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Employment policy

I/1. Subregional Workshop on Apprenticeships in Europe

Proposed date:	9–12 December 2013
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$80,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cyprus, Greece, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Spain
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	12
(c) Workers:	12
Purpose of the Workshop:	To provide a platform for sharing experiences on quality apprenticeship systems and to agree on practical steps for the improvement of apprenticeship systems in the region, including country action plans
Resource persons:	Three experts on apprenticeship systems
Observers:	European Union
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English, Spanish and Greek

I/2. Subregional Workshop on Labour Statistics following the 19th ICLS Resolution: Challenges for statistical institutes and labour market observatories

Proposed date:	17–21 February 2014
Place:	Panama City, Panama
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$30,500)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	15
(b) Employers:	2
(c) Workers:	2
Purpose of the Workshop:	To enable members of the network of labour market observatories to enhance their knowledge of statistics and the establishment of indicators
Resource persons:	One resource person
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170)
Working language:	Spanish

I/3. Subregional meeting of the Youth Employment Network

Proposed date:	7–11 April 2014
Place:	Turin, Italy
Financing:	Lukoil (US\$126,600)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	21
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to explore how to conduct peer reviews of youth employment policies through analysis of the youth labour market, developing statistics, creating strategies and evaluating the results; and (ii) to examine labour mobility programmes and their applicability to the subregion.
Resource persons:	One consultant in public employment services

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Employment Policy (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1984 (No. 169)
Working languages:	English and Russian

I/4. *Regional Meeting on Strengthening the Labour Observatory of Central America and the Dominican Republic (OLACD)*

Proposed date:	22–25 April 2014
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$62,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Meeting:	To present the results of the project, the activities undertaken to achieve them and develop thematic panel discussions on various aspects of the labour market addressed by the project
Resource persons:	Four regional consultants and 15 regional experts
Observers:	Government of Spain Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) Central American Integration System (SICA) Federation of Private Entities of Central America and Panama (FEDEPRICAP) United Trade Union Council of Central America and the Caribbean (CSU)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170)
Working language:	Spanish

I/5. *Regional Meeting on Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men in Asia and the Pacific*

Proposed date:	21–22 May 2014
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	MasterCard Foundation (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, Samoa, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to raise awareness of the characteristics of the transitions of young women and men in the region and discuss common challenges facing youth with regard to securing decent work; (ii) to show how statistical evidence can support policy design and monitoring; and (iii) to discuss options and exchange ideas for the design and implementation of policies and programmes which address youth employment challenges.
Resource persons:	One facilitator plus the report author

Observers:	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Asian Development Bank World Bank Group United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Youth Foundation Commonwealth Youth Programme European Union (EU) Government of Australia Government of Japan Government of the Republic of Korea Government of Netherlands
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)
Working language:	English

Governance and tripartism

I/6. SATUCC²–SADC³ Private Sector Forum Workshop: Validation of the draft report on mapping of SADC protocols and codes, social dialogue tools and results-based management

Proposed date:	4–6 December 2013
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$60,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	16
(b) Workers:	20

² Southern African Trade Union Co-ordination Council.

³ Southern African Development Community.

Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to validate the report on mapping of SADC protocols and codes to inform SATUCC and SPSF areas of joint policy advocacy and influence policies on enterprise growth and development, rights at work and the creation of productive and decent work in the SADC region;
	(ii) to develop and establish a bipartite relationship between SATUCC and SPSF for joint policy advocacy on issues of mutual interest; and
	(iii) to equip SATUCC and SPSF membership with RBM and resource mobilisation tools.
Resource persons:	Two consultants from Botswana
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952 (No. 101), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183)
Working language:	English

I/7. Regional Workshop on the Framework Document of the 2030 Initiative

Proposed date:	10–12 December 2013
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ABC ⁴ (US\$14,000) ILO regular budget (US\$25,200)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	17
Purpose of the Workshop:	To prepare the framework document of the 2030 regional initiative, <i>Latin America and the Caribbean free from child labour</i> . This instrument will contribute to the target of eliminating child labour, especially in its worst forms, in the region
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	Spanish

⁴ Agencia Brasileira de Cooperación.

