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Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to take note of the outcomes of sectoral meetings held in the second part of 2012 and proposals made in relation to the holding of two sectoral meetings scheduled for the second half of 2013 (see the draft decisions in paragraphs 10 and 17).

Relevant strategic objective: Strengthen tripartism and social dialogue (Outcome 13: Decent work in economic sectors).

Policy implications: None.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: None. The proposals made will be carried out within the existing budgetary allocations.

Follow-up action required: The Office will be required to take action as set out in the decision paragraphs.

Author unit: Sectoral Activities Department (SECTOR).

Related documents: None in addition to those mentioned in this document.

Executive summary

1. In its section I, this paper deals with the effect to be given to the recommendations of the 11th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (8–12 October 2012) and the Global Dialogue Forum on future needs for skills and training in the oil and gas industry (12–13 December 2012).
2. Section II contains proposals regarding upcoming meetings, namely the Meeting of Experts on Policy Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work for Early Childhood Education Personnel (12–15 November 2013) and the Global Dialogue Forum on Initiatives to Promote Decent Work in the Chemical Industry (26–28 November 2013).

I. Effect to be given to the recommendations of sectoral meetings

A. *11th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)* (8–12 October 2012)

3. The Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) held its 11th Session from 8 to 12 October 2012 at the headquarters of the ILO in Geneva.
4. In line with past practice and at the request of the CEART, the allegations examined by the 11th Session were, in November 2012, submitted to the Governing Body’s Legal Issues and International Labour Standards Section.¹ The Governing Body reviewed them and asked the Office to communicate the report of the 11th Session of the CEART² as well as the record of its discussions in a timely manner to the concerned governments and teachers’ organizations.³
5. Ever since the creation of the CEART, its reports have also been submitted to the International Labour Conference after having been examined by the Governing Body. This practice, which is laid down in the CEART’s mandate, derives from the fact that the reports are prepared by an expert body charged by the Governing Body with the monitoring and promotion of international standards adopted in close cooperation with UNESCO, in respect of which both organizations were invited to take measures based on their constitutional provisions relating to Conventions and Recommendations. The Governing Body is thus asked to forward the report of the CEART’s 11th Session to the next session of the Conference, in June 2013. In the course of 2013, UNESCO will also submit the report to its Executive Board and its General Conference.

¹ GB.316/LILS/3.

² CEART 11/2012.

³ GB.316/LILS/PV/Draft, para. 26.

B. Global Dialogue Forum on future needs for skills and training in the oil and gas industry
(12–13 December 2012)

6. In accordance with the decision of the Governing Body concerning the Sectoral Activities Programme for 2012–13,⁴ the Office organized the Global Dialogue Forum on future needs for skills and training in the oil and gas industry, which was held in Geneva from 12 to 13 December 2012.
7. The Forum was chaired by Ambassador Dr Riek Puok Riek (Government, Republic of South Sudan) and was attended by 84 participants, including 53 Government representatives and advisers,⁵ 14 Worker and 14 Employer participants and three observers from intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.
8. In its unanimously adopted consensus points, which are included in the report of the Forum,⁶ the Forum recommends, inter alia, that the Governing Body consider including a meeting of experts rather than a tripartite sectoral meeting in the Sectoral Activities Programme for 2014–15.
9. In order to allow for a discussion to take place on whether the proposal made by the Forum or by the advisory bodies should become part of the 2014–15 programme, the Office has reflected this recommendation by including it as an option in the proposals submitted to the Governing Body in document GB.317/POL/5.

Draft decision

10. The Governing Body:

- (a) *forwards the report of the 11th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) to the International Labour Conference at its 102nd Session (June 2013) for examination in the first instance by the Committee on the Application of Standards; and*
- (b) *requests that the Director-General:*
 - (i) *communicate the CEART report and the report of the Global Dialogue Forum on future needs for skills and training in the oil and gas industry to the governments of member States, requesting them to communicate the texts to the relevant employers' and workers' organizations, as well as communicate the reports to relevant*

⁴ GB.310/STM/1, paras 19 and 20; GB.310/PV, para. 161.

⁵ Governments of Argentina, Australia, Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, South Africa, South Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

⁶ GDFOGI/2012/11.

intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerned; and

- (ii) *take into consideration in planning and implementing future ILO activities the recommendations made by the Global Dialogue Forum and the CEART, where appropriate in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO.*

II. Upcoming sectoral meetings

A. Meeting of Experts on Policy Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work for Early Childhood Education Personnel (12–15 November 2013)

11. At its 316th Session (November 2012), during its discussion of the follow-up to be given to the Global Dialogue Forum on Conditions of Personnel in Early Childhood Education (22–23 February 2012), the Governing Body requested the Office to convene in the second half of 2013 a meeting of experts, the purpose of which would be to consider, with a view to adopting, draft policy guidelines on early childhood education personnel.⁷
12. The Office proposes that the meeting last for four days, and be held from 12 to 15 November 2013. It is further proposed that five experts be nominated by the Employers' group of the Governing Body and five experts by the Workers' group and that the Governments of the following five countries be invited to nominate experts: Argentina, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Norway and South Africa. Should any of the Governments mentioned above decline to nominate an expert, one of the following Governments would be invited to do so: China, Jordan, Latvia, Mexico and Tunisia.
13. Given the importance of the subject and the strong interest indicated by numerous governments, it is proposed that the Meeting be open to all Governments as observers, with those that attended the abovementioned Global Dialogue Forum being particularly encouraged to consider sending observers.
14. Finally, as has been the practice in the recent past, the Office proposes to appoint, after consultation with the groups of the Governing Body, a knowledgeable chairperson from outside the Meeting, thereby enabling all the invited experts to fully participate in the Meeting.

B. Global Dialogue Forum on Initiatives to Promote Decent Work in the Chemical Industry (26–28 November 2013)

15. In accordance with the Governing Body's decision at its 310th Session that a Global Dialogue Forum on Initiatives to Promote Decent Work in the Chemical Industry be held

⁷ GB.316/POL/4(&Corr.), para 14; GB.316/POL/PV/Draft, para. 78.

in the 2012–13 biennium,⁸ the Office proposes that the Forum last three days and be held from 26 to 28 November 2013.

16. The Office proposes that the Forum be composed of eight Employer and eight Worker representatives. All Governments would be invited to send representatives.

Draft decision

17. *The Governing Body approves the proposals made in section II in relation to the holding of the Meeting of Experts on Policy Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work for Early Childhood Education Personnel, and of the Global Dialogue Forum on Initiatives to Promote Decent Work in the Chemical Industry.*

⁸ GB.310/STM/1, paras 25 and 26; GB.310/PV, para. 161.