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Submissions approved between June and November 2016

Knowledge resources

I/1. Regional Training Course on Labour and Social Policies for Decent Work

Proposed date:	10–14 October 2016
Place:	Cairo, Egypt
Financing:	ILO Research Fund (US\$47,500)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to increase awareness of the main goals and programmes of the ILO; (ii) to encourage an integrated approach to social and economic policies; and (iii) 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:	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), and as well as ILO core Conventions ²
Working language:	English

² 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/2. Second Meeting of the Working Group on International Labour Migration Statistics

Proposed date:	15–17 November 2016
Place:	Turin, Italy
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Germany, Israel, Italy, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Tunisia, United States
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss the revised report of the first meeting of the working group, so that it may be presented at the Tripartite Meeting of Experts in late 2017.
Resource persons:	Author of the discussion paper Experts in the area of labour migration
Observers:	European Union Statistical Office (EUROSTAT) International Organization for Migration (IOM) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) United Nations Population Division United Nations Statistics Division World Trade Organization (WTO)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97) and Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working language:	English

I/3. Interregional Workshop: Pilot Labour Force Statistics (LFS) Studies Analysis

Proposed date:	15–18 November 2016
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	Special Programme Account (US\$40,000) XBTC (US\$20,000) African Development Bank (US\$25,000)

Geographical coverage:	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Namibia, Peru, Philippines, Tunisia, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	20
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to share the cross-country results of cognitive interviews and experimental survey field tests, by topic and model; (ii) to promote discussion among pilot countries on lessons learned as well as to identify key recommendations and possible next steps; and (iii) to agree a strategy for the development of practical guidelines to support the implementation in Labour Force Surveys of resolution I adopted by the 19 th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) in 2013.
Observers:	United Nations Foundation World Bank Group Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) African Development Bank
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170) and 19th ICLS 2013, resolution I
Working languages:	English, French, Spanish and Russian

I/4. Interregional Meeting on the Revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment: Third Working Group Meeting

Proposed date:	29 November–1 December 2016
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	Special Programme Account (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Chile, China, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	2
(c) Workers:	2

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to discuss a preliminary draft resolution to be submitted to a Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics; and (ii) to identify further development work that needs to be undertaken, in particular with respect to the technical feasibility of proposals for data collection.
Observers:	Economic and Statistical Observatory for sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT) European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) United Nations, Statistics Division
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), Part-Time Work Recommendation, 1994 (No. 182), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

I/5. Regional Workshop of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th ICLS

Proposed date:	16 December 2016
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$17,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	18
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>To discuss and obtain feedback on the technical feasibility, in statistical collections, of proposals developed by the ILO Working Group for the Revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment.</p> <p>The main focus of the workshop will be on drafting guidelines for data collection and on proposals for field testing of question modules in the region.</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Part-Time Work Recommendation, 1994 (No. 182), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)</p>
Working languages:	English and Spanish

Employment policy**I/6. Subregional Meeting on Effective Experiences for the Transition to Formality**

Proposed date:	20–22 July 2016
Place:	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$57,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	26
(b) Employers:	20
(c) Workers:	31
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to analyse the different implementation experiences of each participating country, with respect to the creation of space for tripartite dialogue; (ii) to identify progress made on labour rights for workers in the informal economy and the transition towards formality, with a focus on domestic workers; and (iii) to deepen strategies for sustainable enterprise development and local initiatives, as well as for partnerships and the promotion of economic development founded on the respect for rights.
Resource persons:	Representatives of regional employers' and workers' organizations
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	Spanish

I/7. Peer Review of Youth Employment Policies, Programmes and Institutions of Armenia

Proposed date:	4–6 October 2016
Place:	Yerevan, Armenia
Financing:	Lukoil (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Russian Federation
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8

(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to increase the capacity of participants to formulate, implement and evaluate employment policies and labour market programmes that assist young people to enter the labour market and find decent work;</p> <p>(ii) to strengthen cooperation between countries with similar challenges; and</p> <p>(iii) to improve the capacity of the country under review for policy-making through feedback from peers in other countries, taking into account international standards, practices and principles.</p>
Observers:	Government of Armenia
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), 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 ³
Working languages:	Russian and Armenian

I/8. Regional Forum on Technical and Vocational Education and Training: Skills for the future

Proposed date:	5–6 October 2016
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$181,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	27
(b) Employers:	9

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).