**I/8. Subregional Seminar on Amicable Labour
Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Central
and Eastern European Countries**

Proposed date:	11–12 December 2013
Place:	Turin, Italy
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$60,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Seminar:	<p>(i) to examine recent legal and institutional measures aimed at enabling effective peaceful settlement of labour disputes;</p> <p>(ii) to explore workable solutions in tackling persistent challenges; and</p> <p>(iii) to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, good practices and lessons learned through capacity building in the area of labour dispute resolution and provide a framework for networking.</p>
Resource persons:	Three experts in mediation and arbitration
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152), Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158), Labour Relations (Public Service) Recommendation, 1978 (No. 159)
Working language:	English

**I/9. Subregional Meeting on Accelerating Action
Towards the Elimination of the Worst Forms of
Child Labour in the ASEAN⁵ Subregion**

Proposed date:	16–18 December 2013
Place:	Jakarta, Indonesia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$52,400)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Meeting:	<p>(i) to debrief the participants on the outcomes of the III Global Child Labour Conference (Brazil, October 2013) and discuss the implications for the ASEAN subregion;</p> <p>(ii) to share and discuss the achievements, challenges, experiences and needs in the move towards eliminating the worst forms of child labour in the subregion;</p> <p>(iii) to discuss strategies, actions and priorities for accelerating action against child labour, including how various ASEAN inter-sectoral bodies could cooperate to implement the ASEAN Child Labour Roadmap.</p>
Observers:	<p>ASEAN secretariat</p> <p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</p> <p>World Bank Group</p> <p>University of Indonesia</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

⁵ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I/10. Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region

Proposed date:	26–27 February 2014
Place:	Chiba, Japan
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$99,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the Seminar:	<p>(i) to share information on laws and practice in the area of economic integration and its impact on dispute resolution;</p> <p>(ii) to encourage social dialogue as a means to resolving issues; and</p> <p>(iii) to present and discuss country reports on the theme of economic integration, collective bargaining and dispute resolution.</p>
Observers:	<p>Government of Japan</p> <p>ASEAN secretariat</p> <p>ASEAN Confederation of Employers</p> <p>ASEAN Trade Union Council</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)
Working language:	English

I/11. ILO–ECOWAS⁶ Technical Meeting: Child labour peer review

Proposed date:	1–2 April 2014
Place:	Abuja, Nigeria
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$67,000) ECOWAS (US\$17,000)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	30
Purpose of the Meeting:	To strengthen the capacity of child labour units of ministries of labour to conduct peer reviews on child labour, further to the declaration made by the tripartite ILO–ECOWAS symposium held in May 2013
Resource persons:	One consultant
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English, French and Portuguese

I/12. Regional Workshop on Productivity Management for National Competitiveness

Proposed date:	18–22 August 2014
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$18,800)
Geographical coverage:	Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to promote understanding and improve awareness of the role of productivity and its significance in economic and social development;

⁶ Economic Community of West African States.

- (ii) to describe practical methods of productivity measurement and analysis;
- (iii) to analyse existing methods and techniques of productivity management within an organization and to explore how to overcome barriers to productivity growth; and
- (iv) to share information on good practices for improving productivity in some developing countries.

Resource persons:

One international consultant

One regional consultant

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Recommendation, 1928 (No. 30), Unemployment Provision Recommendation, 1934 (No. 44), Vocational Training Recommendation, 1939 (No. 57), Apprenticeship Recommendation, 1939 (No. 60), Migration for Employment Recommendation, 1939 (No. 61), Employment Service Recommendation, 1948 (No. 83), Vocational Guidance Recommendation, 1949 (No. 87), Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1951 (No. 89), Equal Remuneration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 90), Termination of Employment Recommendation, 1963 (No. 119), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 1975 (No. 150), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163), Termination of Employment Recommendation, 1982 (No. 166), Employment Policy (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1984 (No. 169), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)

Working language:

English

I/13. Regional Workshop on the Elimination of Child Labour

Proposed date:	8–12 September 2014
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$18,800)
Geographical coverage:	Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius, Namibia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to share information on the nature, causes and scope of child labour in Africa; (ii) to review past and present efforts to deal with the problem and document the challenges to the elimination of child labour in the region; (iii) to put forward steps, policies and actions to confront the challenge; and (iv) to build the capacity of participants to effectively implement policies and national action plans.
Resource persons:	One international consultant Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 10), Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (Revised), 1937 (No. 59), Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Unemployment (Young Persons) Recommendation, 1935 (No. 45), Conditions of Employment of Young Persons (Underground Work) Recommendation, 1965 (No. 125), Special Youth Schemes Recommendation, 1970 (No. 136), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	English

Conditions of work and equality

I/14. *Sixth ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour*

Proposed date:	26–27 November 2013
Place:	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$24,600) Government of Australia (US\$2,300) ILO regular budget (US\$2,700)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the Forum:	(i) to share experiences, challenges and good practices in the implementation of the Recommendations of the 3rd, 4th and 5th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour; (ii) to suggest ways of improving data collection, analysis and sharing; (iii) to share experiences on establishing complaints mechanisms and providing migrant workers with adequate access to legal and judicial systems; and (iv) to make recommendations resulting from the discussions on points (ii) and (iii).
Observers:	Representatives from national civil society organizations with expertise in migration labour issues Local representatives of employers' and workers' organizations with expertise on migrant labour issues Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) International Organization for Migration (IOM) UN Women
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration
Working language:	English

