



# IDB Technical cooperation in support of the labour issues of the CAFTA-DR



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# IDB Labour Cooperation in the CAFTA-DR



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- Background: White Book on the Labour Dimensions of the CAFTA-DR (2005)
  - Commitment of the IDB and other donors
  - Coordination of Labour Donors 
  - Domestic and Regional Technical Cooperation 
  - Loan operations on labour issues

# State of the IDB Labour Regional Cooperation

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- Technical Cooperation under execution:
  - Training programme for judges (2005)
- Technical Cooperation to be started:
  - Project for Promoting a Culture of Compliance with Labour Issues (2006)
- Technical Cooperation in inventory:
  - Strengthening the capabilities of the ML International Cooperation Units (2007)

# Under execution :

## Training programme for judges

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- Funding: US\$100,000 (IDB) / US\$70,000 (ILO)
- Execution: started in 2006
- The budget of the original proposal was readjusted, for which it was possible to carry out supplementary activities
- Supplementary activities: 3 workshops
- The execution will end in 2007

# To be started:



## Promoting a Culture of Labour Compliance

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- Funding: US\$750,000 (IDB), US\$140,000 (ILO)
- Approved: December 2006
- Execution:
  - Will start in mid-2007
  - Executing agency: ILO
- Components:
  - Development of a Work Plan for freeing the CA area from the worst forms of child labour
  - Subregional improvement and streamlining of labour relations (courses to obtain a diploma)

# In inventory:

## Strengthening the Capabilities of the ML International Cooperation Units (1)

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- Funding: US\$200,000 (IDB)
- State of formulation: In consultation with donors and beneficiaries
- Period of execution: 12 months
- Components:
  - 2 Regional Practical Training Workshops on management and administration of cooperation projects
  - Specialized consultancies for strengthening the administration capability



## Strengthening the Capabilities of the ML International Cooperation Units (2)

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- ¿What are the training workshops?
  - Regional Training Workshops following up international cooperation for 28 public servants from the ML:
    - Workshop 1: Aspects on donors' cooperation programmes (i.e. Programming guidelines)
    - Workshop 2: Techniques for projects management (i.e. identification and effective presentation of needs)
  - It includes the preparation of teaching material (better administration practices, techniques for identifying needs, formats and donors' requirements for providing cooperation, etc.)



# In inventory: Strengthening the Capabilities of the International Cooperation Units of the MLs (3)

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- ¿What are the specialized consultancies?
  - Actions carried out by a consultant for assisting the countries in implementing the recommendations of the White Book.
  - Types of actions: consultancies, workshops, studies
  - Issues (i.e.):
    - Contribution to the preparation of work plans
    - Proposals for coordinating agendas
    - Preparation of follow-up reports on the implementation of the White Book





# Some lessons of the process:

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- Complexities in the coordination of donors and executing agencies
- Complexities in the design and execution of technical cooperation: their bringing to fruition requires time
- Beneficiaries and Ministries of Labour should participate in the cooperation design.
- Low assimilation capability of technical cooperation (formulation, execution and assessment) in the Ministries of Labour.
- In the case of the IDB, eligibility limitations are due to the maximization policies of the cooperation benefits (not everything is eligible). For bilateral donors, the cooperation is due to the foreign policy criteria.
- Political situation of the White Book of the CAFTA-DR. Other important issues were not included, i.e. employment generation.



Thank you very much

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