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Boosting sustainable and inclusive economic growth through improved dialogue in Myanmar

Today, a Danish funded capacity building programme aimed at improving social dialogue in Myanmar was officially launched with the participation of H.E. U Thein Swe, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population, and H.E. Mr. Jørn Neergaard Larsen, Minister for Employment of Denmark.

The programme will run until 2018 and aims at increasing the capacity of the Myanmar workers and employers representatives (social partners) and Government to engage in social dialogue, thereby improving the industrial relations, the business environment and the working conditions in the country.

The launch took place at Sedona Hotel where representatives of Myanmar employers (UMFCCI) and workers (CTUM, AFFM-IUF and MICS) signed Memoranda of Understanding on the programme with their Danish counterparts, the Confederation of Danish Industries and the LO/FTF Council.

In this connection Danish Minister for Employment Mr. Larsen says:

“Denmark is very pleased to share its experience on developing a strong labour market which can contribute to social and economic growth”.

The launch reflects the shared view of the social partners that they hold a common interest in working better and closer together in order to sustain production, employment and high and inclusive economic growth in Myanmar. As such, a constructive dialogue based and consensus seeking approach is at center stage in the programme.

The training will include, inter alia, the following topics:

- a. Introduction to the benefits and culture of social dialogue, including Danish experience;
- b. Roles and responsibilities of social partners – labour market rights and obligations;
- c. Industrial relations and social dialogue at national, sectoral and workplace level;
- d. Collective bargaining and/or minimum wage setting;
- e. Negotiation and conflict resolution techniques and skills.

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