



Senate, visited Nedlac on 2 September, and had a lively discussion with the secretariat and constituency representatives on the impact of globalisation and the South African model of social dialogue.

■ People's Republic of China

A 7-member delegation, including the Governor of the Shandong Province (which has 90 million people, a 12% growth rate and a 3,5% unemployment rate) visited Nedlac on 3 September. They were interested in South Africa's labour standards, trade issues and social dialogue.

■ Cuban Delegation

A Cuban delegation made up of representatives of Cuban International Relations, Director Labour Security, Office of Employment, visited Nedlac in October 2003. The meeting focused on the Employment trends in SA and the impact of globalisation on SADC economy.

■ Cuban Minister of Labour

Cuban Minister of Labour and his delegation visited Nedlac in March 2004. The Nedlac constituencies shared experiences on a broad range of issues including the Growth and Development Summit agreement External Dialogue

Executive Director's presentations on Nedlac and on issues on the Nedlac agenda:

- Presentation to NAFCOC conference
- Chaired the SARP public debate on WSSD
- Interview on Summit TV on the Annual Summit and the GDS Implementation.
- Participated in the debate on Job creation hosted by SAFM
- Appeared on all three SABC channels on the GDS implementation
- Presentation at UCT business School on the State of the Nation Address
- SACTWU / PSA Cape Town Fashion Festival
- Presentation to SALGA Economic Cluster Working Group.
- Presentation to the Finance and Economic Development Department in Mpumalanga
- Free State Provincial Growth and Development Summit
- Presentation to the Retirement Fund Trustees conference on Governance and investments.

International Social Dialogue

The Executive Director held the following meetings with international organisations/representatives

- IMF Economic Development Research Team
- OXFAM Research and Economic Research team on the social dimension of trade.

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.

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

There were no round-table discussions held in the period under review due to the resignation of the Research Officer. The plan is in place to resuscitate the round-table and a report will be covered in the next reporting period.

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. ■