

DECENT WORK IN AGRICULTURE

International Symposium

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Geneva, 15-18 September, 2003

PROGRAMME

Monday, 15 September

0830-0930 Registration of participants (ILO Building Level R3 South).

0930-1030 **OPENING CEREMONY –ROOM V, LEVEL R3 SOUTH:**

Chaired by:

Sir LeRoy Trotman, Chairperson of the Workers' Group of the ILO Governing Body.

Introduction to the Symposium:

Mr. Michael Sebastian, Acting Director of the ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV).

Opening Remarks:

- Mr. Ron Oswald, General Secretary, International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco, and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF).
- Mr. Jaap Wiene, Deputy, World Confederation of Labour.

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1115 Welcoming Address:

Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General, ILO.

1115-1215 **THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE WORLD**

Introduction of the Background Report:

Ms. Marilyn Pigott, author, Background Report.

Panel discussion moderated by Mr. David St. John, Department of Communication (DCOMM), ILO.

Panellists:

- Ms. Ann Herbert, Agriculture Specialist, Industrial Activities, ILO.
- Mr. A. Navamukundan, ILO Consultant.
- Mr. Mohammad Mwamadzingo, ILO Workers' Specialist, Harare.

1215-1300 General discussion.

1300-1500 Lunch Break

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1500-1600 **LABOUR STANDARDS IN AGRICULTURE**

Session chaired by Ms. Veronica Griffith, Barbados Workers' Union

TV clip 3 minutes on Freedom of Association followed by testimonies from:

- Ms. Gertrude Matusa Hambira, General Agriculture and Plantation Workers of Zimbabwe, and
- Mr. José Guillermo Rivera Zapata, Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Industria Agropecuaria (SINTRAINAGRO), Colombia.

Results of the ACTRAV/DECLARATION questionnaire on 'Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in Agriculture' by Ms. Elizabeth Goodson, ACTRAV.

1600-1630 Coffee Break

1630-1715 **Labour Standards in Agriculture:**

Introductory statement by Mr. Kari Tapiola, Executive Director, Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector (ED/NORM), ILO.

Panel discussion moderated by Mr. Tapiola.

Panellists:

- Ms. Karen Curtis, Freedom of Association Branch (LIBSYND), ILO.
- Ms. Theresa Mackay, Transport & General Workers' Unions, United Kingdom.
- Presentation on child labour (plus TV Clip 3 minutes), Mr. Peter Hurst, International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), ILO.
- Mr. Tor Monsen, ACTRAV Norway Projects on Child Labour

1715-1800 General discussion.

Wrap-up: Ms. Monique Cloutier (ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities).

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0900-1015 **EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE**

Session chaired by Mr. Adrian Cojocaru, CNS Cartel Alfa Romania.

- Setting the scene - Ms. Marilyn Pigott.
- Women Workers in Agriculture: Ms. Philipina Moshia, Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers' Union (TPAWU), plus video clip.
- Migrant Workers in Agriculture: Professor Phil Martin, University of Davis California, ILO consultant, plus video clip.
- Forced Labour and Trafficking in Agriculture: Mr. Roger Plant, Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour (DECLARATION), ILO.

1015-1100 General discussion.

1100-1130 **Coffee Break**

1130-1215 **Employment in Agriculture** - Mr. Ahmar Touré, (Special Advisor, Employment Sector, ILO).

Panel discussion moderated by Mr. Navamukundan, ILO Consultant.

Panellists:

- Mr. Iain MacDonald, Director General, International Cooperative Alliance.
- Mr. Duncan Campbell, ILO Employment Sector.
- Mr. Juergen Schwettmann ILO Cooperatives (COOP) Branch.
- Mr. John Rouse, Rural Development Division, FAO.
- Ms. Sabine Graf, IG Bauen-Agrar-Umwelt (IG-BAU), Germany.

1215-1300 General discussion.

Wrap-up: Ms. Ann Herbert Agriculture Specialist, Industrial Activities, ILO

1300-1500 Lunch Break

1500-1600 **SOCIAL PROTECTION IN AGRICULTURE**

- Setting the Scene: Ms. Ann Herbert.
- TV clip 3 minutes on health and safety issues in agriculture.

