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Approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings ¹

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Part I. Submissions approved between March and June 2012

Employment Sector

Labour market analysis

I/1. Regional Meeting on Labour Market Observatories

Proposed date:	4–8 June 2012
Place:	Antigua, Guatemala
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$31,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13 (1 from Costa Rica, 2 from Dominican Republic, 2 from El Salvador, 4 from Guatemala, 1 from Honduras, 1 from Nicaragua and 2 from Panama)
(b) Employers:	2
(c) Workers:	2
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to strengthen the Network of Labour Market Observatories of Central America and the Dominican Republic; (ii) to exchange experiences and best practices between the participating observatories.
Resource persons:	11 Coordinators and technical experts from regional labour market observatories 1 external collaborator
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)
Working language:	Spanish

Skills and employability**I/2. Visioning Event on Managing Skills and Employability for Decent Work through Building a Community of Practice and a Roadmap for the Regional Skills Network**

Proposed date:	22–24 May 2012
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Korea (US\$20,000)
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 provide a forum for members of the Community of Practice (CoP) to share and leverage technical and practical knowledge on skills development; (ii) to encourage debate and discussions for better understanding; (iii) to strengthen a common agenda for skills development for decent work in Asia and the Pacific.
Resource persons:	Experts from the region (practitioners, representatives of academic institutions)
Observers:	Government of Korea Government of Japan
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

I/3. Third Regional Workshop on Professional Competence Certification

Proposed date:	25–27 July 2012
Place:	Guatemala City, Guatemala
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$46,700)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	21
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the workshop:	To apply agreed technical and methodological instruments, at a regional level, for labour mediation, careers guidance, vocational and management training, with special attention to gender equality, local economic development and focusing on young workers.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	Spanish

Job creation and enterprise development

I/4. Green Jobs in Asia Regional Conference

Proposed date:	20–22 June 2012
Place:	Surabaya, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of Australia (US\$110,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	17
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to reflect on lessons learned from project activities in the five target countries (Indonesia, Bangladesh, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Nepal);</p> <p>(ii) to provide a platform for further discussions on key messages related to the social dimension of climate and environment-related policies with other countries in the region;</p> <p>(iii) to advance further interregional cooperation and action on green jobs, highlighting the critical role of the ILO and its constituents.</p>

Resource persons:	<p>One representative of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (ICES)</p> <p>One representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)</p> <p>One employer resource person</p> <p>One worker resource person</p> <p>One representative of the Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AUSAID)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>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), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155) and its Protocol of 2002, Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 1981 (No. 164), Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1985 (No. 171), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197), ILO Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems (ILO-OSH 2001), ILC 2007 conclusions on sustainable enterprises</p>
Working language:	English

1/5. Regional Meeting on Cooperatives at the Heart of Social Economy

Proposed date:	10–12 July 2012
Place:	Lome, Togo
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$175,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20

(b) Employers:	20
(c) Workers:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to share experiences and good practices regarding the role of the social economy and cooperative development in the advancing economic growth and social justice in Africa;</p> <p>(ii) to analyse the economic and social impact of the social economy and cooperative enterprises in Africa;</p> <p>(iii) to examine new opportunities and challenges and to develop a common vision for the promotion of the social economy and cooperative development.</p>
Resource persons:	Six panellists with combined expertise in social economy, social justice, cooperatives, food security, local development, gender equality, social dialogue and social protection
Observers:	<p>Social Economy Europe</p> <p>African Union Commission</p> <p>African Development Bank</p> <p>World Bank</p> <p>Université Africaine de Développement Coopératif (UADC)</p> <p>Representatives of academia</p> <p>Representatives of the international donor community</p> <p>Representatives of civil society</p> <p>Representatives of national cooperative and social economy movements</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193)
Working languages:	English and French

Social Protection Sector

Social security

I/6. International Workshop on Social Security Systems in Latin America – Challenges for Social Protection in the Andean Region

Proposed date:	22–23 May 2012
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$17,250) OISS ² (US\$13,750)
Geographical coverage:	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the workshop:	The workshop is an end of project meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to analyse and reflect on concrete experiences of social security reforms (social protection systems, social protection floors, extension of coverage, migration, non-contributory pensions and gender); (ii) to strengthen the system of information exchange; (iii) to reinforce opportunities for the design and implementation of more inclusive and comprehensive projects.
Resource persons:	One representative of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security of Spain One representative of the Ibero-American Organization for Social Security (OISS) One national coordinator of the OISS – Bolivia (Plurinational State of) One national coordinator of the OISS – Ecuador

² Organización Iberoamericana de Seguridad Social.