(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Forum:	<p>(i) to share analysis and deepen understanding of the perspective and experience of the Asia and the Pacific region regarding the mismatch between jobs and skills;</p> <p>(ii) to highlight initiatives by the member States and development partners in the main areas of reform, so as to meet future skills demands; and</p> <p>(iii) to discuss the areas where further work and developmental assistance is required.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Three academics</p> <p>Five development partners</p> <p>Five representatives of employers' and workers' organizations</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

I/9. Regional Training on Public Employment Services

Proposed date:	14–18 November 2016
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	RBTC (US\$47,700)
Geographical coverage:	Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to improve knowledge and strengthen capacity regarding public employment services; and</p> <p>(ii) to expand the network of participating countries with a view to providing jobseekers with better opportunities for domestic and overseas employment.</p>
Observers:	Government of Thailand
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Unemployment Convention, 1919 (No. 2), Global Employment Agenda (2003) and the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization (2008)
Working language:	English

I/10. Subregional Meeting of the Members of the Peer Review Youth Employment Network

Proposed date:	13–16 December 2016
Place:	Moscow, Russian Federation
Financing:	Lukoil (US\$83,100)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	21
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to make policy recommendations on the promotion of youth employment and to increase knowledge of the tripartite constituents on employment policy-making as well as targeted programmes and services for youth;</p> <p>(ii) to improve capacity for the promotion of youth employment by sharing best practices throughout the region;</p> <p>(iii) to share policy and programme tools, including a toolkit on conducting voluntary peer reviews; and</p> <p>(iv) to strengthen cooperation between countries with similar youth employment challenges.</p>
Resource persons:	Two international experts
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 ⁴
Working languages:	English and Russian

⁴ 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)

Social protection

I/11. Subregional Training Workshop on Employment Injury Insurance (EII)

Proposed date:	17–21 October 2016
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$11,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	3
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to understand current trends and policies of EII systems; (ii) to discuss how administrative reforms to EII operations can provide better services for customers; and (iii) to examine the current administrative processes and the constraints that these bring and to discuss solutions.
Resource persons:	Employment injury insurance experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

I/12. Subregional Training Workshop on Employment Insurance (EI): Learning from Korean experience of EI, based on ILO training modules

Proposed date:	14–19 November 2016
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$16,000)
Geographical coverage:	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	4
(b) Employers:	4

(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to identify priority needs in establishing or improving EI in line with ILO social security Conventions; (ii) to discuss how to strengthen EI guide modules on: understanding EI schemes; the ILO's approach to unemployment protection; social dialogue; institutional set-up; implementation and operations; and monitoring evaluation; and (iii) to develop ideas about how to advance national EI schemes, especially with regard to enhancing sustainability.
Resource persons:	Employment insurance experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

I/13. ILO–ASEAN⁵ Seminar on the Potential of Social Protection to Build Resilience to Disasters

Proposed date:	22–24 November 2016
Place:	Manila, Philippines
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$80,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Seminar:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to share knowledge and improve understanding of how to use the potential of social protection systems to build resilience to disasters; (ii) to adopt policy recommendations to improve management of disaster risks and to strengthen resilience through social protection;

⁵ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

	(iii) to explore possible areas for South–South cooperation across ASEAN member states; and
	(iv) to explore ways of building effective disaster-responsive social protection systems and floors, using the contribution of workers’ and employers’ representatives.
Resource persons:	Experts in social protection from UN agencies ASEAN
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