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Social Protection in Agriculture:

Mr. Assane Diop, Executive Director, Social Protection Sector
(ED/PROTECT) ILO.

Panel discussion moderated by Mr. Philippe Peuchot, Federation Nationale
Agroalimentaire et Forestiere, CGT.

Panellists:

- Mr. Emmanuel Reynaud, Social Security Policy and Development Branch (SOCPOL), ILO.
- Ms. Ludmila Guzun, Federatia Nationala a Sindicatelor din Agricultura si Alimentatie din Republicii Moldova (FNSAA 'AGROINDSIND'), Moldova
- Mr. Geronimo Venegas, Unión Argentina de Trabajadores Rurales y Estibadores (UATRE), Argentina.

1600-1630 General discussion.

Wrap-up: Mr. Frank Hoffer (ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities).

1630-1700 Coffee Break

1700-1730 **Health and Safety:**

Campaigning for Ratification of Convention 184

Session chaired by Mr. D. P. A. Naidu, ILO Bangkok.

- Presentation by Mr. Jukka Takala, InFocus Programme on Safety and Health at Work and the Environment (SAFEWORK), ILO.
- Trade Union Response: Mr. Vladimir Chepur, Agro-Industrial Workers' Union of Ukraine.

1730-1800 General discussion.

1830 Reception - ILO Restaurant, R2

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Wednesday, 17 September

0900-1100 **SOCIAL DIALOGUE IN AGRICULTURE**

Social Dialogue in Agriculture

Introductory statement by Ms. Sally Paxton, Executive Director, Social Dialogue Sector (ED/DIALOGUE), ILO.

Panel discussion moderated by Ms. Paxton.

Panellists:

- Ms. Patricia O'Donovan, InFocus Programme on Social Dialogue, Labour Law, and Labour Administration (IFP/DIALOGUE), ILO.
- Mr. George Jaksch, Senior Director of Corporate Responsibility and Public Affairs, Chiquita International Services Group, Belgium.
- Mr. Guillermo Touma, Federación Nacional de Campesinos Libres del Ecuador (FENACLE), Ecuador.
- Ms. Hella Alikuru, IUF Regional Secretary, Africa.

1100-1130 Coffee Break

1130-1300 General discussion.

Wrap-up: Ms. Elizabeth Goodson, ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities.

1300-1500 Lunch Break

1500-1615 **Agriculture: the Role of Multinationals**

Session chaired by Mr. Joram Pajobo, National Union of Plantation and Agricultural Workers, Uganda.

- Mr. Hans Hofmeijer, Multinational Enterprises Program (MULTI), ILO.
- Presentation on new developments in agriculture Ms. Sue Longley, Agricultural Workers Trade Group, IUF Switzerland
- Presentation of Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI), Simon Steyne, Trades Union Congress, United Kingdom.

1615-1700 General discussion.

Wrap-up: Ms. Faith O'Neill, ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities.

1730-1900 Meeting of Conclusions Drafting Committee

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P R O G R A M M E

Thursday, 18 September

0900-1100 **From Doha to Cancún and Beyond: Agriculture, Trade and Sustainable Development**

Session moderated by Mr. Larry Kohler, Bureau of External Relations and Partnerships (EXREL), ILO.

Panellists:

- Ms. Laksmi Puri, UNCTAD, Switzerland.
- Ms. Gretchen Stanton, Senior Counsellor, Agriculture & Commodities Division, World Trade Organisation, Switzerland.
- Mr. Roy Jones, Senior Policy Advisor, (TUAC).
- Mr. Alberto Broch, Confederação Nacional dos Trabalhadores Na Agricultura (CONTAG), Brazil.

1100-1130 Coffee Break

1130-1300 General discussion.

Wrap-up: Mr. Claude Akpokavie, Bureau for Workers' Activities, ILO.

1300-1500 Lunch Break

1500-1600 **Presentation of Conclusions**

Session chaired by Mr. Michael Sebastian, Acting Director ACTRAV.

Presentation of draft conclusions.

1600-1630 Coffee Break

1630-1800 **Closing Ceremony**

Adoption of Conclusions.

Final Statement.

All symposium proceedings will take place in Room V at Level R3:

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