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17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM)

6-9 December 2022 - Singapore, Raffles City Convention Centre

Renewed social justice for a human-centred recovery in Asia, the Pacific and the Arab States

The Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) brings together representatives of governments, employers' and workers' organizations from Asia, the Pacific and the Arab states. The 17th 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 and social justice as the driving forces 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 that will help shaping ILO's work in both regions for years to come.

High-level participation

The 17th APRM will mark the first official engagement in the regions of new ILO Director General Gilbert Houngbo. H.E. the Prime Minister of Singapore will give a special opening address while several other heads of state and ministers are expected to attend.

Programme of four key thematic areas (negotiated with constituents) and two special sessions

Thematic area 1: Integrated policy agenda for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient

The session will reflect on economic and employment policies, both at national and regional levels needed to promote a human-centred recovery, foster inclusive economic growth and development as well as help address longstanding structural inequalities.

Thematic area 2: Institutional framework to support transitions towards formality and decent work

The session will focus on the legal frameworks and labour market institutions needed for the transition to formal employment, that support worker mobility and provide improved governance of labour migration and protection of migrant workers.

Thematic area 3: Strong foundations for social and employment protection and resilience

The session will reflect on how weaknesses of labour market institutions and policies impacted pandemic crisis response. It will focus on lessons learned and the actions needed to overcome these deficits.

Thematic area 4: Revitalizing productivity growth and skills for more and better jobs

The session will seek solutions for revitalizing productivity and skills pathways to create more and better jobs, promote a human-centred recovery, and facilitate inclusion. Discussions will highlight innovative policy measures that can drive productivity growth, quality job creation and skills development.

Special sessions

Special session: Strengthening multilateral cooperation to achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all

The session will discuss multilateral actions to support SDG8, to reinforce labour market resilience and to promote decent work in the two regions. Experiences in building partnerships and strengthening multilateralism will be shared.

Special session: Promotion and application of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy in Asia and the Pacific

A dialogue platform to share concrete policy initiatives and other measures to promote the uptake of the principles of the MNE Declaration and support responsible business conduct.

A commitment to gender parity

At the 16th APRM in Bali, Indonesia in 2016 just 27.9 per cent of delegates were female. ILO has a strong commitment to seeking gender parity in the composition of national delegations at the 17th APRM.

A chance to meet in person

The 17th APRM is being planned as an 'in person' event in Singapore, which after some three years of pandemic restrictions will provide an excellent opportunity to meet, discuss and network face-to-face.

Working languages

The working languages of the 17th APRM will be Arabic, Chinese and English.

For more information:

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