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TO THE MINISTERS OF LABOUR OF MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

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17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (Singapore, 6–9 December 2022)

Dear Minister,

I am pleased to invite you and your country's tripartite delegation to the **17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organization (ILO)**, which will be held from **6 to 9 December 2022 in Singapore**. The ILO is convening this Regional Meeting with the generous support of the Government of the Republic of Singapore which will host the event.

The APRM comes at an important juncture for the world of work as the region faces multiple challenges, including the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic compounded by the global food, energy and finance crises. The Meeting offers a timely opportunity to reconfirm decent work as the driving force for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient.

The APRM will discuss action to enhance job-rich growth that is inclusive and transformative, as well as measures to strengthen regional cooperation and multilateralism on world of work issues. The event will also help forge commitment among the tripartite constituents on common priorities for action building on the <u>Bali Declaration adopted at the 16th Asia and the</u> <u>Pacific Regional Meeting in 2016</u>, the ILO's <u>Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work of 2019</u> and the <u>Global Call to Action for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 crisis that is</u> inclusive, sustainable and resilient, adopted by the International Labour Conference in 2021.

The programme will include the following thematic sessions:

- Integrated policy agenda for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient;
- Institutional framework to support transitions towards formality and decent work;
- Strong foundations for social and employment protection and resilience; and
- Revitalizing productivity growth and skills for more and better jobs.

I would appreciate it if you could share this invitation with the social partners – employers' and workers' organizations – to constitute a **tripartite delegation** to the APRM.

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In doing so, I ask you to pay particular attention to achieving **gender parity** in the composition of your national delegation. The <u>infographic on gender balance at the previous APRM in Bali</u> in 2016 is attached.

The working languages of the Meeting will be Arabic, Chinese and English. Further details will be sent to you at a later time, including the programme, the Report of the Director-General and an information note on the deposit of credentials.

Practical information for travel arrangements (e.g., the venue of the 17th APRM (<u>Raffles City</u> <u>Convention Centre</u>), <u>visas formalities</u>, a list of hotels) will be published on the Meeting web-site (<u>www.ilo.org/aprm2022</u>). Queries may be addressed to the Secretariat at <u>aprm@ilo.org</u>.

Please note that the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic will be monitored closely and, should the sanitary situation deteriorate, the Office will inform you of any adjustment to the Meeting format that may be necessary.

We look forward to your participation at the Regional Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(signature)

Guy Ryder Director-General



 Gender Parity at the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting in Bali, Indonesia 2016

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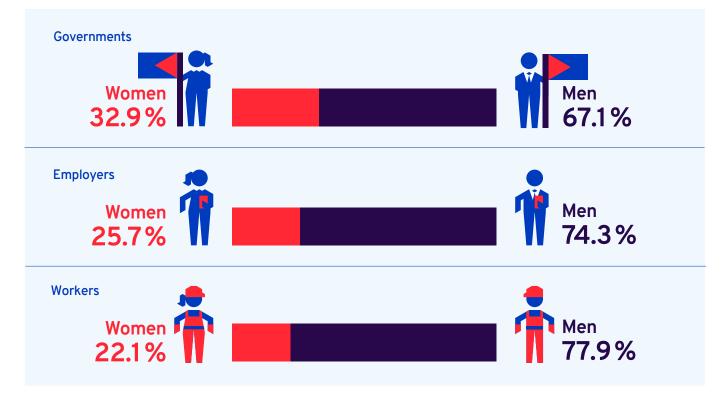
72,1%

Accredited delegates

Women

27,9%

Tripartite delegates by group



Women delegates by country

47% and more

Australia Lebanon Thailand Tonga Viet Nam

1-29%

Bahrein Bangladesh Brunei Darussalam China Fiji India Indonesia Islamic Republic of Iran Timor-Leste Japan

30-46%

Mongolia Myanmar Philippines Republic of Korea Saudi Arabia Singapore

Lao PDR

Malaysia

New Zealand

Papua New Guinea

United Arab Emirates

Nepal

Qatar Samoa

0%

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