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workshops and similar meetings ¹***Contents*

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Part I. Submissions approved in March 2008

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

I/1. Meeting of National Committees for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour and the Protection of Young Workers in Central America and the Dominican Republic

Proposed date:	6–8 May 2008
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$30,000), IPEC ¹ (US\$30,000) and Government of Canada (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14 (two from each country)
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to consider progress made by individual countries in the prevention and eradication of child labour and protection of young workers, in accordance with the commitments established in the Hemispheric Agenda 2006–15; (ii) to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the National Committees for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour; (iii) to share experiences of best practice developed by the National Committees in the participating countries and explore the possibilities to duplicate them; (iv) to establish an agenda for future horizontal cooperation between the National Committees in Central America and the Dominican Republic.
Observers:	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)

¹ International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour.

Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

Employment Sector

Skills development

I/2. ILO/Korea Second Technical Meeting of the Regional Skills Network Partner Organizations in Asia and the Pacific

Proposed date:	16–18 April 2008
Place:	Incheon, Republic of Korea
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$75,000) and Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Nepal, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30 (one from each country)
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to review the skills challenges and priority issues in the region; (ii) to review and discuss the operation of SKILLS-AP and the Regional Skills Network, including reviewing the current Framework for Cooperation on Skills Development; (iii) to identify, promote and facilitate new alliances and forms of collaboration on skills issues in the region.
Resource person:	One international resource person
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)

Social Dialogue Sector

Workers' activities

I/3. Workers' Meeting on Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly in the Middle East and North Africa

Proposed date:	5–7 May 2008
Place:	Beirut, Lebanon
Financing:	OHCHR ² (US\$40,000) and ILO regular budget (US\$21,177)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Yemen
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	10
Purpose of the Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to share information on the current legislative and procedural guarantees, safeguards and obstacles, and on the practice of freedom of expression, association and assembly in Middle East; (ii) to identify gaps and problem areas in the legislation and in governmental and non-governmental capacities to guarantee and protect the exercise of these freedoms, as well as in the role of civil society in strengthening the exercise of these rights; (iii) to identify priority areas of concern and propose action points to strengthen the enjoyment of these rights, guided by relevant ILO Conventions and recent recommendations of UN Treaty bodies on freedom of expression, freedom of association and right to peaceful assembly for the region.
Resource persons:	Two representatives of Arab workers' organizations, four representatives of academic institutions and four representatives of non-governmental organizations
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135)
Working languages:	English and Arabic

² The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Part II. Submissions approved between November 2007 and February 2008

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

II/1. Fifth Session of the Subregional Advisory Committee (SURAC) of the Mekong Project to Combat Trafficking in Children and Women (TICW)

Proposed date:	28–29 November 2007
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of United Kingdom (US\$35,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China (Yunnan), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10 (two per country) from the Ministries of Labour and Social Welfare
(b) Employers:	5 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	5 (including one local)
Purpose of the Session:	(i) to consider progress made on the implementation of Proposed Project Concept 8 (Addressing Abusive Recruitment and Brokering Practices) of the Mekong Subregional Plan of Action; (ii) to report on the country-specific dissemination of safe migration messages through the ILO's information campaigns; (iii) to report on the conclusions and recommendations of the Mekong Women's Forum (Hanoi, July 2007) and the Mekong Youth Forum (Bangkok, September 2007); (iv) to report on recent activities undertaken by the tripartite partners to further action against human trafficking and promote safe migration.
Resource persons:	Three persons from academic institutions
Observers:	Representatives of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– UN Inter-Agency project of the United Nations Development Programme on Human Trafficking (UNIAP–UNDP)– Save the Children, UK– International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
Working language:	English

II/2. Subregional Workshop on the Elimination of Child Labour and the Promotion of Youth Employment in the Informal Sector in sub-Saharan Africa

Proposed date:	12–13 December 2007
Place:	Dar es Salam, United Republic of Tanzania
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$88,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ghana, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6 (one from the Ministry of Labour and one from the Ministry of Planning)
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to share information on the achievements of the three participating countries in the elimination of child labour and the promotion of youth employment; (ii) to propose a common policy for the elimination of child labour in the informal sector through skills training and youth employment; (iii) to explore possibilities for future action.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); and Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	English

II/3. Interregional Tripartite Workshop for Europe and North America on a Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour

Proposed date:	28–29 February 2008
Place:	Berlin, Germany
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Azerbaijan, Canada, Georgia, Germany, Norway, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	16 (one from the Ministry of Labour and one from the National Statistical Office of each country)
(b) Employers:	5 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	5 (including one local)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to obtain views on a draft resolution on the statistics of child labour, to be eventually submitted to the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), to be held from 24 November to 5 December 2008; (ii) to obtain country views for incorporation into the draft resolution, with a view to its submission to the ICLS.
Observers:	Representatives of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – World Bank – Understanding Children’s Work (joint ILO–UNICEF–World Bank project)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); and Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	English