Observers:	20 NGOs and grassroots organizations from Peru The Ombudsman Three members of the Congress of the Republic Municipality of Lima Government of Spain Table to Combat Poverty Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP) Asociación Nacional de Organizaciones de Adultos Mayores del Perú (ANAMPER) Asociación Nacional de Adultos Mayores del Perú (ANAM – PERU) Departmental Federation of Street Vendors of Lima and Callao (FEDEVAL) Federación Nacional de Trabajadores Terrestres y Transportistas Manuales (FETTRAMAP) Consortio de Investigación Económica y Social (CIES) Flora Tristán Andean Development Corporation (ADC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)
Working language:	Spanish

Social Dialogue Sector

Employers' activities

I/7. Regional Workshop for Employers on Women in Business

Proposed date:	15–17 May 2012
Place:	Beirut, Lebanon
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$25,000) RBTC (US\$13,000)
Geographical coverage:	Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Yemen, as well as the Palestinian Authority

Composition of participants:	
Employers:	20
Purpose of the workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to gather information on the situation of women in business and management in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region; (ii) to analyse and discuss the trends in women's role in business and management; (iii) to identify good practices in terms of policies and strategies of employers' organizations and at company level for advancing women in business and management; (iv) to propose strategies for employers' organizations and businesses to work together to increase the proportion of women in business management at all levels.
Resource persons:	Three researchers
Relevance to international labour standards:	Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952 (No. 101), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183)
Working languages:	English and Arabic

I/8. Subregional Workshop for Employers on Sustainable Enterprises

Proposed date:	3–4 July 2012
Place:	Skopje, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Financing:	Swedish Partnership Agreement (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	18
Purpose of the workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to familiarize the participants in using the ACT/EMP Toolkit on Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises (EESA); (ii) to enable the participants to identify barriers to sustainable enterprise and prepare action plans to overcome them;

	(iii) to acquaint the participants with the policy and achievements of Women's Entrepreneurial Development (WED).
Relevance to international labour standards:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Recommendation, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122)
Working languages:	English, Albanian, Macedonian, Moldavian and Bosnian/Montenegrin/Serbian

Workers' activities

I/9. Subregional Meeting on Organizing for Decent Work for Domestic Workers

Proposed date:	2–3 May 2012
Place:	Mexico City, Mexico
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	30
Purpose of the meeting:	To provide a forum for trade unions to share knowledge on building capacity to organize domestic workers.
Observers:	International Union of Food Workers (IUF) International Domestic Workers' Network (IDWN)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201)
Working language:	Spanish

I/10. Subregional Seminar on a Rights-based Approach to Economic Development

Proposed date:	10–11 May 2012
Place:	Nadi, Fiji
Financing:	RBTC (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the seminar:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to discuss how trade unions can actively participate in developmental issues while at the same time ensuring respect for trade union rights; (ii) to explore ways and means for unions to participate in and contribute to the development of policies on economic and social development and participate in the implementation of these policies.
Resource persons:	<p>One academic from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji</p> <p>One trade union expert</p>
Observers:	<p>International Trade Union Confederation – Asia Pacific (ITUC–AP)</p> <p>Global Union Federations</p> <p>Fiji Trades Union Congress (FTUC)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO core Conventions ³
Working language:	English

³ 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).

I/11. Regional Seminar on Decent Work with a Gender Perspective

Proposed date:	25 June–6 July 2012
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Fundación Paz y Solidaridad (US\$42,200) RBTC (US\$18,000)
Geographical coverage:	Latin America and the Caribbean
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	15
Purpose of the seminar:	(i) to strengthen union action through a process of briefing trainers in the promotion of decent work, by means of the “Decent Work Cubed” materials; (ii) to define plans to put in place a multidisciplinary team for the promotion of decent work at the union federation level; (iii) to exchange experiences between trade unionists specializing in training, in order to strengthen their union activities.
Resource persons:	Four regional experts
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), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/12. Regional Workshop for the Training of Trainers
on “Decent Work Cubed”**

Proposed date:	25 June–6 July 2012
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Fundación Paz y Solidaridad (US\$42,200) RBTC (US\$18,000)
Geographical coverage:	Latin America and the Caribbean
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	15
Purpose of the seminar:	(i) to strengthen union action through a process of briefing trainers in the promotion of decent work, by means of the “Decent Work Cubed” materials; (ii) to define plans to put in place a multidisciplinary team for the promotion of decent work in each of the above countries; (iii) to exchange experiences between trade unionists specializing in training, in order to strengthen their union activities.
Resource persons:	Four regional experts
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), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183)
Working language:	Spanish