I/15. Subregional Meeting on Capacity Building for Labour Force Survey Data Management

Proposed date:	2–6 December 2013
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	European Union (US\$120,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	2
(c) Workers:	2
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to build capacity to implement international best practices for survey data management, including inventory, documentation, dissemination and preservation of micro-datasets; and (ii) to establish national and regional survey data repositories to make existing survey microdata more accessible to users.
Resource persons:	One representative of the International Household Survey Network
Observers:	Southern African Development Community (SADC) West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
Working languages:	English, French and Portuguese

I/16. Regional Meeting on the European Social Model through the Economic Crisis and Austerity Policies: Developments, effects and policy issues

Proposed date:	27–28 February 2014
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
Financing:	European Union (US\$99,000) ILO regular budget (US\$11,000)

Geographical coverage:	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	30
(c) Workers:	30
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to study the evolution of the European Social Model in the context of the financial crisis and the introduction of national austerity policies; (ii) to assess the implications for social policy in the European Union; and (iii) to discuss the role of social dialogue and the social partners in this reform process.
Resource persons:	Ten expert members of the project's working group Experts from research/academic institutions Representatives of the European Commission
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions ⁷
Working languages:	English and French

I/17. Regional Workshop on Pro-employment, Macroeconomic and Sectoral Policies: Critical considerations for the development of national employment policies

Proposed date:	5–9 May 2014
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$18,800)

⁷ Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, Somalia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>(i) to share and exchange information on best practices in employment of people with disabilities in Africa;</p> <p>(ii) to expose participants to current global trends and practices with regards to policies and best practices for promoting skills acquisition and employment of people with disabilities; and</p> <p>(iii) to train participants on how to undertake advocacy programmes for policies to provide care and support for workers with disabilities, including education, sensitization and awareness of the rights and privileges of disabled persons with a view to promoting an all-inclusive civil society.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>One international consultant</p> <p>One regional consultant</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Equal Remuneration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 90), Vocational Rehabilitation (Disabled) Recommendation, 1955 (No. 99), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Recommendation, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168), Employment Policy (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1984 (No. 169), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)</p>
Working language:	English

**I/18. Regional Workshop on Innovative Practices
in Skills Training for Employment of
Vulnerable Youth**

Proposed date:	29 September–3 October 2014
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$18,800)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Uganda, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to exchange information on the skills gap among youth and challenges to skills upgrading in relation to vocational and technical education; (ii) to explore modern concepts, trends, methods and modules of skills training pertaining to employability; (iii) to enable participants to develop appropriate curricula and instruction manuals for vocational and technological education for unskilled youths; and (iv) to appraise methods for generating databases on available skills and competencies.
Resource persons:	One international consultant Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Paid Educational Leave Convention, 1974 (No. 140), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities**I/19. Fourth Meeting of the Social Forum of Employers from Maghreb**

Proposed date:	22–24 April 2014
Place:	Casablanca, Morocco
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$11,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	9
Purpose of the Meeting:	To discuss the implementation of social dialogue in Maghreb countries, in particular the right to strike (and to lock out) in respect of international labour standards and experiences from around the world
Observers:	Employers' organizations from other countries
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)
Working language:	French

I/20. Regional Meeting on the Informal Economy and the Role of the Private Sector in Contributing to its Reduction

Proposed date:	24–25 April 2014
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$32,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	13
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to strengthen the analysis capabilities of employers' organizations on the theme of informality, so that they may participate more effectively in public policy proposals aimed at its decline; and (ii) to build concepts, arguments and common positions among employers in the region in light of the discussion on the informal economy that will take place during the ILC in June 2014.

Resource persons:	One facilitator from the Universidad del Pacífico del Perú
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

I/21. Interregional Meeting for Employers on Better Work

Proposed date:	19–20 May 2014
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	RBTC (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Haiti, Indonesia, Jordan, Lesotho, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nicaragua, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	18
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to provide policy-oriented direction with regard to the wider engagement with employers at all levels; and (ii) to identify complex issues such as evolving compliance frameworks beyond national labour laws and core labour standards, public disclosure arrangements at national levels in Better Work programmes.
Resource persons:	One resource person from the IOE
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions ⁸
Working language:	English

⁸ Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

Workers' activities***I/22. Workers' Meeting on the Right to Employment and the Inclusion of Persons with Disability in Trade Unions***

Proposed date:	26–27 November 2013
Place:	Adama, Ethiopia
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$22,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, Ireland, Uganda, United Kingdom
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	60
Purpose of the Meeting:	To promote trade union policy engagement in employment and workers' rights issues concerning persons with disabilities
Resource persons:	Disability Aid Abroad (Ireland)
Observers:	ITUC Africa Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions ⁹ and Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168)
Working language:	English

I/23. Capacity-building Workshop on Trade Union Rights and Labour Standards for Productivity Improvement in Africa