II/4. Subregional Workshop for Experts on Indigenous Child Labour

Proposed date:	27–28 March 2008
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	UNICEF ¹ (US\$13,500)
Geographical coverage:	Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	3
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide the main inputs for a conceptual document on childhood and poverty in indigenous peoples and the place occupied by child labour in their culture; (ii) to establish research priorities and strategies permitting a clearer understanding of child labour in the Andean Region countries, in order to determine what may be considered as “authorized work” in their culture;

¹ United Nations Children’s Fund.

	(iii) to identify the means of consulting indigenous organizations to allow the elaboration of a strategy and action plan, the ownership of which could subsequently be transferred to national child labour committees.
Resource persons:	<p>Representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Centro de Estudios Jurídicos e Investigación Social (CEJIS), Bolivia – Fondo Indígena, Bolivia – Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Ecuador – Consejo Consultativo de Pueblos indígenas, Ecuador – University of Deusto, Ecuador – Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP), Peru – Programa de Formación de Maestros Bilingües de la Amazonía Peruana (FORMABIAP), Peru – Three indigenous leaders from Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru
Observers:	<p>Five representative from United Nations Children’s Fund</p> <p>One representative from the General Secretariat of the Andean Community, Peru</p> <p>One representative from a UN Inter-agency Committee (Comisión Interagencial de Interculturalidad), Peru</p> <p>One specialist of indigenous issues from Peru</p> <p>One specialist from an Indigenous Programme (AECID), Spain</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Rural Workers’ Organisations Recommendation, 1975 (No. 149); and Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

Employment Sector

Skills and development

II/5. ILO/SKILLS-AP/Japan Regional Workshop and Study Programme on Workplace Learning in Japan

Proposed date:	22–31 January 2008
Place:	Chiba, Japan
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$37,000) and Government of Japan (US\$30,000)

Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Pakistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to assist member States in increasing awareness of the importance of workplace learning using the Japanese experience, across a range of different enterprises; (ii) to explore ways in which public policy in Japan has been used to encourage organizations to make more effective use of the skills of their employees.
Resource persons:	One international and one local specialist
Observers:	Asian Development Bank Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Human Resource Development Korea (HRDK) Japan International Cooperation Agency Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Bank
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

Social Protection Sector

Workers' activities

II/6. *Interregional Workers' Workshop on Social Security – The Challenge of Demographic Change and the Need for Universal Coverage*

Proposed date:	1–3 April 2008
Place:	Turin, Italy
Financing:	Government of Germany (US\$40,000) and ILO regular budget (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Ghana, India, Netherlands, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa and Uruguay

Composition of participants:	
Workers:	26
Purpose of the Workshop:	To share knowledge and experience on trade union responses to demographic change and the need for extension of social security coverage
Resource persons:	Three representatives from Global Unions
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security Conventions and Recommendation and Declaration of Philadelphia
Working languages:	English and Spanish

International migration

II/7. OSCE²/IOM³/ILO Workshop for the Arab States on the Handbook: “Establishing Labour Migration Policies in Countries of Origin and Destination”

Proposed date:	12–14 December 2007
Place:	Rabat, Morocco
Financing:	OSCE (US\$26,000) IOM (US\$26,000) ILO (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia, as well as Palestine
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30 (one from the Ministry of Labour and one from the Ministry of Interior of each country)
(b) Employers:	15
(c) Workers:	15
Resource persons:	Four representatives from academic and international institutions, one representative of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and one representative of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to present the policies and practices described in the <i>Labour Migration Handbook</i> as a policy tool for government and social partner practitioners; (ii) to share concerns and experiences; (iii) to consider application of practical models in participating countries;

² Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

³ International Organization for Migration.

	(iv) to encourage dialogue and cooperative networking among participating countries and partners.
Observers:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) World Bank United Nations Women's Fund United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) European Trade Union Confederation International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions
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); as well as the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
Working languages:	English, French and Arabic

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

II/8. Regional Seminar on Social Dialogue and Vocational Training for Latin America and Caribbean Countries and Spain

Proposed date:	3–5 December 2007
Place:	Panama City, Panama
Financing:	INADEH ⁴ (US\$30,000) CINTERFOR ⁵ (US\$40,000) International Training Centre, Turin (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

⁴ Instituto Nacional de Formación Profesional y Capacitación para el Desarrollo Humano.

⁵ Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training.

