



Daily Bulletin

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International Labour Conference, 96th Session, Geneva, June 2007

Visit by **His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

The Conference will be honoured **today, Friday 15 June**, by the visit of **His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**, who will address the Conference in a special sitting at **11.00**. **All persons attending the special session are requested to be in their seats by 10.45**

(see inside pages for details).

Award ceremony: ILO Decent Work Research Prize

The first ILO Decent Work Research Prize will be awarded on the morning of **Friday, 15 June**, before the closing ceremony of the Conference. Prize winners are

**Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa and
Professor Emeritus Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh.**

(see inside pages for details)

Please return your badge

You will note that your badge is made up of three parts: a badge holder, a name badge and a blank card.

When finally leaving the Conference, you are asked to return the blank badge and badge holder. Boxes are provided for this purpose at Doors 13/15, the Information Desk at the *Palais des Nations*, and exits to the ILO building. The name card can be kept, if wished, but it would be appreciated if the rest could be returned.

The Document Distribution Service of the Conference **does not despatch documents or reports for delegates**. Delegates are requested to use the postal services.

Programme of meetings

Time

Room

Plenary sitting of the Conference

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| • Presentation and adoption of the report of the Committee on the Application of Standards | 1000 | Assembly Hall |
| Special plenary sitting | | |
| • Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka | 1100 | Assembly Hall |
| Plenary sitting of the Conference | | |
| • Presentation and adoption of the report of the Committee on Strengthening the ILO's Capacity | 1130 | Assembly Hall |
| • Award ceremony: ILO Decent Work Research Prize | | |
| • Closing ceremony | | |

Governing Body of the ILO

Members of the Governing Body are advised that the 299th Session of the Governing Body will be held **today, Friday 15 June**, in **Room XIX at the Palais des Nations**, following the conclusion of the Conference. The exact time will be announced at the end of the closing session.

The groups of the Governing Body will meet as shown below:

Government group of the Governing Body	0900-1000	XII
Employers' group of the Governing Body	0900-1000	XVI
Workers' group of the Governing Body	0900-1000	XIX

Award ceremony: ILO Decent Work Research Prize

Today, Friday 15 June, before the closing ceremony of the Conference



Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa and Nobel Peace Laureate, is awarded an exceptional prize for his extraordinary lifetime contribution to knowledge, understanding and advocacy on the central concerns of the ILO. With this prize the jury and the ILO wish to recognize and honour his sustained efforts, that helped to make decent work a central objective in the policy agenda in South Africa and worldwide, furthering the vision of work which is free from discrimination and oppression, and of social justice and dialogue as the essential base for progress. Mr. Mandela's acceptance speech will be delivered electronically; the award will be received in the Assembly Hall by a representative of the Nelson Mandela Foundation.



Dr. Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Professor Emeritus on Economics and Latin American Studies of the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, is awarded the prize to recognize his major scholarly contributions to the analysis of socio-economic relationships and policy instruments for the advancement of decent work, in particular on social security and pension reform which the jury stressed has had notable impact on the reform processes in Latin America for many years.

The attribution of the prize was decided by a jury of eminent international experts in labour and social policy issues. The prize was created by the ILO's International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS).

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In the interest of improving our service, your feedback on the Conference is valued. Please be sure to complete and hand in the survey form, available at the Information Desk, before leaving the Conference.

The Conference Secretariat has been pleased to be of service to Conference delegates. It is our sincere hope that your Conference has proved to be a rewarding experience. We wish you a safe journey home.



*Visit of His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka*

Today, Friday 15 June

Note for the information of participants

The Conference will be honoured **today, Friday 15 June**, by the visit of His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, who will address the Conference in the course of a special sitting that will commence at 11:00. **All persons attending the special sitting are requested to be in their places by 10:45.** They are also kindly requested to remain in their places until the President has left the Assembly Hall.

Access to the Conference building

Access to the Conference building will be possible only through the Pregny gate of the *Palais des Nations*. A strict identity check will be made at this gate. Members of delegations, observers, representatives of organizations and liberation movements invited to the Conference will be required to show their admission card (badge). ILO staff members will be required to present their ILO photo badge.

The minibus service between the *Palais des Nations* and the ILO building will be suspended from 10:45 to 11:05.

Body of the Assembly Hall (third floor)

No person will be admitted to the body of the Hall other than delegates who already have an allocated seat (8 seats per country).

Galleries

The galleries are reserved for participants in possession of an official badge, for guests in possession of an invitation card and for ILO staff members in possession of an ILO photo badge, as follows:

Diplomatic Gallery, 5th Floor (lifts 13 and 15): reserved for members of the delegation of the special guest with **beige** invitation cards, as well as ILO staff members and Conference secretariat staff.

Lateral Gallery, Geneva side, 5th Floor (lifts 12A, 12B and 13): reserved for assigned delegations and advisers of delegations of members States not seated in the body of the Hall; and one representative from the international non-governmental organizations with general consultative status; ICA, IOE, ITUC, WFTU, OATUU, PAEC and IFAP.

Lateral Gallery, Lausanne side, 5th Floor (lifts 15, 16A, 16B, 29 and 30): reserved for assigned delegations and advisers of delegations of member States not seated in the body of the Hall and one representative of the UN specialized agencies and other international organizations; the Holy See, Palestine, Bermuda, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and one representative of the ALO and the League of Arab States.

Lateral Gallery, Geneva side, 6th Floor (lifts 12A, 12B and 13): reserved for one representative of international non-governmental organizations invited to the Conference, as well as ILO staff members and Conference secretariat staff.

Lateral Gallery, Lausanne side, 6th Floor (lifts 15, 16A, 16B, 29 and 30): reserved for one representative of international governmental organizations invited to the Conference, duly accredited journalists and photographers, as well as ILO staff members and Conference secretariat staff.

N.B. Due to the limited number of seats available in the galleries, ILO staff members are advised to arrive at the *Palais des Nations* in good time. The lifts can be taken to the desired galleries from the second and third floors. The guards at the entrances of the galleries will assist participants.