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Workshop on Wages brings diverse groups together

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The National Labour and Economic Development Institute (Naledi) and the Labour Research Service (LRS) will host a unique workshop on wages and income information on 23 April, 2013 in collaboration with Nedlac in Johannesburg. ***Wage Data and Social Dialogue: Establishing a wage database to inform social dialogue*** will bring together participants from government, business, labour and organisations that provide research on wages and income. This will mark the first time that representatives from these different sectors will collaborate in a workshop to provide accessible wage information.

The workshop forms part of a project for the Economic Policy Programme based at UCT to encourage social dialogue and stimulate relevant research on wages and incomes. One of the goals of the project is to establish an online wage database, which will provide relevant income information.

Currently, data on wages in South Africa is limited and lacks transparency. Data providers have not yet found a way to cooperate, given that they serve diverse interests. Sustainability is also a challenge. However, the project aims to encourage various data providers to build on what exists. Ultimately, this would pave the way for partners to engage in social dialogue, in a very concrete manner, on the Decent Work Agenda in South Africa.

The workshop will include a presentation of the results of a recent survey on sources of wage data, as well as a proposal for an online wage database. Participants include representatives from the Nedlac social partners – including organised business, organised labour, government and community constituencies – as well as research specialist.

Details:

Wage Data and Social Dialogue: Establishing a wage database to inform social dialogue

Where: NEDLAC, 14A Jellicoe Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg

When: 23 April, 2013

Time: 10am – 1.30pm.

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