

World AIDS Day 2008

What's happening at the ILO?

The message for the year is **lead, empower, deliver.**



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The ILO this day recognizes the many ways in which our constituents are leading workplace responses in their countries, empowering workers to protect themselves and their families from HIV, and delivering HIV prevention, care and treatment at and through the workplace.

We also take a moment to remember the more than 25 million people who have died as a result of AIDS, and the over 7000 who are newly-infected with HIV each day. We celebrate the fact that almost three million people with HIV are continuing to live and work as a result of antiretroviral medication.

ILO offices, constituents and workplaces in every region are arranging their own activities to show how the world of work supports national efforts on HIV/AIDS: for a **country round-up** see the poster in the Colonnade and the special feature on the ILO public website, and also the film show in the Colonnade.

The ILO - with a tripartite delegation - will demonstrate the effectiveness of workplace responses at ICASA 2008 (the International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa) in Dakar, Senegal, 3 – 7 December. Our activities include seven satellite sessions on key themes such as migration, public and private sector workplace programmes, responses in the mining sector, women in business, and the proposed new labour standard on HIV/AIDS. In addition, the ILO is offering four skills-building workshops, holding a special media event, and organizing an exhibition of posters depicting HIV/AIDS leadership by constituents across the continent.

At ILO headquarters, SECTOR and ILO/AIDS – together with the international organizations of employers and workers – are holding a three-day training course for managers and workers in the transport sector, based on the new ILO, IRU and ITF toolkit for the **road transport sector**.

BIG HOUSE OF STONES: Exhibition in the Colonnade of Shona sculpture from Zimbabwe, organized by the Ruwa Gallery which was set up in 1990 as a workshop and school as well as a gallery. The sale of sculptures helps maintain the school and support the artists. HIV/AIDS has become a major threat to this unique form of art, as prominent artists succumb to the epidemic. Master artists are prevented from passing on their knowledge, and younger artists are being lost.

At 12.30 there will be a short ceremony in the Colonnade to open the sculpture exhibition and launch World AIDS Day – we will also form our annual human AIDS ribbon.

See separate flyers for information on combined World AIDS Day activities organized by a range of Geneva-based agencies, including the ILO. Please note that in the evening there's an inter-religious service, 18.30, at the Temple de la Fusterie, a candlelight march at 19.45 from the Temple de la Fusterie to the Maison de quartier des Pâquis, where there will be drinks and dinner from 20.30.

Around World AIDS Day: HRD invites you to take part in an orientation session on HIV and AIDS to be held from 11h30 to 14h30 in the Pavillon (room 4, 1st floor) on Friday 5 December (in French) for ILO staff, and invites adolescents to a special session jointly organized with WHO at International Lycée in Ferney-Voltaire (email lustige@who.int to register).

Special event on Wednesday 3 December: presentation by Elena Kudriavtseva and Anastasia Danilina from the Moscow SRO. They will explain the ILO's approach to HIV/AIDS in the subregion and the way the issue has been integrated in DWCPs, with a special report on the HIV/AIDS project for the transport sector in the Russian Federation. Where and when: Elimane Kane at 16.00.

