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PRESS RELEASE

South African Employer assumes Presidency of the International Organisation of Employers

At its General Council meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2008, Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu from South Africa was unanimously elected President of the IOE¹ for a two year term.

In welcoming him to the chair, outgoing IOE President Ambassador Abraham Katz stressed that Professor Nkuhlu brings to the IOE extensive experience both as an employer himself and through his involvement in the Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Both bring an indepth understanding of the needs and challenges of Africa. This perspective, which is relevant to other regions of the world that make up the 139 countries members of the IOE, builds on the IOE's strong history of leadership from the developing world.

In his role as President, Professor Nkuhlu will lead the IOE in helping to shape the employer response to the ongoing process of globalization, both within the International Labour Office and the wider United Nations.

"The world today faces many challenges and the employer community has a key role to play in developing the responses, both nationally and internationally, that will ensure the economic and social development all desire. In this regard Professor Nkuhlu's experience will be invaluable" he concluded.

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¹ The IOE is an international member-based organization founded in 1920 representing the business community in all areas of social and labour policy. Its membership numbers 146 national employer federations in 139 countries.