



October 1-3, 2012, Cairo University –*Employment workshop - Reflections from international experiences*

Background and objectives of the workshop

In the course of political and economic transition, the Egyptian government, as well as other governments of the region, is looking for actionable solutions to support a “jobful” recovery. Egyptian authorities and their stakeholders are therefore seeking effective mechanisms for job creation, especially for the youth, based on the experience of social measures implemented in countries that have gone through similar transition processes. International experience confirms that the choice of social measures and their modes of implementation are key to their effectiveness in the short and long term.

The objective of the workshop is to share with a broad range of Egyptian partners a variety of tools and practices, implemented internationally or elaborated locally, addressing unemployment and job creation in order to support the identification of active labour market programmes and measures adapted to the Egyptian context.

Organizers of the workshop

The workshop is organized under the umbrella of the ‘Integrated Economies’ programme of the CMI by the Egyptian Authorities and AFD, the World Bank, the European Union, the International Labour Organization and the African Development Bank. It will be hosted by the Cairo University.

Overview of the workshop

The opening of the workshop will take place on 1st October evening.

On 2nd October, 4 sessions will be held on the following themes:

1. **Increasing the number of jobs** through promoting entrepreneurship, self-employment and labour-intensive public works
2. **Technical education and vocational training strategies** to foster employability of young people
3. **Labour market information** to link demand and supply through better matching services
4. **Support pathways into work for young people and women** through labour market mediation, coaching services, conditional cash transfers and social networks.

On October 3rd there will be an opportunity for Egyptian decision-makers to meet face-to-face with the experts gathered for the seminar for direct discussions on the identification of active employment policies and targeted programs in Egypt.