

## **Summary EADI working group on Industrialization Strategies in Developing Countries activities 2008**

### **Introduction**

The Working group industrial development of the European Association of Development and Training Institutes (EADI) has organized since 1983 a number of workshops discussing small enterprise development. Previous topics included flexible specialization, clustering, exports, innovation adoption and diffusion, globalization and labor in small enterprises etc. So far, value added chain issues have not yet been subject to a systematic discussion, but have been chosen for 2009 as a topic for a conference. Contacts have been laid with the German DIE and ISS in the Hague.

### **Activities in 2008**

The Working group concentrated on organizing a workshop on “The Chinese in Africa” during the general conference in Geneva. This was a success with many papers and lively discussions (see the conference program)

Publishing a book on this topic is another activity of the EADI working group on Industrialization Strategies in Developing Countries. Drafts were sent to the secretariat on July 22 and a decision is expected soon.

Researchers interested to present a paper, addressing theoretical, empirical and policy issues related to the theme of global value chains should send an outline to the conveners. The acceptance of some 20 papers will be communicated once the date and location have been fixed.

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