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	35 (national representatives of vocational training institutions)
(b) Employers:	10 (one from each country)
(c) Workers:	10 (one from each country)
Purpose of the Seminar:	<p>(i) to discuss recent experiences of social dialogue in training developed in this and other regions, to analyse their strengths and weaknesses, the lessons learnt and explore how best practice may be repeated;</p> <p>(ii) to establish a permanent virtual forum and to discuss and exchange views on the theme of social dialogue in training;</p> <p>(iii) to collect inputs and suggestions to be incorporated into the workplans of CINTERFOR on social dialogue and training.</p>
Observers:	<p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)</p> <p>Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT)</p> <p>Inter-American Regional Organisation of Workers (ITUC-ORIT)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); and Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working languages:	English and Spanish

II/9. Training Workshop on Collective Bargaining for Women Members of Employers' and Workers' Organizations of Burundi, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda

Proposed date:	12–15 February 2008
Place:	Brazzaville, Congo
Financing:	PRODIAF ⁶ (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Burundi, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	12 (three from each country)
(b) Workers:	12 (three from each country)
Purpose of the Workshop:	To strengthen the capacity of women members of employers' and workers' organizations with responsibilities in collective bargaining

⁶ Regional Programme for the Promotion of Social Dialogue in French-speaking Africa.

Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); and Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)
Working language:	French

Labour law

II/10. Meeting of Social Partners in the Framework of the XVII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government

Proposed date:	29–30 October 2007
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) (US\$157,728)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	25
(b) Workers:	25
Resource persons:	One representative of the Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT) and one representative of the Inter-American Regional Organisation of Workers (ITUC–ORIT)
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to consider the economic and social situation in Latin America; (ii) to analyse the issues discussed at the Summit and adopt declarations reflecting common positions to be transmitted to Heads of State and of Government participating in the Summit.
Relevance to international labour standards:	All international labour standards related to social dialogue
Working language:	Spanish

II/11. Tripartite Subregional Workshop on Labour Legislation for Selected Countries of the Caribbean

Proposed date:	4–7 December 2007
Place:	Freeport, Bahamas
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$55,912) and ILO regular budget (US\$5,395)

Geographical coverage:	Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the workshop:	<p>(i) to review the results of the comparative study on national legislation and CARICOM model labour laws;</p> <p>(ii) to develop national and subregional capacity to advocate for and take part in participatory labour law making;</p> <p>(iii) to determine, through a consultative process, those areas where further model labour laws may be needed, in order to further the regional integration process;</p> <p>(iv) to enable the participants to have a better understanding of the four CARICOM model labour laws and of the national labour law making processes, to analyse labour law issues from a comparative perspective and to understand the importance of social dialogue during the making of labour laws.</p>
Resource persons:	Two consultants on labour law
Observers:	One government representative, one employers' representative and one workers' representative from the host country
Relevance to international labour standards:	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); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); and Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158)
Working language:	English

II/12. Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Free Legal Assistance Systems and Improving Labour Law Procedures in Central America and the Dominican Republic

Proposed date:	20–21 May 2008
Place:	Guatemala City, Guatemala
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$99,000)

Geographical coverage:	Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	15 (three from the Ministry of Labour of each country)
(b) Employers:	15
(c) Workers:	15
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to promote an understanding of the content and scope of national models of offices supplying free legal assistance on labour issues, and a clarification of projected future reform of labour law procedures; (ii) to provide an understanding of the content and scope of national models of offices supplying free legal assistance on labour issues in the Americas and in the European Union and a clarification of projected future reform of labour law procedures in the Americas and the European Union; (iii) to enable participants to draw up the main lines of a proposal to strengthen national models of offices supplying free legal assistance on labour issues for discussion in national workshops and to outline a proposal for reform of labour law procedures.
Resource persons:	Three court representatives of each country and three representatives from academic institutions of each country
Relevance to international labour standards:	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); Wages, Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Convention (Revised), 1958 (No. 109); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	Spanish

Sectoral activities

II/13. Asian Regional Seminar on the Work in Fishing Convention

Proposed date:	2–4 September 2008
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$160,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13 (including one local)
(b) Employers:	13 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	13 (including one local)
Resource persons:	A representative of the International Transport Workers' Federation A representative of the International Organisation of Employers The Chairperson of the Committee on the Fishing Sector (96th Session of the ILC, June 2007)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to improve conditions of work of fishers in Asia; (ii) to work towards increased legal protection of fishers in Asia through the application of the Work in Fishing Convention and Recommendation.
Observers:	International Transport Workers' Federation International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Maritime Organization International Collective in Support Fishworkers International Christian Maritime Association Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188); and Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities

