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## Approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings <sup>1</sup>

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



## Submissions approved between March and June 2016

### Knowledge resources

#### I/1. *Regional Training Course on Labour and Social Policies*

Proposed date:	14–17 June 2016
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO Research Fund (US\$47,500)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Training Course:	(i) to increase awareness of ILO goals and programmes; (ii) to provide relevant up-to-date evidence-based research findings; (iii) to encourage an integrated approach to social and economic policies; and (iv) to stimulate a cross-national exchange of views and experiences among policy-makers and potential policy-makers.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions, <sup>2</sup> ILO governance Conventions <sup>3</sup>
Working language:	English

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144).

## Employment policy

### ***I/2. Subregional Meeting: Towards inclusive growth with more and better jobs***

Proposed date:	20–22 April 2016
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to identify barriers to the promotion of sustained growth as well as the inclusive and sustainable generation of productive employment and decent work; (ii) to put forward viable and effective proposals to promote changes at the national level; and (iii) analyse institutional aspects and obstacles in terms of governance and social dialogue in order to influence long-term policy-making.
Resource persons:	Resource persons from employers' and workers' organizations
Observers:	<i>Vocational training institutions:</i> Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje (INA), Costa Rica Instituto Salvadoreño de Formación Profesional (INSAFORP), El Salvador Instituto Técnico de Capacitación y Productividad (INTECAP), Guatemala Instituto Nacional de Formación Profesional (INFOP), Honduras Instituto Nacional Tecnológico (INATEC), Nicaragua Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo Humano (INADEH), Panama Instituto de Formación Técnico Profesional (INFOTEP), Dominican Republic <i>International organizations:</i> Inter-American Development Bank International Organization for Migration (IOM) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
	Universal Postal Union (UPU)
	World Bank Group
	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working language:	Spanish

***I/3. Regional Meeting: What works to enhance youth employability and ease transitions to the labour market***

Proposed date:	17–19 May 2016
Place:	Dar-es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
Financing:	MasterCard Foundation (US\$70,000)
Geographical coverage:	Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to enhance awareness of supply-side policy interventions and institutional mechanisms to enhance employability, reduce skills mismatch and facilitate school-to-work transition;</li> <li>(ii) to demonstrate the diversity of pathways to address these issues by examining country case studies; and</li> <li>(iii) to explore evidence demonstrating the impact of specific interventions in enhancing youth employability.</li> </ul>

Resource persons:	One facilitator Two regional experts on skills and employment policy
Observers:	African Development Bank Plan International Citi Foundation International Development Research Centre Swedish International Development Cooperation (SIDA)
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), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English and French

#### **I/4. Subregional Meeting of the Peer Review Youth Employment Network**

Proposed date:	17–25 May 2016
Place:	Stockholm, Sweden and Oslo, Norway
Financing:	Lukoil (US\$118,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	23
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to produce policy recommendations for promoting youth employment and increase knowledge of targeted programmes and services for youth; (ii) to share best practices in promoting youth employment as well as programme tools aimed at mutual learning and a toolkit on conducting voluntary peer reviews; and (iii) to strengthen cooperation between countries with similar youth employment challenges.

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), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), and ILO core Conventions <sup>4</sup>
Working languages:	English and Russian

### ***I/5. Regional Workshop on Innovations in Public Employment Programs***

Proposed date:	27–29 June 2016
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	RBTC (US\$57,100) CICAP <sup>5</sup> (US\$5,500)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	24
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide an interactive learning platform, allowing decision-makers and governmental technical teams to design and develop innovative public employment programmes; and (ii) to improve the capabilities of government institutions for design, planning and management of public policies.

<sup>4</sup> 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).

<sup>5</sup> Centro de Investigación y Capacitación en Administración Pública de la Universidad de Costa Rica.

