



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

### **The International Organisation of Employers (IOE)<sup>1</sup> launches the *International Labour and Social Policy Review***

**Geneva, 31 May 2007 – The IOE today launched the organization’s first edition of its *International Labour and Social Policy Review* at the International Labour Conference in Geneva.**

The articles contained in the *Review* reflect a wide range of issues from across the global employer community and are presented from a national perspective. They are designed to present a snapshot of key current labour market issues and trends. Contributions drawn from the ongoing work of the IOE Secretariat have also been included.

Perhaps the common denominator running throughout the *Review* can be expressed in one word: *globalization*. All the articles, in one way or another, reflect the changes and reactions of our societies to increased global economic integration.

Two of the articles, Australia and Colombia tackle the ongoing changes to labour relations in their respective countries, addressing current and ongoing reform efforts. The impact of migration on the Irish Labour market is addressed and the policy challenges faced by a country that has seen such a rapid alteration to its labour market make-up. The South African contribution addresses the history and impact of institutionalized social partnership in South Africa and how it has demonstrated real added value to the country’s transformation.

The Sri Lankan example draws on an ongoing partnership with the ILO to improve working conditions and productivity in factories across the country. Finally, the complex relationship between companies and international labour standards is examined by the United States Council for International Business.

It is hoped that this *Review* will add to the global debate on these issues and will become in time an important reference for policy makers in the labour and social fields.

For a downloadable copy of the *Review* please go to: [www.ioe-emp.org](http://www.ioe-emp.org)

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<sup>1</sup> The IOE is an international member-based organization founded in 1920 representing the business community social and labour policy. Its membership numbers 145 national employer federations in 138 countries.