II/14. Interregional Workshop on Employers' Organizations and Youth Employment

Proposed date:	18–21 February 2008
Place:	Kathmandu, Nepal
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$90,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, Viet Nam and Uganda
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	18
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to increase the technical capacity and knowledge of key officials and staff who have been selected to implement the "Social Dialogue and Youth Employment" Project at country level; (ii) to share information and experiences on project implementation.
Resource persons:	One representative of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and one consultant

Relevance to international labour standards:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); and Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122)
Working language:	English

II/15. 11th ILO Round Table for Caribbean Employers' Organizations

Proposed date:	15–17 April 2008
Place:	Grenada
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$38,833)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	13
Purpose of the Round Table:	(i) to determine the impact the Caribbean Single Market and CARICOM Economy (CSME) is having on national employers' organizations (NEOs) and the requirements for participating in new operating environments; (ii) to determine the main issues for which national legislation and policies should be established for smooth regional integration; (iii) to map out strategies to support the efforts of NEOs in carrying out the advocacy and advisory roles, thus enabling them to influence national legislation and policies as well as to contribute to their respective Decent Work Country Programmes.
Resource persons:	Representatives of: – International Organisation of Employers (IOE) – National Organizations from the Caribbean – Caribbean Community Secretariat
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO core Conventions ⁷
Working language:	English

⁷ 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).

Workers' activities

II/16. Interregional Workers' Conference – Global Labour University Conference on Trade Unions and Development Strategies

Proposed date:	28–30 April 2008
Place:	Campinas, Brazil
Financing:	Government of Germany (US\$10,000) Friedrich Ebert Foundation and State University of Campinas (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, South Africa and United States
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	60
Purpose of the Workshop:	To share knowledge and experience on trade union responses to demographic change and the need for extension of social security coverage
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO core Conventions ⁸
Working languages:	English, Spanish and Portuguese

Statistics

II/17. Consultation between the Social Partners and the Technical Team of the Labour Force Surveys in Five Caribbean Countries

Proposed date:	3–5 March 2008
Place:	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$25,290)
Geographical coverage:	Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	15 (three per country, with responsibility for different aspect of statistical work)
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5

⁸ *ibid.*

Purpose of the Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to deepen understanding of the importance of different types of labour market indicator (LMI) for economic and social policy-making;(ii) to find out, from a sample of employers and workers, the priorities for which they would like tangible products;(iii) to have a technical discussion with senior government officials who are involved in LMI-related activities, to work out modalities for sharing information and adopting common approaches to data collection, analysis and dissemination;(iv) to agree on a results-based workplan involving the key players that collect, analyse and disseminate.
Observers:	Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160)
Working language:	English

Part III. Additional information

Social Dialogue Sector

Labour administration

III/1. Subregional Conciliation/Mediation Training Course¹

Former date:	First quarter 2008
New date:	To be determined

Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

III/2. African Regional Tripartite Workshop on a Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour²

Former date:	10–11 December 2007
Former venue:	Johannesburg, South Africa
New date:	26–27 March 2008
New venue:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Geneva, 18 February 2008.

Submitted for information.

¹ GB.300/Inf.2, item II/16.

² GB.300/Inf. 2, item I/2.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
AFRICA 2008		
26–27 March	African Regional Tripartite Workshop on a Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour (Government of United States)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2008		
April	ILO/Korea Second Technical Meeting of the Regional Skills Network Partner Organizations in Asia and the Pacific (ILO regular budget and Government of the Republic of Korea)	Incheon, Republic of Korea
2–4 September	Asian Regional Seminar on the Work in Fishing Convention (Government of the Republic of Korea)	Seoul, Republic of Korea
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2008		
27–28 March	Subregional Workshop for Experts on Indigenous Child Labour (UNICEF) ¹	Lima, Peru
15–17 April	11th ILO Round Table for Caribbean Employers' Organizations (ILO regular budget)	Grenada
6–8 May	Meeting of National Committees for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour and the Protection of Young Workers in Central America and the Dominican Republic (Government of Spain and Government of Canada)	San José, Costa Rica
20–21 May	Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Free Legal Assistance Systems and Improving Labour Law Procedures in Central America and the Dominican Republic (Government of United States)	Guatemala City, Guatemala
ARAB STATES 2008		
5–7 May	Workers' Meeting on Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly in the Middle East and North Africa (OHCHR ² and ILO regular budget)	Beirut, Lebanon
INTERREGIONAL 2008		
1–3 April	Interregional Workers' Workshop on Social Security – the Challenge of Demographic Change and the Need for Universal Coverage (Government of Germany and ILO regular budget)	Turin, Italy
28–30 April	Interregional Workers' Conference – Global Labour University Conference on Trade Unions and Development Strategies (Government of Germany and State University of Campinas)	Campinas, Brazil

¹ United Nations Children's Fund.

² The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.