



## LAUNCH OF THE ILO GLOBAL EMPLOYMENT TRENDS REPORT 2011

Date: Monday, 28 February 2011

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Room II, ISEAS

### About the Speaker

**Mr Steven Kapsos** is an economist in the Economic and Labour Market Analysis Department at the International Labour Organization in Geneva. He also served as a labour economist at the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Prior to joining the ILO, Mr. Kapsos worked at the Malcolm Wiener Centre for Social Policy at Harvard University. He has authored a number of publications on topics including competitiveness and productivity, the employment intensity of growth, trends in labour force participation and wages and working poverty. Mr. Kapsos holds a Master's degree in Public Administration/International Development from Harvard University and a Bachelor's of Science in Economics and International Relations from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### About the Report

The International Labour Organization's annual flagship report *Global Employment Trends (GET)* provides a comprehensive picture of the state of labour markets around the world, by analyzing trends in key labour market indicators. Taking into account macroeconomic trends and forecasts, the GET report also includes a short-term outlook for labour markets around the world.

The GET 2011 report is the first to take stock of the labour market situation during the recovery from the global economic crisis. It incorporates the most recent labour market information available to explore the state of the labour market globally and regionally during the crisis in 2009 and the recovery in 2010 and 2011. Chapter 1 sets out the macroeconomic context for growth and employment, comparing and contrasting trends in labour market and macroeconomic indicators. The report's second chapter provides an overview of global trends in employment, unemployment, labour force participation, vulnerable employment, working poverty and other key indicators. The different picture across regions is highlighted in chapter 3. Country-level data is extensively used to enrich the global and regional analysis, and to draw attention to important differences in terms of trends and challenges within regions.

The report concludes with policy considerations. It warns that a 'narrow' focus on reducing fiscal deficits without addressing job creation will further weaken employment prospects for the 205 million unemployed in 2010.

Mr Steven Kapsos give an overview of the global and regional trends from the report's findings, with a focus on key findings and policy messages from Southeast Asia, followed by perspectives from discussants.

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