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### Overview and learned lessons on Local Economic Development, Human Development, and Decent Work

This paper, published in 2001 in the framework of the ILO-ILSLEDA Universitas Programme, analyzes the trends in the conceptual frameworks and experiences on local economic development. It illustrates the fundamental pillars, that sustain the LED experiences, the advantages mainly for poor areas, the contribution to the human development and the decent work strategies, the main constraints and the learned lessons about the gaps to be overcome.

Particularly innovative is the chapter that looks at combining the territorial approach with the ILO and United Nations vision about decent work and human development, in a context of globalization. In this framework some international best practices and the learned lessons are introduced. The paper is concluded by a chapter that provides preliminary recommendations for policy makers for fostering local economic development policies and instruments.

The text is currently used in the London School of Economics master on local economic development.

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