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## ITPO Walloon in Belgian Delegation to DRC

*Democratic Republic of Congo, March 14 - 21, 2004*

DRC Minister of Industry, Jean Mbuyu; Walloon Minister of Economy, Serge Kubla; General Manager of [Belgian Technical Co-operation](#), Ludo Poelaert; UNIDO ITPO Walloon Head, Philippe Walkiers

Minister of Economy of the Walloon Region, Serge Kubla led a delegation of 182 representatives of 131 Belgian companies to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) 14 - 21 March 2004. Among the representatives of the DRC Government who were interacting with the Belgian delegation were Vice-President Jean-Pierre Bemba, who has the portfolios of Economy and Industry and Minister of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, Jean Mbuyu.

Philippe Walkiers, Head of UNIDO's Investment Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) Walloon was part of the Belgian delegation. The cosignatory of the UNIDO ITPO Walloon Agreement, [AWEX](#), the [Walloon Export Agency](#), along with [Export Vlaanderen of Flanders](#) and [Brussels Export](#), coorganized the DRC event. Preparations for the

Belgian visit began with Mr. Walkier's mission to DRC in 2002. A second technical mission followed in December 2003, after the visit of DRC Minister of Industry, Mbuyu to UNIDO headquarters for the [UNIDO General Conference](#). The Minister's visit advanced the process of UNIDO formally renewing its agreement to work in the DRC. Once this is finalised, the next step will be a formulation mission, hopefully in April, after which a project proposal will be submitted to the DRC.

If everything goes according to plan, it is expected that some 30 projects will be accessible on [UNIDO Exchange](#) by the beginning of May, 2004. Following that, by October 2004 a Delegate Programme should be initiated covering the UNIDO ITPOs in Paris, Marseilles, [Manchester](#) UK and the Vienna-based ITPO Walloon. Projects identified and initiated by ITPO Walloon cover priority sectors specified by Industry Minister Mbuyu: agro-food; fish; and wood / building materials. During the mission five letters of intent were

signed (three in agro-food, one fish and one wood sector) with a value totaling US\$2 million.

Three agreements were signed as a result of the visit: one between the Federation of Congo Enterprises FEC (Federation des Entreprises du Congo) and the Walloon Export Agency, AWEX - to promote private sector initiatives; another between the DRC Ministry of Rural Development and the Walloon Ministry of Economy - on the fish sector; and the third, between the DRC Industrial Development Fund (FPI - Fonds de Promotion et de l'industrie) and the Walloon Export Finance Association [SOFINEX](#) (Société de Financement de l'exportation) to provide funding for Belgian companies willing to invest in DRC.



DRC Minister of Industry, Jean Mbuyu at UNIDO General Conference Dec. 2003

The latter agreement, between the DRC Industrial Development Fund (FPI) and SOFINEX will provide the basis for a syndicate to share the risk. For the last three years, the DRC FPI has had some US\$12 - 15 million available per annum. The Belgian syndicate would match the DPI dollar for dollar. The partnership not limited to DRC and Walloon. "The door is open to other partners, and we have to promote this idea. To have a real impact, we would have to reach US\$100 million" says UNIDO ITPO Walloon Head, Philippe Walkiers. FPI has already signed up for the UNIDO [COMFAR](#) programme to enable it to better assess investment project proposals.

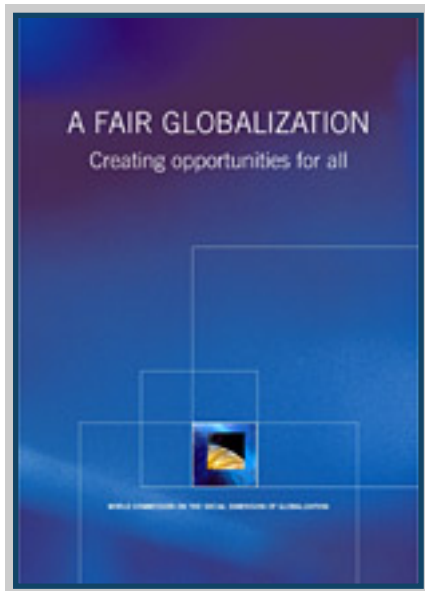
The agreement between DRC Ministry of Rural Development and the Walloon Ministry of Economy - on the fish sector is the basis of a "Grappe Peche Congo" project that will cover the whole product to market chain, involving, fishing, aquaculture, storage, processing - smoking, drying, packaging and transportation. Initially, four locations will be identified. "The DRC has an abundance of fish, in spite of this abundance, the DRC imports fish" said Mr. Walkiers. "We hope that in five years, the DRC will become self-sufficient in fish" he continued. "At the same time, certain types of fish can be selected for the export market, as we did in Uganda." [An international effort in Uganda](#) resulted in twelve fish processing plants being set up to meet EC standards. Now some one million tons of Nile perch are fished from Lake Victoria per year and approximately half is exported, meaning fish has now overtaken coffee as Uganda's second export earner. The Walloon Region was involved in the development of three fish processing plants: one in Jinja, one in Entebbe, one in Kampala.

