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FOURTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Technical Meeting on Achieving Decent Work in Global Supply Chains (Geneva, 25–28 February 2020)

Background

1. At its 328th Session (October–November 2016), the Governing Body, after discussing the follow-up to the resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 105th Session (2016),¹ requested the Office to organize, after a midterm report, a meeting pursuant to paragraph 25 of the conclusions concerning decent work in global supply chains (format to be determined).²
2. At its 336th Session (21 June 2019), the Governing Body discussed the proposal to hold a technical meeting on effective governance to promote decent work in global supply chains in Geneva on 25–28 February 2020.³ The Governing Body agreed on the dates and format of the meeting, but did not reach agreement on the proposed title, nor on the list of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to be invited as observers.

¹ [GB.328/INS/5/1](#).

² [Decision GB.328/INS/5/1\(Add.\)](#).

³ [GB.336/INS/7](#).

3. Following consultations with the Regional Coordinators and the secretariats of the Employers' and Workers' groups, the Director-General proposes:

- *Achieving Decent Work in Global Supply Chains* as the title of the meeting on the understanding that:
 - the debate on the report submitted to the Conference in 2016 will not be reopened;
 - while points (a), (b), and (c) of paragraph 25 of the 2016 conclusions will be covered, they will be addressed in light of the chapeau of paragraph 25, which states that there is concern that current ILO standards may not be fit for purpose to achieve decent work in global supply chains;
- that the intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations listed in the appendix be invited as observers. Changes to the original list proposed at the 336th Session are indicated.

Draft decision

4. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, approved the title "Technical Meeting on Achieving Decent Work in Global Supply Chains".*

14th African Regional Meeting

(Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 3–6 December 2019)

Invitation of member States from another region

5. In accordance with the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, the Governing Body may invite any Member from another region to attend the Regional Meeting as an observer. The Government of France has expressed an interest in attending the 14th African Regional Meeting, in accordance with article 1(3) of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*.

Draft decision

6. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, invited France to be represented by a delegation of observers at the 14th African Regional Meeting.*

Proposed invitations of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to official meetings

7. Invitation of observers to official meetings other than the International Labour Conference are determined according to the following criteria:
- (i) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite on the basis of a standing arrangement with the ILO. These organizations are presented for information only;
 - (ii) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, as authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body;

- (iii) international non-governmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, subject to authorization by the Governing Body.
8. The Director-General intends to invite the organizations to be represented as observers at the meetings indicated in the appendix.

Draft decision

9. *The Governing Body endorsed the proposals made in relation to the invitation of international non-governmental organizations as observers to the meetings listed in the appendix.*

Part II. Programme of meetings for the remainder of 2019, 2020 and advance information for 2021

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
2019		
20 November–7 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
3–6 December ¹	14th African Regional Meeting	Abidjan
2020		
20–22 January ²	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport	Geneva
25–28 February ³	Technical meeting on achieving decent work in global supply chains	Geneva
12–26 March	338th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
4–8 May ⁴	Technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry	Geneva
21–22 May	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
25 May–5 June	109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
6 June	339th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
14–18 September ⁵	Sixth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
21–25 September ⁴	Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services	Geneva
12–16 October ⁴	Technical meeting on the future of work in the education sector in the context of lifelong learning for all, skills and the Decent Work Agenda	Geneva
29 October–12 November	340th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
23–27 November ⁴	Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy	Geneva
25 November–12 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva

¹ Further to the [decision](#) adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/INS/14/1](#)).

² Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its [329th Session](#) (March 2017) ([GB.329/POL/4](#), Appendix II) and [334th Session](#) (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/POL/3](#), Appendix I). The dates of this meeting have been changed at the request of some constituents, as they coincide with the African Regional Meeting.

³ Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its [328th Session](#) (October–November 2016) ([GB.328/INS/5/1\(Add.\)](#)) and [336th Session](#) (June 2019) ([GB.336/INS/7](#)) and subject to confirmation of the title of the meeting at its 337th Session.

⁴ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019) ([GB.335/POL/3](#)) and subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body regarding the programme of sectoral Meetings ([GB.337/POL/2](#)).

⁵ Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body at its 337th Session (October–November 2019) (under [GB.337/LILS/1](#)).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
2021 (advance information)		
11–25 March	341st Session of the Governing Body (to be confirmed)	Geneva
Second quarter ⁶	17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting	Singapore
18–22 April ⁷	Fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	Geneva
31 May–18 June ⁸	110th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
12 or 18 June	342nd Session of the Governing Body (to be confirmed)	Geneva
28 October–11 November	343rd Session of the Governing Body (to be confirmed)	Geneva

Draft outcome

10. *The Governing Body took note of the programme of meetings, as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body.*

⁶ Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body at its 337th Session (October–November 2019).

⁷ Further to the [decision](#) adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/LILS/2\(Rev.\)](#)).

⁸ Subject to confirmation of the dates of the World Health Assembly.

Appendix

Title and dates of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
<p>14th African Regional Meeting (Abidjan, 3–6 December 2019)</p> <p>In addition to the list of organizations already invited to be represented as observers, as approved by the Governing Body at its previous sessions (GB.334/INS/15(Rev.), GB.335/INS/16, and GB.336/INS/7)</p>	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (added) ■ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ■ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (added) <p>Specialized agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (added) <p>Regional organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African Union ■ Andean Community ■ Arab Labour Organization (ALO) ■ Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) (added) ■ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) ■ Caribbean Community (CARICOM) ■ Council of Europe (added) ■ Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ■ European Union (EU) ■ Organization of American States (OAS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); (deleted) ■ West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) ■ World Trade Organization (WTO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Federation of West African Employers' Association (FOPAO) <p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation ■ International Organisation of Employers

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Technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry (4–8 May 2020, dates subject to the decision to be adopted at the 337th Session, GB.337/POL/2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (added) ■ Southern African Development Community (SADC) ■ Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Monetary Fund (IMF) ■ International Organization for Migration (IOM) (added) ■ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) ■ World Bank Group 		<p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation ■ International Organisation of Employers <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ IndustriALL Global Union ■ IndustriALL – European Trade Union ■ ASEAN Automotive Federation ■ Automotive Association of Middle East and North Africa ■ Electric Vehicle Association of Asia–Pacific ■ European Association of Automotive Suppliers ■ European Association for Electromobility ■ European Automobile Manufacturers' Association ■ European Automotive Research Partners Association ■ International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers ■ Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders ■ World Electric Vehicle Association ■ World Economic Forum
<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) ■ United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (Sustainable Transport Division) <p>Specialized agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Telecommunication Union (ITU) ■ The World Bank <p>Regional organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ European Union (DG EMPL) <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 			

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<p>Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services (21–25 September 2020, dates subject to the decision to be adopted at the 337th Session, GB.337/POL/2)</p>	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) ■ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) ■ Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) ■ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) ■ United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) ■ United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety <p>Specialized agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Telecommunication Union (ITU) ■ The World Bank Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – World Bank Group Sustainable Mobility for All (SUM4ALL) – International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ■ World Health Organization <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Transport Forum (OECD-ITF) ■ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 		<p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation ■ International Organisation of Employers <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) ■ Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) ■ International Road Transport Union ■ International Union of Railways (UIC) ■ International Association of Public Transport (UITP) ■ Greenpeace International ■ Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) ■ World Resources Institute (WRI) Ross Center for Sustainable Cities ■ C40 (network of megacities committed to addressing climate change) ■ Bloomberg Philanthropies