University of Witwatersrand)

P-4: **Victor Konde**
(UN Economic Commission for Africa)

P-5: **Patrick Tomberger**
(World Trade Institute)

P-6: **Jasmeer Virdee**
(International Trade Centre)

Participants

All R4D teams, students and staff of Addis Ababa University, Ethiopian Officials and all other interested people