

## CEC Bulletin

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### Consultation Project: International Issues

As many of our members are aware, the CEC is currently undertaking a broad-based consultation project on various international issues affecting labour law in Canada and abroad. As part of this project, the CEC has received funding from Human Resources and Social Development Canada (“HRSDC”).

After being contracted by HRSDC in 2006, the CEC drafted a comprehensive paper, titled *Developments in the International Labour Dimension: An Overview for the Canadian Employer*, for project participants. For ease of reference, the paper is attached to this Bulletin. The CEC then drafted a detailed questionnaire in order to gauge the disparate views and opinions of Canadian business on international labour and social issues, including the increasing influence of multinational enterprises, the differential impact of globalization on developed and developing countries, the rise of anti-globalization as a political force, growing demand for “fair” globalization and increased corporate accountability, and the obstacles currently facing global and hemisphere trade liberalization.

The questionnaire was distributed to a variety of project participants in March 2007. To date, the CEC continues to receive responses. The deadline for responses is June 30, 2007. Once participants’ responses are received, the law firm of Heenan Blaikie, on behalf of the CEC, will distil the views, concerns and opinions of Canadian businesses into a position paper which will be submitted to members, in draft form, in the Fall of 2007. At this time, participants will be requested to comment on the draft report. A penultimate draft will then be circulated and will form the centerpiece of the Consultation Project Conference being organized by the CEC for December 3, 2007. The details of the Conference will follow.

**Please note that the next Annual General Meeting of the CEC will take place at the end of the Consultation Project Conference that is set for December 3, 2007.**