Proposed date:	2–6 December 2013
Place:	Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania
Financing:	JTUC–RENGO ¹⁰ (US\$40,000) ILO regular budget (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

⁹ Ibid.¹⁰ Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

Composition of participants:	
Workers:	15
Purpose of the Workshop:	To validate the draft trade union guide on trade union rights, labour standards and productivity improvement
Resource persons:	Experts representing JTUC–RENGO, ITUC-Africa ¹¹ and OATUU ¹²
Observers:	One Employer representative One Government representative East African Trade Union Confederation (EATUC) Southern Africa Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158)
Working language:	English

I/24. Regional Meeting on the Global Development Agenda, Decent Work and Social Justice: Challenges for the African trade union movement

Proposed date:	12–14 February 2014
Place:	Nairobi, Kenya
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$161,000)

¹¹ African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation.

¹² Organization of African Trade Union Unity.

Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	60
Purpose of the Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to sensitize the trade union leadership to the emerging global development agenda, including the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda and its implication for implementation in Africa; (ii) to investigate the response of unions to their environment in terms of organizational configuration, policy and strategy; at all geographical levels, and the way in which these factors might influence union effectiveness in organizing, including new innovations in membership recruitment; (iii) to deliberate on cardinal values and core principles of trade unions in building and achieving social justice and stability within the economic processes; and (iv) to encourage networking and cooperation among trade unions in Africa.
Resource persons:	<p>Representatives of African workers' organizations and academia</p> <p>African Union</p> <p>United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p>
Observers:	African members of the ILO Governing Body Workers' group
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO governance Conventions ¹³
Working languages:	English, French, Arabic and Portuguese

¹³ Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144).

I/25. Regional Workshop to Evaluate the Campaign for Freedom of Association, Collective Bargaining and Trade Union Self-reform

Proposed date:	19–20 February 2014
Place:	São Paulo, Brazil
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$28,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	18
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to identify the progress made, challenges encountered and key indicators of impact achieved in the implementation of the campaign at the regional level and in priority countries; and (ii) to define a plan for strategic monitoring of the campaign at the regional level and in priority countries.
Resource persons:	Three trade union legal experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working language:	Spanish

I/26. Trade Union Regional Workshop on Capacity Building for Domestic Workers' Organizations and Elimination of Child Domestic Work

Proposed date:	28–30 April 2014
Place:	Jakarta, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$90,000)
Geographical coverage:	China, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

Composition of participants:

Workers:	25
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to share experiences of promoting decent work for domestic workers, organizing domestic workers and reducing child domestic work;(ii) to discuss strategies for supporting the ratification and implementation of Convention No. 189, to identify strengths, gaps and needs regarding legal protection, skills, wage research and working conditions in the participating countries; and(iii) to discuss ways and means to strengthen union capacity and regional cooperation in order to achieve decent work for domestic workers.
Resource persons:	<p>Three representatives of ministries of labour (Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam)</p> <p>One expert on trade unions, specializing in domestic workers</p>
Observers:	<p>International Trade Union Confederation–Asia Pacific (ITUC–AP)</p> <p>International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’ Associations (IUF)</p> <p>International Domestic Workers’ Network (IDWN)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)</p>
Working languages:	English and Bahasa Indonesia

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Submitted for information

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
AFRICA		
2014		
1–2 April	ILO–ECOWAS ¹ Technical Meeting: Child labour peer review	Abuja, Nigeria
22–24 April	Fourth Meeting of the Social Forum of Employers from Maghreb	Casablanca, Morocco
5–9 May	Regional Workshop on Pro-employment, Macroeconomic and Sectoral Policies: Critical considerations for the development of national employment policies	Harare, Zimbabwe
18–22 August	Regional Workshop on Productivity Management for National Competitiveness	Harare, Zimbabwe
8–12 September	Regional Workshop on the Elimination of Child Labour	Harare, Zimbabwe
29 September–3 October	Regional Workshop on Innovative Practices in Skills Training for Employment of Vulnerable Youth	Harare, Zimbabwe
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		
2014		
28–30 April	Trade Union Regional Workshop on Capacity Building for Domestic Workers' Organizations and Elimination of Child Domestic Work	Jakarta, Indonesia
21–22 May	Regional Meeting on Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men in Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN		
2014		
22–25 April	Regional Meeting on Strengthening the Labour Observatory of Central America and the Dominican Republic (OLACD)	San José, Costa Rica
24–25 April	Regional Meeting on the Informal Economy and the Role of the Private Sector in Contributing to its Reduction	Lima, Peru
EUROPE		
2014		
7–11 April	Subregional Meeting of the Youth Employment Network	Turin, Italy
INTERREGIONAL		
2014		
19–20 May	Interregional Meeting for Employers on Better Work	Geneva, Switzerland

¹ Economic Community of West African States.