



# Governing Body

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## Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

1. At each session, the Governing Body approves the calendar of official meetings of the Organization, as well as the agenda and composition of approved meetings.
2. Due to the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020, the Governing Body has been called upon on several occasions to adjust the programme of official meetings, including the cancellation of its 338th and 339th Sessions in 2020, the deferral of the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference from June 2020 to June 2021 and the rescheduling of several sectoral meetings.
3. In view of continued uncertainties as to when the Organization will be able to resume regular operations again, it is proposed to instruct the Office to continue preparatory work for the organization of the meetings listed in the first part of the Appendix even if they have to take place fully or partially by virtual means due to the prevailing circumstances at the dates scheduled for each meeting. These are mainly meetings of ILO's governing bodies and their subsidiary bodies, such as the Committee on Freedom of Association, the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group or the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. It also includes the annual session of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations.
4. Confirmation of the dates of those meetings will be determined by the Governing Body or, if a decision is required between two sessions of the Governing Body, by its Officers under the delegated authority referred to in paragraph 2.3 of the Standing Orders.

5. The meetings stemming from recommendations from the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group in connection with the proposal for the withdrawal of the Labour Inspection Recommendation, 1923, (No. 20).<sup>1</sup> and the revision of the Anthrax Prevention Recommendation, 1919 (No. 3).<sup>2</sup>
6. To ensure business continuity, it is proposed to convene tripartite consultations after the Governing Body to prepare recommendations on practical ways to implement the 2020–21 programme of official meetings and to consider whether and when some of the meetings could be held through full or partial remote participation, if necessary.
7. The rolling programme of official meetings available on the ILO's website will be replaced by the information contained in the Appendix and updated as required as soon as the dates and formats of official meetings are confirmed.

## ▶ Draft decision

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8. **The Governing Body decided by correspondence :**
  - (a) **to approve the programme of official meetings listed in the first part of the appendix to document GB.340/INS/21; and**
  - (b) **to request the Office to keep the situation under regular review in consultation with the tripartite constituents so as to implement the programme of official meetings according to the evolving circumstances.**

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<sup>1</sup> See [GB.334/LILS/3](#), Appendix, Annex, para. 19 and [GB.334/PV](#), para. 761(d).

<sup>2</sup> See [GB.331/LILS/2](#), Appendix, Annex, para. 17 and [GB.331/PV](#), para. 723(g).

▶ **Appendix****Programme of meetings for 2020 and 2021**

(subject to regular review depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic)

Date	Title of meeting	Place
▶ <b>2020</b>		
26–30 October	Committee on Freedom of Association (340th Session of the Governing Body)	Geneva
2–14 November	340th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
25 November– 12 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
▶ <b>2021</b>		
8–12 March	Committee on Freedom of Association (341st Session of the Governing Body)	Geneva
15–25 March	341st Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
19–23 April <sup>1</sup>	Fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	Geneva
26–27 April	Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission	Geneva
3–4 June	Committee on Freedom of Association (342nd Session of the Governing Body)	Geneva
7 June	341bis Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
7–18 June <sup>2</sup>	109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
19 June	342nd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
September <sup>3</sup>	Sixth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
September <sup>1</sup>	Follow-up to the fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	Geneva

<sup>1</sup> Further to the [decision](#) adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/LILS/2 \(Rev.\)](#)). The Office proposes to follow the recommendation made by the STC Officers in September 2020 that the meeting be organized in two phases: Phase 1 general virtual discussion focussed on the impact of COVID in the maritime sector (19–23 April) and Phase 2 face-to-face meeting (the second half of September or October 2021) to enable proper consideration of proposed amendments to the code of the MLC, 2006, triggered by the COVID-19 crisis.

<sup>2</sup> Further to the [decision](#) made by the Governing Body on 3 April 2020 through a vote by correspondence, the 109th Session, which was originally scheduled on 25 May–5 June 2020, was deferred to 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The dates are tentative, subject to confirmation.

<sup>3</sup> Further to the [decision](#) adopted by the Governing Body at its [337th Session](#) (October–November 2019) ([GB.337/LILS/1](#)). Initially scheduled on 14–18 September 2020, the Governing Body [decided by correspondence](#) to change the dates of this meeting due to scheduling delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Date	Title of meeting	Place
28–30 October	Committee on Freedom of Association (343rd Session of the Governing Body)	Geneva
1–11 November	343rd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
24 November– 11 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva

## Meetings for which dates and format are to be determined

Title of meeting	Place
Technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry (originally scheduled for 4–8 May 2020)	Geneva
Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services (originally scheduled for 21–25 September 2020)	Geneva
Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy (originally scheduled for 23–27 November 2020)	Geneva
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 (originally scheduled for 25–29 January 2021)	Geneva
Technical Meeting on the Impact of Digitalization in the Finance Sector (originally scheduled for 22–26 February 2021)	Geneva
17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (originally scheduled for 6–9 April 2021)	Singapore
Meeting of experts to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear (originally scheduled during the second quarter in 2021)	Geneva
Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) (originally scheduled in October 2021)	Paris
Meeting of experts to revise the 1992 code of practice on safety and health in construction (originally scheduled during the fourth quarter in 2021)	Geneva
Additional sectoral meetings listed in the appendix to <a href="#">GB.340/POL/4</a>	Geneva
Workers symposium	Geneva
Meeting to validate technical guidelines on labour inspection	Geneva
Meeting to validate technical guidelines on biological hazards	Geneva
Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers (originally scheduled during the third quarter of 2021)	Geneva
11th European Regional Meeting (to take place after the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting)	To be determined