



## Workshop on the Role of Trade Unions in the Informal Economy

**Date:** 05 to 08 May 2009

**Venue:** Okahandja Country Hotel, Okahandja

### Programme

#### **Day One – 06 May 2009**

- 08h30 Registrations, Introduction and Welcoming
- 09h00 What is the Informal Economy?
- 09h30 What is the difference between Formal and Informal Economy?
- 10h00 Challenges and Opportunities in the Informal Economy
- 10h30 TEA BREAK**
- 11h00 Status of Informal Economy workforce in Namibia
- 11h30 Globalisation and its effects on the Informality
- 12h00 Gender aspects in the Informal Economy
- 13h00 LUNCH**
- 14h00 ILO Decent Work Agenda and the Informal Economy
- 15h00 Experiences from the other countries in the region
- 15h30 TEA BREAK**
- 16h00 the Impact of HIV and AIDS in the Informal Economy
- 17h00 END OF DAY ONE**

## **Day Two – 07 May 2009**

- 08h30      Review of Day One activities
- 09h00      The NUNW and NAMSTA Memorandum of Understanding
- 10h00      Effects of National Policies, bi-laws towards the Informal Economy. Excess to resources and business development by the Informal Economy owners
- 10h30      TEA BREAK**
- 11h00      Employee/employer relationship within the Informal Economy and as provided for in the labour act of 2007
- 12h00      Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining
- 13h00      LUNCH**
- 14h00      Child Labour in the Informal Economy and its effects on the sector
- 15h00      Is the Informal Economy a vehicle that can assist in reducing poverty in Namibia?
- 15h30      TEA BREAK**
- 16h00      The session continue
- 17h00      END OF DAY TWO**

## **Day Three – 08 May 2009**

- 08h30      Review of day three
- 09h00      The role of Trade Union in the Informal Economy – what are the challenges and opportunities for recruiting workers
- 10h30      TEA BREAK**
- 11h00      Report Back from the Groups and discussions
- 11h30      What are the needs of the Informal Economy Workers/employers – what role should the Trade Unions play, how can Trade Union support the Informal Economy?
- 12h30      Closing of the workshop by the Deputy Acting Secretary General of NUNW
- 13h00      LUNCH AND DEPARTURE**