Observers:	Federación de Entidades Privadas de Centro América, Panamá y República Dominicana Confederación Sindical de Trabajadores/as de las Américas
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

## Governance and tripartism

### ***I/6. Regional Seminar to Promote Compliance with Labour Standards in the Workplace through Labour Inspection***

Proposed date:	21–22 April 2016
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$78,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to exchange experiences, lessons learned and initiatives that are being implemented to promote compliance with standards in the workplace, as well as to promote the formalization of labour; and (ii) to identify new ideas so as to respond to new challenges of the labour market, contribute to the respect for labour rights and to promote improvements in business productivity.
Resource person:	One expert in labour inspection
Observers:	Programa Laboral de Desarrollo (PLADES)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	Spanish



### **I/7. Final Steering Committee of the PAMODEC<sup>6</sup> Project**

Proposed date:	18–19 May 2016
Place:	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Financing:	Government of France (US\$102,000)
Geographical coverage:	Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Togo, Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the meeting:	To evaluate the project on the basis of an outline document and the assessment of the independent evaluator and to present the main objectives of the governance project.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>7</sup>
Working language:	French

### **I/8. Regional Knowledge-sharing Event on Post-crisis Social Dialogue Best and Innovative Practices in the EU-28**

Proposed date:	20 May 2016
Place:	Paris, France
Financing:	European Union (US\$225,000) RBTC (US\$16,500) Government of Norway (US\$3,500)
Geographical coverage:	Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	19
(b) Employers:	19
(c) Workers:	19

<sup>6</sup> Project to support the implementation of the Declaration (PAMODEC).

<sup>7</sup> 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).

Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to share the findings of research carried out in 11 EU countries to examine social dialogue practices in the post-crisis context;</li> <li>(ii) to exchange experiences of how social dialogue can contribute to promoting good governance, decent work and sustainable economic recovery;</li> <li>(iii) to analyse whether the current frameworks and institutions for tripartite social dialogue and policy accordance in the EU are well-equipped, resourced and designed to deal with the challenge of formulation and implementation of relevant policies and reforms in a post-crisis context; and</li> <li>(iv) to offer participants from outside Europe the opportunity to learn about industrial relations and social dialogue trends in the EU-28 and compare those with social dialogue practices in their own countries and regions.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Six experts from employers' and workers' organizations
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), 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), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152)
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

## Workers' activities

### ***I/9. Subregional Training Seminar on Recommendation No. 204***

Proposed date:	14–17 June 2016
Place:	Baku, Azerbaijan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the Seminar:	To train workers' organizations on the practical implications of Recommendation No. 204.
Resource persons:	Experts on workers' activities

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), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Home Work Convention, 1996 (No. 177), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working languages:	English and Russian

**I/10. Subregional Workshop on Organizing and Decent Work for Domestic Workers and Elimination of Child Labour in Domestic Work**

Proposed date:	4–6 August 2016
Place:	Bogor, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$55,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to share achievements and discuss progress made towards the application of Convention No. 189; and (ii) to foster cooperation and networking among trade unions for organizing and advocacy for decent work for domestic workers.
Resource persons:	International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) International Trade Union Confederation, Asia–Pacific
Observers:	International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), and ILO core Conventions <sup>8</sup>
Working languages:	English and Indonesian Bahasa

<sup>8</sup> 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).

## Partnerships and field support

### ***I/11. Regional Meeting to Validate the Strategy for the ILO's Engagement in Middle-income Countries in Africa***

Proposed date:	27–28 June 2016
Place:	Praia, Cabo Verde
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$97,200)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14
(b) Employers:	14
(c) Workers:	14
Purpose of the Meeting:	To review and validate the strategy to adapt the ILO's activities to the characteristics, capacities and needs of Africa's 28 middle- and high-income countries.
Resource person:	One consultant
Observers:	ITUC–Africa Business Africa Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Members of the UN Country Team and development partners, based in Praia
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>9</sup>
Working languages:	English and French

Geneva, 6 June 2016.

<sup>9</sup> 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).

## Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>		
<b>2016</b>		
27–28 June	Regional Meeting to Validate the Strategy for the ILO's Engagement in Middle-income Countries in Africa	Praia, Cabo Verde
22–26 August	Regional Meeting on the Role of Social Dialogue in Promoting Decent Work and Economic Progress in Africa	Harare, Zimbabwe
19–23 September	Regional Meeting on Promoting Decent Work in the Maritime Labour Sector through Labour Inspection and Compliance	Harare, Zimbabwe
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<b>2016</b>		
14–17 June	Regional Training Course on Labour and Social Policies	Bangkok, Thailand
4–6 August	Subregional Workshop on Organizing and Decent Work for Domestic Workers and Elimination of Child Labour in Domestic Work	Bogor, Indonesia
<b>EUROPE</b>		
<b>2016</b>		
14–17 June	Subregional Training Seminar on Recommendation No. 204	Baku, Azerbaijan