Governance and tripartism

I/14. Subregional Forum on Child Labour and Migration in Central America

Proposed date:	27–29 July 2016
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$41,700)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Forum:	To build a set of policy recommendations to accelerate the reduction in child labour linked to migration in the northern triangle countries.
Resource persons:	Experts and representatives of UN agencies in the field of migration, child labour and family policy.
Observers:	Child welfare institutes from participating countries General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SG-SICA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	Spanish

I/15. Subregional Consultation on Building Partnerships to Achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7

Proposed date:	8–9 September 2016
Place:	Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$110,000)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to consult with African constituents on how the SDG Alliance 8.7 multi-stakeholder initiative can assist them to achieve SDG target 8.7;</p> <p>(ii) to share policies and good practices for achieving the goal of eliminating child labour and forced labour by 2025 and 2030 respectively; and</p> <p>(iii) to exchange knowledge, implementation and innovative intervention models, as well as new roles, working modalities and collaboration methods needed to achieve target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda.</p>
Resource persons:	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
Observers:	<p>African Union</p> <p>Civil society organizations, academics and media</p> <p>United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p> <p>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)</p> <p>United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on children in armed conflict</p> <p>United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children</p> <p>United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery</p> <p>United Nations Special Rapporteur on human trafficking</p>

	Global March Against Child Labour, Francophone Africa Representatives from the private sector
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English and French

I/16. Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in ASEAN⁶ Countries

Proposed date:	14–15 September 2016
Place:	Chiba, Japan
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$91,200)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to discuss and share knowledge on the situation, practices, laws and regulations concerning industrial relations and social dialogue within enterprises; and (ii) to examine how industrial relations can be developed and social dialogue strengthened within enterprises.
Observers:	Government of Japan ASEAN secretariat ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC)
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), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154).
Working language:	English

⁶ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I/17. Subregional Consultation: Achieving SDG⁷ target 8.7 through transformational change and partnerships

Proposed date:	14–15 September 2016
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$90,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to advise the Office on how the SDG Alliance 8.7 multi-stakeholder initiative can assist the participants to report on and realize SDG target 8.7; and</p> <p>(ii) to share knowledge, innovative models, working modalities and methods of collaboration needed to achieve target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>ASEAN Economic Community</p> <p>Representative of the ILO CEACR</p>
Observers:	<p>Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on children in armed conflict</p> <p>Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on violence against children</p> <p>UN Special Rapporteurs on slavery and human trafficking</p> <p>United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Regional Office for East Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p> <p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</p> <p>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGEI)</p> <p>Representatives of civil society organizations, academics and media</p> <p>Representatives of the private sector</p>

⁷ Sustainable Development Goal.

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Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language:

English

I/18. Subregional Conference on Effective Mechanisms for Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes

Proposed date:

28–29 September 2016

Place:

Skopje, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Financing:

EU/IPA ⁸ (US\$60,000)

Geographical coverage:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 10

(b) Employers: 10

(c) Workers: 10

Purpose of the Conference:

(i) to enable the newly created agencies/services for amicable settlement of labour disputes in the Western Balkan countries to exchange views and lessons learned, as well as to seek potential solutions to current challenges;

(ii) to present innovative solutions aimed at preventing labour disputes and to assist collective bargaining processes, while taking into consideration the relevant provisions of international labour standards and European comparative practice; and

(iii) to facilitate networking and creation of a community of practice in Central and Eastern Europe.

Resource persons:

Four experts in labour dispute resolution

Observers:

European Union

Macedonian Contracting Authority

⁸ European Union Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92), Examination of Grievances Recommendation, 1967 (No. 130)
Working languages:	English, Albanian and Macedonian

I/19. Subregional Peer Review of the Functioning of Economic and Social Councils (ESCs) in the Western Balkans

Proposed date:	3–4 October 2016
Place:	Becici, Montenegro
Financing:	IPA ⁹ (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to finalize and validate the terms of reference for the subregional peer review of the functioning of ESCs in the project countries; (ii) to decide on organizational and technical aspects for conducting the peer-review exercise in the project countries; and (iii) to facilitate networking among ESCs in the Western Balkans.
Resource persons:	One international consultant
Observers:	European Commission
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working languages:	English, Albanian and Macedonian

