Programme

Wednesday, 31 October

8.00 – 10.00    Registration
14.00 – 17.00

17.00–18.00    Opening plenary session:
                José António Vieira Da Silva, Minister for Labour
                and Social Solidarity, Portugal
                Dayan Jayatilleka, Chairperson, ILO Governing Body
                Daniel Funes de Rioja, Employer Vice-Chairperson,
                ILO Governing Body
                Leroy Trotman, Worker Vice-Chairperson,
                ILO Governing Body

18.00–19.00    Keynote speakers:
                Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General
                Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General designate,
                Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
                José Sócrates, Prime Minister of Portugal

19.00–21.00    Welcome reception
Thursday, 1 November

09.00–10.15  **Session 1**: Employability: Education, skills development and technology  
*Bridging knowledge gaps*  
*Chairperson:* François Perigot, Honorary President, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)  
*Panel members:* Maria João Rodrigues, Special Adviser to the Portuguese Prime Minister for the European Presidency  
Mark Richmond, Director for the Coordination of United Nations Priorities in Education, UNESCO  
Phil O’Reilly, CEO, Business New Zealand  
Jan Eastman, Deputy General Secretary, Education International

10.15–10.45 Coffee break

10.45–12.00 **Session 1** (cont.)  
**Session 2** (cont.)

12.00–12.30 **Keynote speaker** (plenary)  
Vladimír Špidla, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

12.30–14.00 Lunch (provided at AIP)
14.00–14.30 **Keynote speaker** (plenary)
Mats Karlsson, Vice Chair High-Level Committee on Programs of the UN System Chief Executives' Board for Coordination (CEB) and Country Director, World Bank

14.30–15.45 **Session 3**: Migration for work, within borders and internationally
*Securing the benefits, diminishing the risks of worker mobility*

**Chairperson:** John Sweeney, President, American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO)

**Panel Members:**
- Giuliano Amato, Minister of the Interior of Italy
- Mr Jesús Caldera Sánchez Capitán, Minister of Labour of Spain
- Caridad T. Sri Tharan, Founding Member and Advisor, Migrant Forum in Asia
- John Bingham, Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission
- Jacqueline Mugo, Executive Director, Kenya Federation of Employers

**Session 4**: Social protection policies for social cohesion and economic development
*Moving towards a global social floor?*

**Chairperson:** Carlos Tomada, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

**Panel members:**
- Aart de Geus, Deputy-Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Roberto Bissio, Coordinator, Social Watch and Executive Director, Third World Institute
- Sudha Pillai, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, India
- Helmut Schwarzer, Social Security Secretary, Ministry of Social Security, Brazil
- João Proença, General Secretary, General Workers’ Union (UGT), Portugal

15.45–16.15 **Coffee break**
16.15–18.00  
**Session 3 (cont.)**

**Session 4 (cont.)**

**Friday, 2 November**

09.00–10.15  
**Session 5:** Policy coherence among international organizations  
*Creating the tools to make it work*

**Chairperson:** Sha Zukang, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

**Panel members:**  
Josep Borrell, President, Committee on Development of the European Parliament, and Chair of the Global Progressive Forum (GPF)  
Raymond Parsons, member of the Management Committee of Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and Overall Business Convenor at the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC)  
Saleh Nsouli, Director, Offices in Europe, International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)  
Zwelinzima Vavi, General Secretary of Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)
**Session 6:** Decent work opportunities for young women and men: Overcoming discrimination and disadvantage

*Equality in diversity: A dream or a necessity?*

**Chairperson:** Ashraf Tabani, President, Employers’ Federation of Pakistan

**Panel members:**
- Carlos Lupi, Minister of Labour and Employment of Brazil
- António D. Pitra Neto, Minister for Public Administration, Employment and Social Security, Angola
- Gilles de Robien, Ambassador with responsibility for promoting social cohesion, France
- Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)
- Carvalho da Silva, General Secretary, General Confederation of the Portuguese Workers (GCTP)
- Ariosto Manrique, President, Youth Commission of the Mexican Employers’ Confederation

10.15–10.45 Coffee break

10.45–12.00

**Session 5 (cont.)**

**Session 6 (cont.)**

12.00–12.30 **Keynote speakers:**
- Abraham Katz, President, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
- Guy Ryder, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

12.30–14.00 Lunch (provided at AIP)

14.00–14.30 **Keynote speaker** (plenary)
- Mary Robinson, President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative

14.30–15.00 **Panel of parliamentarians**

*Accountability and coherence of public policy for decent work and a fair globalization: The role of parliaments*

- Heráclito Fortes, Senator, the Federative Republic of Brazil
- Sheila Carstairs, Senator, Canada
- Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Member of the European Parliament, and President of the Party of European Socialists

15.00–15.30 Coffee break
15.30–17.30  Report-back session and discussion on next steps
Closing session:

Chair by: José António Vieira Da Silva,
Minister for Labour and Social Solidarity,
Portugal