



PROGRAMME: ILO HIGH-LEVEL BRAINSTORMING CONFERENCE

**“Towards a Social, Job-centred and Competitive Europe: Challenges for Europe and Central Asia – Challenges for the ILO”**

Jointly organized by the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia  
and the International Institute for Labour Studies

Geneva, 3-4 October 2011 : ILO Building, Room IX (Level R2)

Monday, 3 October 2011	
14.10 – 14.30	<b>Welcome Coffee</b>
14.30 – 14.45	<b>&gt;Opening by Susanne Hoffmann</b> , ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia (pdf, 57 KB)
14.45 – 16.00	<p><u>Guiding Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How has the crisis impacted on the employment and social situation, wage trends, inequalities, Social Dialogue and International Labour Standards?</li><li>• Did national, EU and ILO policies adequately respond to the crisis?</li></ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Raymond Torres</b>, Director of the ILO International Institute for Labour Studies</p> <p><u>Panellists</u> &gt;<b>Philippe Askenazy</b>, Professor of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Paris (pdf, 39 KB) &gt;<b>Maria Jepsen</b>, Director of the Research Department, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels &gt;<b>Volker Schneider</b>, Professor of Political Science, Department of Politics and Management, University of Konstanz, Konstanz (pdf, 2,891 KB)</p>
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16.30 – 18.00	<p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to generate job-centred and socially inclusive growth? Is “green growth” an opportunity in this regard?</li><li>• Wage moderation versus wage increases: How to make the link between wages and productivity and what is the role of the Social Partners in this respect?</li><li>• How to reduce labour market duality through Social Dialogue?</li><li>• How to re-shape labour market, social and migration policies to properly address the demographic challenge?</li><li>• Impacts of possible changes in energy strategies and of increasing food insecurity</li></ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Manuela Tomei</b>, Director of the ILO Labour Protection Department</p> <p><u>Panellists</u> &gt;<b>Vladimir Gimpelson</b>, Director, Centre for Labour Market Studies, Moscow (pdf, 44 KB) <b>Gustav Horn</b>, Director, Macroeconomics Policy Institute (IMK), Hans-Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf &gt;<b>Jan Mládek</b>, Chairman, Fontes Rerum, Prague (pdf, 18 KB)</p>



Tuesday, 4 October 2011

09.15 – 10.30

**Session 3:  
Europe's  
future  
position in a  
globalized  
world**

Guiding Questions:

- Is the European social market economy model sustainable?
- How can “Social Europe” be maintained in view of the looming fiscal, social and competitiveness challenges? What can Europe learn from other regions? Is there a European “Magic Bullet” of policy mix in times of austerity?
- How to enhance enforcement of Social Dialogue and International Labour Standards, both within and outside Europe?
- Towards a new policy convergence in Europe: How to address vast intra-regional social, employment and economic disparities in Europe?

Moderator:

**Stephen Pursey**, Director of the ILO Policy Integration Department

Panellists:

- >**Yilmaz Akyuz**, Chief Economist, South Centre, Former Director and Chief Economist UNCTAD, Geneva (pdf, 55 KB)
- >**Torben Andersen**, Professor in Economics, School of Economics and Management, Aarhus University, Aarhus (pdf, 12 KB)
- >**Gerhard Bosch**, Professor, Executive Director, Institute for Work, Skills and Training (IAQ), University of Duisburg, Duisburg (pdf, 120 KB)

10.30 – 10.50

**Coffee Break**

10.50 – 11.00

**Raymond Torres**, Director of the ILO International Institute for Labour Studies:  
>**Summary of main outcomes of sessions 1, 2 and 3** (pdf, 249 KB)

11.00 – 13.00

**Session 4:  
Final round  
and wrap-up.  
The  
European  
Crisis: Which  
way  
forward?**

Guiding Questions:

- EU Strategies and ILO Policies: How to ensure their mutual reinforcement?
- How could the ILO strengthen its impact on the labour market governance in Europe, on employment and social policy formulation and on ensuring a new model of guidance on policy coherence at regional and national level?
- Do we need a more formalized framework for monitoring and evaluating of policies and anticipating or even early warning mechanisms (e.g. through indicators that help keeping the balance within the fiscal space between both macroeconomic and employment and social policies)?
- What could be the implications for the Global Jobs Pact and other ILO instruments in this respect?

Moderator:

**Juan Somavia**, Director-General of the ILO (tbc)

Panellists:

- >**Alejandro Cercas**, MEP, S&D Coordinator, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs at the European Parliament, Brussels (pdf, 30 KB)
- Gilles de Robien**, Ambassador for the promotion of Social Cohesion; Government Delegate to the ILO Governing Body; and Coordinator and Spokesperson for Labour and Social Affairs of the G20, Paris
- >**Georg Fischer**, Director, Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations, European Commission, DG Employment, Brussels (pdf, 25 KB)
- Grigor Gradev**, Executive Secretary, ITUC Pan-European Regional Council, Brussels
- Marian Harkin**, MEP, ALDE Coordinator, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs at the European Parliament, Brussels
- >**Remigiusz Henczel**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the UN, Geneva (pdf, 40 KB) presentation (pdf, 33KB)
- Emmanuel Julien**, Member of the IOE management board and MEDEF Deputy Director for Social Affairs, Paris