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REPOA Builds Government Capacity to Implement the UN-CEB Toolkit

REPOA, in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO, Tanzania) and Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) piloted the Unied Nations Chief Executives Board (CEB) Toolkit.

Decent Work is defined as productive work for women and men in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity. It involves work that delivers a fair income, and which provides social protection, personal development, social integration, equal treatment and workers freedom to organise and participate in decision making.

Forty-five officers from eight government institutions – i.e. Ministries of Labour, Works, Agriculture, Industry, Finance and Home Affairs, Planning Commission, and Prime Minister's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG/TAMISEMI) assessed thirty one policies, programmes and plans for employment and decent work inclusion. The assessment was preceded by training in Bagamoyo from 09 to 11 February 2011.

This initiative is in line with MKUKUTA and the Tanzania Decent Work Country Programme (TDWCP) focusing on poverty reduction through the creation of more jobs and decent work, especially for women and youth. MKUKUTA-II identifies employment as an important policy and strategic issue in poverty reduction and seeks to create decent job opportunities for the unemployed by creating jobs that are decent, productive and sustainable enough to cater for basic social and economic needs while balancing the needs and rights of workers and employers by providing commitment to social dialogue.

Currently, REPOA in collaboration with the MoLE and ILO are in the process of revising and adjusting the CEB Toolkit so that it can be adapted to the Tanzanian contexts and used by the Government institutions, private sector, civil society organizations, employers and workers organizations, international organizations, UN agencies and international financial institutions. Zuki Mihyo from REPOA facilitated both the training and assessment of policies, programmes and plans.

Changes to the Grants Application Process

As a result of a review conducted last year, slight changes have been made to the application process. In the past, REPOA accepted concept notes for research grants throughout the year. From May 2011, the grants department will only be accepting concept notes submitted in response to a Special Call for Proposal, which will be advertised in local newspapers, through the e-brief and on REPOA's website.