Industrial and employment relations

I/13. Subregional Seminar on Social Dialogue and Alternative Labour Dispute Resolution

Proposed date:	25 June–1 July 2012
Place:	Kfar Saba, Israel
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$25,000) International Institute of Leadership of Histadrut (US\$35,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the seminar:	(i) to contribute towards the sustainability of social dialogue institutions in Central and Eastern European countries; (ii) to enhance the participants' theoretical and practical knowledge on legal and institutional measures and policies, thus enabling effective social dialogue; (iii) to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, good practices and lessons learned while providing the opportunity for sharing and generating innovative ideas; (iv) to encourage the greater use of methods of amicable settlement of labour disputes.
Resource persons:	Experts from the International Institute of Leadership of Histadrut Manufacturers' Association of Israel National Center for Mediation and Conflict Resolution Israel National Labour Court

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), 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

Labour administration and inspection

I/14. ARLAC⁴ Labour Administrators' Capacity Building Programme

Proposed date:	6–10 August 2012
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$25,000) ILO regular budget (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	19
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to discuss the formation of Decent Work Country Programmes and their implementation and monitoring; (ii) to discuss the effectiveness of social dialogue structures; (iii) to discuss integrating labour administration into the national development process.

⁴ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

Relevance to international labour standards: Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), 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), Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158)

Working language: English

Part II. Additional information

Social Protection Sector

Safety and health at work

II/1. Subregional Workshop on Workers' Education in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)⁵

Original date: 14–18 May 2012
New date: 12–20 September 2012

Social Dialogue Sector

II/2. Global Meeting on Measuring and Assessing Progress (MAP) on Decent Work⁶

Original date: 14–16 March 2012
New date: 27–29 June 2012
Original composition: Governments: 20, Employers: 10, Workers: 10
New composition: Governments: 18, Employers: 7, Workers: 7

⁵ GB.313/Inf.2, I/9.

⁶ GB.312/Inf.2, I/38.

Workers' activities

II/3. Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Trade Union Capacities: Training trade union focal points and experts using the ACTRAV Toolkit for Trade Unions on HIV/AIDS⁷

Original date: 21–25 May 2012
New date: 27–31 August 2012
Venue (unchanged): Nairobi, Kenya

II/4. Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Trade Union Capacities: Training trade union focal points and experts using the ACTRAV Toolkit for Trade Unions on HIV/AIDS⁸

Original date: 25–29 June 2012
New date: 21–25 May 2012
Venue (unchanged): Dakar, Senegal

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⁷ GB.313/Inf.2, I/18.

⁸ GB.313/Inf.2, I/19.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
AFRICA		
2012		
21–25 May	Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Trade Union Capacities: Training trade union focal points and experts using the ACTRAV Toolkit for Trade Unions on HIV/AIDS	Dakar, Senegal
10–12 July	Regional Meeting on Cooperatives at the Heart of Social Economy	Lome, Togo
6–10 August	ARLAC ¹ Labour Administrators' Capacity Building Programme	Harare, Zimbabwe
27–31 August	Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Trade Union Capacities: Training trade unions focal points and experts using the ACTRAV Toolkit for Trade Unions on HIV/AIDS	Nairobi, Kenya
12–20 September	Subregional Workshop on Workers' Education in Occupational Safety and Health	Saly, Senegal
10–14 September	ARLAC Workshop on Labour Market Information Systems for the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Decent Work Agenda	Harare, Zimbabwe
1–5 October	ARLAC Workshop on Mainstreaming International Labour Standards and Setting Systems in National Law and Policy	Harare, Zimbabwe
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4–8 June	Regional Meeting on Labour Market Observatories	Antigua, Guatemala
25 June–6 July	Regional Workshop for Training of Trainers on "Decent Work Cubed"	Buenos Aires, Argentina
25 June–6 July	Regional Seminar on Decent Work with a Gender Perspective	Buenos Aires, Argentina
25–27 July	Third Regional Workshop on Professional Competence Certification	Guatemala City, Guatemala
EUROPE		
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21–22 June	Adjustments in the public sector: Scope, effects and policy issues	Brussels, Belgium
25 June–1 July	Subregional Seminar on Social Dialogue and Alternative Labour Dispute Resolution	Kfar Saba, Israel
3–4 July	Subregional Workshop for Employers on Sustainable Enterprises	Skopje, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
INTERREGIONAL		
2012		
27–29 June	Global Meeting on Measuring and Assessing Progress (MAP) on Decent Work	Geneva, Switzerland

¹ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.