



Invitation to the launch of the book

The Future of the Textile and Clothing Industry in Sub-Saharan Africa

Wednesday, 12 September 2007, 12h00 - 13h00
Venue: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, 95 John Meinert Str.

Speakers:

Mr Evalistus Kaaronda, Secretary General, NUNW

Mr. Herbert Jauch, LaRRi, Co-Editor of the Book

(Snacks and Refreshments will be served)

The end of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) in January 2005 has had a dramatic effect on the clothing and textile industry in Sub-Saharan Africa. Many countries had pinned their hope on this industry to kick-start industrialisation and to create a large number of employment opportunities. The textile and clothing industry can be established relatively easily and without a huge outlay of capital. Furthermore it is labour-intensive and thus it was considered as a promising option for many African countries. Between 2002 and 2004, several large projects were established on the continent, including the Ramatex factory in Namibia

The book to be launched by the *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung* examines some of the African experiences, including Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and – of course – Namibia. The book also analyses the global environment in which the industry operates and outlines the working conditions in Africa's textile and clothing industry. A particularly important aspect of the book is the analysis of the effect of the ATC and its end in 2005. Large-scale retrenchments and factory closures occurred in several African countries, independent of the particular local conditions. Thus the book helps the reader to understand developments such as those at Ramatex in Namibia from a broader, global perspective.

The book targets all stakeholders in Africa's textile and clothing industry, including government officials, trade unionists, textile companies, interested NGOs and economists.

Kindly confirm your participation with *Ms. Rachel Shiwedi* on or before **10 September** via E-mail fes@fesnam.org.na, by Tel. 061-237 438 or 223 767 or by fax (see attached confirm.form)



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