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Key Donor Issues for BE Reform in Asia

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ILO and its overall priorities

- ILO's tripartite structure
- Primary objectives: productive, decent employment and poverty reduction
- Growth with equity
- Priorities set by constituents in Decent Work Country Programmes



BE Related Priorities in Asia -1

- Capacity building and for employers, trade unions, governments and other key stakeholders and institutions
 - Institutional capacity building is a key component of successful BE reform
 - Turin Center training
- Bridging national and local level BE reform
 - BE reform at local level is key - LED



BE Related Priorities in Asia -2

- Bridging representational gap – promoting dialogue
 - Tool kit for employers organizations to reach out to SMEs
 - Association building tools
 - Trade unions involvement in organizing SME workers and IE operators
- Promoting enterprise culture



BE Related Priorities in Asia -3

- Labour law in BE:
 - Need balance burden and protection
 - Strong reservations about simplistic push for wholesale deregulation
 - Key issue is better regulation rather than no regulation – need to look at both costs and benefits of regulation
 - Doing Business’ “employing workers”:
potentially misleading and damaging
 - ILO research programme on this topic a priority



Experience with donor coordination

- Has varied from country to country but has generally been good and sometimes excellent.
Lessons:
 - Least effective when just exchange of information
 - Most effective when involving detailed discussions of planned work so that genuine coordination and joint activities can be launched
 - Sri Lanka: close collaboration with GTZ, Swiss Contact and WB on joint development and promotion of a data base at district level



Importance of BE work

- Growing importance
 - General trend towards and demand for up-stream policy advice
 - Growing demand: 2007 International Labour Conference discussion
 - Recognition of the potential for accelerated job creation from improved BE



Thank you!