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¹ All Employer and Worker participants to be invited to the events in this paper would be nominated in accordance with the usual procedure.

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Part I. Submissions approved between March and June 2014

Employment policy

I/1. Subregional Technical Workshop on Work Statistics and Labour Migration Statistics for the Pacific Islands Countries

Proposed date:	28 July–1 August 2014
Place:	Nadi, Fiji
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$67,000) RBTC (US\$16,000)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to increase knowledge in the Pacific Island Countries (PICs) on labour statistics following the resolution from the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians; (ii) to identify better strategies and mechanisms for improving data collection of labour statistics and implementing the new resolution in the PICs; and (iii) to provide a briefing on developments in labour migration measurement.
Resource persons:	Four resource persons: experts in regional economics, statistics and academia
Observers:	University of the South Pacific (USP)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), and the resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization of the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians

Working language:

English

Governance and tripartism

I/2. Tenth International Fellowship Training Workshop on Participatory Approaches to Improve Occupational Safety and Health Conditions in SMEs and Informal Economy Workplaces

Proposed date: 19–23 May 2014

Place: Incheon, Republic of Korea

Financing: Government of Korea (US\$46,000)
KOSHA ² (US\$30,600)

Geographical coverage: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 10

(b) Employers: 10

(c) Workers: 10

Purpose of the Workshop:

- (i) to share information on action-oriented approaches for the improvement of OSH conditions;
- (ii) to promote dialogue within and among country delegations, to promote more effective policies;
- (iii) to train local trainers to disseminate the participatory methodologies; and
- (iv) to present an action plan, including OSH awareness-raising and training strategies at national level.

² Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency.

Resource persons:	Experts in OSH with speciality in action-oriented training Three resource persons from KOSHA
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 1981 (No. 164), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197)
Working language:	English

I/3. AICESIS³ –ILO International Conference on the Role of Economic and Social Councils and Social Dialogue in Promoting the Social Protection Floor

Proposed date:	20–21 November 2014
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Economic and Social Council of Korea (US\$90,000) AICESIS (US\$10,000) ILO regular budget (US\$70,000)
Composition of participants:	
Representatives of economic and social councils	Members of AICESIS from 70 countries
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to exchange experience and good practices on the role of social dialogue institutions, such as economic and social councils, in elaborating national strategies for extending the social protection floor and in formulating national policy on social protection; and (ii) to develop the capacity of economic and social councils and similar social dialogue institutions to effectively negotiate and build consensus on social protection policies in line with the objectives of the ILO's area of critical importance on the social protection floor.
Resource persons:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) AICESIS Economic and Social Council of Korea International Monetary Fund Asian Development Bank

³ International Association of Economic and Social Councils.

Observers:	Tripartite constituents from Republic of Korea and neighbouring countries Academia and industrial relations practitioners from Republic of Korea and neighbouring countries Economic and Social Council of Korea
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

Conditions of work and equality

I/4. Regional Meeting on the Regional Skills Programme: Taking Stock and Mapping the Way Forward

Proposed date:	24–25 July 2014
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Republic of Korea (US\$33,000)
Geographical coverage:	India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to share technical and practical knowledge on skills development; (ii) to stimulate new approaches on skills and employability issues and strengthen the capacity of skills institutions in the region to exchange information and expertise on skills development; and (iii) to review the action plan and priorities to guide the future work of the Regional Skills Programme.
Observers:	Government of Republic of Korea
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

I/5. Consultation Workshop on the Implementation of Mutual Recognition of Skills in ASEAN⁴ Countries

Proposed date:	6–7 August 2014
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$47,200)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to validate the proposed sectors and occupations for mutual skills recognition through consultation with employers' organizations and trade unions of all ASEAN member countries; and (ii) to develop action plans through tripartite discussion in order to identify specific skills in the validated sectors and occupations for further mutual recognition.
Resource persons:	One expert in technical and vocational education and training One expert in labour migration ASEAN secretariat ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC) ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)
Working language:	English

I/6. Regional Skills Programme: Regional Training on Employment Services

Proposed date:	11–15 August 2014
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste

⁴ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to improve knowledge and strengthen capacity on the operations and functioning of national public employment services; and (ii) to expand the participants' network in order to provide jobseekers with better opportunities for domestic and overseas employment.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities

I/7. Regional Workshop for Employers on Increasing the Productivity and Safety of Migrant Workers

Proposed date:	29–30 April 2014
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$31,500)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	20
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to confront the challenges in managing productivity and safety presented by the free flow of skilled labour within the ASEAN countries, scheduled for 2015; (ii) to increase businesses' understanding of the implications of increased occupational safety and health pressures on enterprises and institutions; and (iii) to discuss challenges and good practices of employers in relation to migration in all skill categories.
Resource persons:	Four experts from academia and industry
Observers:	Mongolian Employers' Federation (MONEF)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Asbestos Convention, 1986 (No. 162), Safety and Health in Construction Convention, 1988 (No. 167), Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151)
Working language:	English

