

THE WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR IN MOLDOVA 2010

NATIONAL CONFERENCE Organized by the National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry (FNPAIA) from Moldova



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PRESS RELEASE

ON THE WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR 2010,

THE AGRI-EMPLOYERS FROM MOLDOVA ARE PRESENTING THEIR INITIATIVE AND EXPERIENCE ON COMBATING THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR

DURING A NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 11 June 2010, Chişinău

On the occasion of the World Day against Child Labour 2010, marked on 12 June, the agri-employers from Moldova are presenting in front of the social partners and mass-media, their initiative and experience on combating the worst forms of child labour in agriculture, and are confirming their commitment to further promote the Code of Conduct for Employers on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Agriculture and the Food Industry.

The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry (FNPAIA) from Moldova will release, on the eve of the World Day Against Child Labour, a human chronicle of its activities, which was collected in a book entitled "Snapshots: Employers' Efforts to Combat Child Labour in the Agricultural Sector in Moldova".

This National Conference is organised by the FNPAIA on the same day when the 19th FIFA World Cup is going to commence in South Africa and coincides with the theme for this years World Day, which calls on the countries "to show the Red card against child labour" and eliminate this practice which involves, globally, a staggering number of 215 millions children, according to a Report of the International Labour Office launched in May 2010.

The event in Chişinău called together managers of agri-enterprises, supporting the FNPAIA initiative on combating child labour, members of a Code Monitoring Team which was following during 2008 and 2009 on how employers comply with the provisions of the Child Labour Code of Conduct, and representatives of social partners: employers, trade unions, and the government.

On the occasion of the National Conference on the World Day against Child Labour, the Chairperson of the FNPAIA, Alexandru Slusari, stated that the FNPAIA will further promote the Code of Conduct for Employers on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Agriculture and the Food Industry, whish was approved by the 15 member-associations in December 2007. "Child labour affects both children and enterprises", mentioned Alexandru Slusari.

The National Conference puts the spotlight on discussions of the "Roadmap for Achieving the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016" – the outcome of the Hague Child Labour World Conference, where the representative of the employers from the Republic of Moldova participated in.

The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry launched in 2005 a FNPAIA project on combating child labour in agriculture in Moldova, supported by the Bureau for Employers Activities of the International Labour Office (ILO-ACT/EMP) and funded by the Government of Norway.