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## Fair Globalization Commission asks for "Policy Coherence Initiatives"

*Geneva, Switzerland, 24 - 25 March, 2004*

President of Tanzania Benjamin William Mkapa paid an official visit to the 289th Session of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization ([ILO](#)) to take part, as Co-Chair of the World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalization, in the formal presentation of the Commission's Report, **A FAIR GLOBALIZATION - Creating opportunities for all** ([view or download presentation speech](#)). The report, launched on 24 February 2004, highlights, at both national and international levels the need for greater coherence between economic and social policies. That requires governments to take a more integrated view of global policies, and to address the social dimension of globalization more effectively in major bodies such as the G8 and Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). An important proposal in the report is for "Policy Coherence Initiatives" which would engage the key international organizations in developing a common, integrated approach to key global concerns. The first of these would cover the issue of a global strategy for growth, investment and employment.



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This conclusion of the report echoes the call made by UNIDO Director - General Carlos Magariños to the international development community on the occasion of the [UNIDO General Conference](#) in December, 2003, when he said "It seems inappropriate to discuss economic and social issues with disregard to the political agenda. We don't have two agendas we just have one agenda, development, peace, security, are the same thing." In his statement to the ILO Governing Body, UNIDO Assistant Director-General and Director of UNIDO's Geneva Office, Alberto di Liscia, remarked on the strong connection between the conclusions of the report and UNIDO's Corporate Strategy of [Productivity Enhancement for Social Advance](#). He drew attention to the fact that the UNIDO Director-General is also working on proposals for a mechanism that will enhance coordination of the multilateral system to better support the challenges of globalisation.

President Mkapa, in his statement at the conclusion of the discussion of the Commission's Report by the ILO Governing Body ([view or download statement PDF -16KB](#)), pursued the theme further when he said "...The policy incoherence we are pleading against is like when at one forum a government supports an issue, and in another forum the same government takes or supports decisions that undermine what they had agreed to in a different forum."

"If governments agree at Doha that this round of trade negotiations should focus on development, the same focus should be echoed in all other different forums where governments meet, as well as being echoed in national political decisions. In my view, the Doha commitments would have been met on schedule if there was greater domestic policy coherence among the member countries. What the Minister of Trade agrees to in one forum should not be undermined by what the Minister of Finance says, or commits the country to do, in another forum. Likewise, what the Minister for Development Cooperation promises in one forum should not be neutralized or rescinded by what the Minister of Trade or Finance does or says in another international forum, or nationally."

In his closing remarks at the Geneva presentation, Director-General of ILO, Juan Somavia, who originally proposed the Commission, emphasised the need for coherent policies within the multilateral system and the need to follow up with concrete proposals on how the recommendations apply to the International Organizations and the system as a whole.

The [World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization](#) was established by the ILO in February 2002. The Commission is an independent body. It was initiated to respond to the needs of people as they cope with the unprecedented changes that globalization has brought to their lives, their families, and the societies in which they live.

The Commission has looked at the various facets of globalization, the diversity of public perceptions of the process, and its implications for economic and social progress. It has searched for innovative ways of combining economic, social and environmental objectives, based on worldwide expertise. It has made its recommendations seeking to build upon a broad consensus among all key actors. In the 26 "dialogues" held in over 20 countries, the Commission sought not only to establish the facts, but also to encourage debate among a range of divergent and often critical views. Special dialogues were also arranged for business, labour and civil society to bring their perspectives to the table.

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## COMING SOON

Energy

Biotechnology

Nano-  
Technology

Materials

Information  
Communication  
Technology

Aerospace  
Industry

**Technology Fair of the Future at UNCTAD XI, São Paulo, Brazil, 14 - 18 June 2004, FREE OF CHARGE to selected participants.** If you are an innovative enterprise, technology park, research and development institute, or institution for innovation in an industrialized or emerging economy that has promising new technology, you could be among the 100 or so who will be eligible for an exhibition area, auditorium, multi-media area and room for business meetings (including video conferencing) free of charge.

The Technology Fair of the Future is one of a number of events being held at UNCTAD XI which together are expected to attract some 3,000 participants from over 190 countries. Other events are the [EMPRETEC](#) /SEBRAE Business Fair, [WAIPA](#) Investment Forum and Fair Brazil Invest, [ITC](#) Competitiveness Tools Fair and NGOs Solidarity Market Fair. The Technology Fair of the Future will take place at the Anhembi (São Paulo city) Conventions and Exhibition Centre, simultaneously with the FISPAL 20th International Food Fair, the most important fair for food products in Latin America.

The Technology Fair highlights selected technology sectors: energy; biotechnology; nano-technology and materials; information and communication; aerospace. Special feature: technologies for low-income and least developed countries (LDCs) - renewable energy, agro-food processing, medicines and building materials.

Due to the limited number of places available, applications should be submitted as early as possible. See the [Fair homepage](#) for more details and the online application form <http://www.unidoform.org>

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