I/8. ILO–ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) Regional Meeting

Proposed date:	11–12 May 2014
Place:	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$32,900)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	20
Purpose of the Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to provide an overview of ACTEMP's action plan, as it relates to ACE, for the 2014–15 biennium; (ii) to identify linkages between the ILO and ACE to ensure maximum coverage and to eliminate any potential duplication of effort; (iii) to update ACE's senior management on the action plan developed between ACT/EMP and ACE in 2013, so that they may endorse the Employers' Policy Framework for Sustainable Labour Migration in the ASEAN region; and (iv) to raise awareness of the forthcoming ILO report <i>The road to the ASEAN economic community 2015: Challenges and opportunities</i>.
Resource persons:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Three experts from academia and industry

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: ILO core Conventions⁵

Working language: English

I/9. Regional Workshop for Employers on Hiring Migrant Workers: The Regulatory Environment

Proposed date: 7 November 2014

Place: Bangkok, Thailand

Financing: Government of Canada (US\$37,500)

Geographical coverage: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

Composition of participants:

Employers: 20

Purpose of the Workshop: To increase employers' understanding of the implications of a regional recruitment infrastructure as the region moves towards economic integration and the free flow of skilled labour in 2015.

Resource persons: Six experts from academia and industry

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151)

Working language: English

⁵ 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/10. ASEAN–ILO Trade Union Workshop on Social Protection

Proposed date:	15–16 May 2014
Place:	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	10
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to reaffirm the ILO's approach to the extension of social protection, the concept of the social protection floor and international labour standards related to social security; (ii) to prepare a common position among ASEAN trade unions on the ASEAN Declaration on Social Protection and the role that they can play in its implementation at regional and national levels; and (iii) to more precisely define the role that trade unions must play in the policy-making process and the implementation of nationally defined social protection floors.
Resource persons:	Trade union experts
Observers:	<p>Cambodia Confederation of Trade Unions (CCTU)</p> <p>Cambodian Confederation of Unions (CCU)</p> <p>Cambodian Labour Confederation (CLC)</p> <p>National Union Alliance Chamber of Cambodia (NACC)</p> <p>Cambodia National Confederation for Laborers Protection (CNCLP)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

**I/11. Asia and the Pacific Regional Seminar
on Trade Union Rights**

Proposed date:	24–26 June 2014
Place:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Financing:	ACFTU ⁶ (US\$70,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	32
Purpose of the Seminar:	To discuss the growing trend for abuse of trade union rights and restrictions on organizing in the Asia and the Pacific region, against the background of growth in union membership and efforts to organize and collective bargaining.
Resource persons:	Regional trade union specialists
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation – Asia Pacific Global Union federations Trade unions from Bangladesh
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:	English

⁶ All-China Federation of Trade Unions.

Part II. Additional information

II/1. *Regional Meeting on the Informal Economy and the Role of the Private Sector in Contributing to its Reduction*⁷

Original geographical coverage: Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Uruguay

New geographical coverage: Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Uruguay

II/2. *ILO–ECOWAS*⁸ ***Technical Meeting: Child Labour Peer Review***⁹

Original date: 1–2 April 2014

New date: 9–10 April 2014

II/3. *Regional Meeting on Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men in Asia and the Pacific*¹⁰

Original venue: Hanoi, Viet Nam

New venue: Da Lat, Viet Nam

Geneva, 6 June 2014

⁷ GB.320/INF/2, I/20.

⁸ Economic Community of West African States.

⁹ GB.320/INF/2, I/11.

¹⁰ GB.320/INF/2, I/5.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		
2014		
29–30 April	Regional Workshop for Employers on Increasing the Productivity and Safety of Migrant Workers	Bangkok, Thailand
11–12 May	ILO–ASEAN ¹ Confederation of Employers (ACE) Regional Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15–16 May	ASEAN–ILO Trade Union Workshop on Social Protection	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
19–23 May	Tenth International Fellowship Training Workshop on Participatory Approaches to Improve Occupational Safety and Health Conditions in SMEs and Informal Economy Workplaces	Incheon, Republic of Korea
24–26 June	Asia and the Pacific Regional Seminar on Trade Union Rights	Dhaka, Bangladesh
24–25 July	Regional Meeting on the Regional Skills Programme: Taking stock and mapping the way forward	Bangkok, Thailand
28 July–1 August	Subregional Technical Workshop on Work Statistics and Labour Migration Statistics for the Pacific Islands Countries	Nadi, Fiji
6–7 August	Consultation Workshop on the Implementation of Mutual Recognition of Skills in ASEAN Countries	Bangkok, Thailand
11–15 August	Regional Skills Programme: Regional training on employment services	Bangkok, Thailand
7 November	Regional Workshop for Employers on Hiring Migrant Workers: The regulatory environment	Bangkok, Thailand
INTERREGIONAL		
2014		
20–21 November	AICESIS ² –ILO International Conference on the Role of Economic and Social Councils and Social Dialogue in Promoting the Social Protection Floor	Seoul, Republic of Korea

¹ Association of Southeast Asian Nations

² International Association of Economic and Social Councils.