⁹ European Union Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

I/20. Peer Review on Combating Child Labour – Kyrgyzstan

Proposed date:	24–26 November 2016
Place:	Bishkek and Osh, Kyrgyzstan
Financing:	Government of Germany (US\$19,400)
Geographical coverage:	Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	5 (3 local)
(c) Workers:	5 (3 local)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to facilitate the consultation phases of the peer review for Kyrgyzstan, providing feedback from peer policy-makers from other countries; and (ii) to improve the capacities of line ministries and social partners to formulate, implement and evaluate national action plans.
Resource persons:	Three experts in child protection and youth issues One employers' specialist One workers' specialist
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	Russian

I/21. Subregional Workshop on Policy Dialogue: Reforms related to employment and social protection

Proposed date:	25–26 October 2016
Place:	Belgrade, Serbia
Financing:	European Union (US\$12,400)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	12
(c) Workers:	12
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to raise awareness among the social partners in economic and social councils (ESCs) on policy dialogue and the process of the annual Economic Reform Programmes (ERPs); and

	(ii) to facilitate future cooperation between ESCs and ERP coordinators.
Resource persons:	One expert on employment issues
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working languages:	English, Albanian, Macedonian and Serbian/Bosnian/Croatian

I/22. Peer Review on Combating Child Labour – Tajikistan

Proposed date:	1–3 December 2016
Place:	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Financing:	Government of Germany (US\$19,500)
Geographical coverage:	Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to offer support for the reviewed State to improve its policy-making and implementation, adopt best practices and comply with established standards and principles; (ii) to exchange knowledge, based on the systematic assessment of countries' approaches to eliminating child labour; and (iii) to assess the country's efforts on the issues that they consider need to be monitored, in order to accelerate progress in eliminating child labour.
Resource persons:	Four experts in child labour issues
Observers:	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	Russian

Conditions of work and equality

I/23. Ninth ASEAN¹⁰ Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML)

Proposed date:	9–10 November 2016
Place:	Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic
Financing:	Government of Australia (US\$23,300) ILO regular budget (US\$5,000)
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:	14
(c) Workers:	14
Purpose of the Forum:	(i) to share experiences, challenges and good practices in the implementation of the recommendations of the 8th AFML; (ii) to discuss the current situation of social protection for migrant workers in the ASEAN region; (iii) to discuss the feasibility of portable social security for migrant workers in the ASEAN region; and (iv) to draft and adopt recommendations for consideration at the 9th meeting of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers.
Resource persons:	One international expert on social protection for migrant workers
Observers:	ASEAN International Organization for Migration (IOM) UN Women Representatives of civil society

¹⁰ Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration, Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities

I/24. Regional Employers' Forum: The future of productivity in Latin America

Proposed date:	23–24 August 2016
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$15,000) RBTC (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	14
Purpose of the Forum:	(i) to give visibility to the Regional Office's work on promotion of policies for the development of production; (ii) to launch ACT/EMP's regional report for Latin America; ¹¹ (iii) to find out how the technical cooperation programme of the ILO with business organizations has advanced with respect to sustainable enterprises; and (iv) to analyse issues related to the future of productivity in Latin America, within the framework of the OECD report <i>Promoting Productivity for inclusive Growth in Latin America</i> and in the light of the initiatives undertaken by business organizations in Chile, Colombia and Mexico.
Resource persons:	One representative of the OECD

¹¹ *Consolidando el desarrollo de empresas sostenibles en un entorno desafiante.*

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

Working language: Spanish

I/25. Subregional Workshop on Effective Employers Organization and Improving Labour Market Outcomes in the Pacific (547)

Proposed date: 15–17 November 2016

Place: Suva, Fiji

Financing: Asian Development Bank (US\$40,000)
ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)

Geographical coverage: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

Composition of participants:

Employers: 18

Purpose of the workshop:

- (i) to discuss the challenges faced by employers in sourcing workers with the right mix of hard and soft skills and relevant work experience; and
- (ii) to discuss the challenge of youth unemployment with an emphasis on ensuring that decent work opportunities are created for the achievement of SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth.

