

Research

Socio-Economic Trends Bulletin

The first edition of the Socio-Economic Trends Bulletin was produced in the second quarter. The second edition was amalgamated with the 2002/3 Annual Report. No further editions have been published, due to budget constraints.

Roundtables

The roundtable discussions have been ongoing in Nedlac since 1999, the idea behind them being that the social partners will be able to engage on an informal basis on issues that are of particular relevance in South Africa at this time. At the roundtable discussions the social partners are exposed to academic and other research and then given an opportunity to engage on the topic.

One roundtable was held on 20 June in the year under review. This dealt with HIV/Aids policy in the workplace. The Forum was centered around a presentation by Dr Dickinson on "Sasol's Response to HIV/AIDS". Dr Dickinson highlighted the positive and negative features of Sasol's corporate response to HIV/AIDS in their different sites and Divisions and Businesses. The difficulties that were experienced were similar to those of the 5 year Strategic plan from the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the Department of Health and other programmes. In general successful projects resulted from good cooperation within management and between management, the Unions, the Workforce and their Communities. The room was filled to capacity with Nedlac representatives, as well as representatives from other corporations, academic bodies and sectors.