

Contacts with partner organisations during the ILO Conference in Geneva, June 2010

The annual ILO-conference in Geneva has proven an effective and efficient opportunity to DECP to 'synchronize watches' with partners: employers' organizations as well as the IOE (International Organization of Employers), ACT/EMP (the employers' activities programme of the ILO) and ITC/ILO (International Training Center of ILO).

Also this year DECP met with a number of partners in Geneva and organized itself or participated in meetings of great interest. One of such meetings concerned the actual start of a major and highly time bound capacity enhancement programme – to which DECP together with ITC/ILO is an important executive partner - for employers' organizations in Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

Another meeting concerned the founding of an employers' organization to represent employers' interests at the level of the East African Community. DECP triggered discussions leading up to the founding of such an organization two years ago in Geneva, organized kick-off support – also from other donors - and takes great pleasure in the progress that is now being made and in the clear and manifest commitment of all the employers' organizations involved: AEB (Burundi), ATE (Tanzania), FKE (Kenya), FUE (Uganda), PSF (Rwanda) and ZANEMA (Zanzibar).