Resource persons: Three international or industry experts

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189)

Working language: English

Workers' activities

I/26. Regional Seminar on the Role of Trade Unions in Facilitating the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy

Proposed date: 3–5 August 2016

Place: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Financing: ACFTU ¹² (US\$50,000)

¹² All-China Federation of Trade Unions

Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	11
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to introduce the concepts and policy guidance of Recommendation No. 204 to the participants; (ii) to exchange experiences, knowledge and good practices of facilitating the transition by the social partners, with a focus on trade unions; (iii) to identify key areas for union action to facilitate the transition to the formal economy; and (iv) to integrate gender issues in the discussion of the transition to the formal economy.
Resource persons:	Five resource persons, representing governments and social partners
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), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English

I/27. Regional Meeting on the Promotion of Social Protection Floors for Arab Countries: Workers' perspective

Proposed date:	6–8 September 2016
Place:	Tunis, Tunisia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Yemen, as well as Palestine
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the meeting:	To develop a trade union strategy to promote the social protection floors in Arab countries.
Observers:	Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working languages:	French and Arabic

I/28. Subregional Meeting on the Future of Work Initiative

Proposed date:	13–14 September 2016
Place:	Almaty, Kazakhstan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$5,000)
Geographical coverage:	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	12
Purpose of the meeting:	To present and discuss the Future of Work Initiative with central-Asian trade union leaders.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998)
Working languages:	English and Russian

I/29. Subregional Meeting on Effective Experiences for the Transition to Formality

Proposed date:	20–22 July 2016
Place:	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$57,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	26
(b) Employers:	20
(c) Workers:	31
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to analyse the different implementation experiences of each participating country, with respect to the creation of space for tripartite dialogue; (ii) to identify progress made on labour rights for workers in the informal economy and the transition towards formality, with a focus on domestic workers; and

(iii) to deepen strategies for sustainable enterprise development and local initiatives, as well as for partnerships and the promotion of economic development founded on the respect for rights.

Resource persons:	Representatives of regional employers' and workers' organizations
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	Spanish

I/30. Regional Workshop on Trade Union Strategies for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour

Proposed date:	15–16 November 2016
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Barbados, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama as well as the non-metropolitan territory of Aruba
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	18
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to evaluate the work done in the realm of the Initiative of the Americas for the Prevention and Elimination of Child and Forced Labour; (ii) to strengthen the regional network against child labour; and (iii) to analyse integrated strategies for the elimination of all forms of child labour and for achieving SDG target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda.
Resource persons:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, 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), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)

Working language:

Spanish

Geneva, 28 October 2016

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		
2016		
9–10 November	Ninth ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML)	Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic
14–18 November	Regional Training on Public Employment Services	Bangkok, Thailand
14–19 November	Subregional Meeting of the Members of the Peer Review Youth Employment Network	Seoul, Republic of Korea
15–17 November	Subregional Workshop on Effective Employers Organization and Improving Labour Market Outcomes in the Pacific	Suva, Fiji
22–24 November	ILO-ASEAN Seminar on the Potential of Social Protection to Build Resilience to Disasters	Manila, Philippines
EUROPE		
2016		
15–17 November	Second Meeting of the Working Group on International Labour Migration Statistics	Turin, Italy
24–26 November	Peer Review on Combating Child Labour – Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek and Osh, Kyrgyzstan
1–3 December	Peer Review on Combating Child Labour – Tajikistan	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
13–16 December	Subregional Meeting of the Members of the Peer Review Youth Employment Network	Moscow, Russian Federation
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN		
2016		
15–16 November	Regional Workshop on Trade Union Strategies for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour	San José, Costa Rica
16 December	Regional Workshop of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th ICLS	Lima, Peru
INTERREGIONAL		
2016		
15–18 November	Interregional Workshop: Pilot Labour Force Statistics (LFS) Studies Analysis	Geneva, Switzerland
29 November–1 December	Interregional Meeting on the Revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment: Third Working Group Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland