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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Kyoto: 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting



Representatives of governments, workers and employers from the Asian, Pacific and Arab states have concluded a four day meeting at which they discussed ways the region could prepare to counter the consequences of the current economic uncertainty. [Read more...](#)

## FOCUS

### Economic Crisis and Austerity Measures: Interview with Luc Cortebeek



At the end of the 312th Session of the ILO Governing Body, the Chair of the Workers' group explains its position on the austerity measures planned in a number of countries. These steps will make workers even more vulnerable, at a time when they have already been hit by the crisis. He also talks about the ILO's international labour standards, which are seen as a response to the crisis. [Read more...](#)

### Questions and Answers on 10 Years of the ILO Programme on HIV and AIDS and the World of Work



This year marks the 10th anniversary of the ILO's Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work (ILO/AIDS). On World AIDS Day 2011, ILO Online spoke to the new Director of the ILO/AIDS programme, Mrs. Alice Ouedraogo about progress made in the last 10 years and her hopes for the future. [Read more...](#)

## ASIA AND PACIFIC

### Situation of Workers in Fiji



The General Secretary of the Fiji Public Service Association, Rajeshwar Singh welcomed the resolution adopted by the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on the situation of workers in Fiji. According to Mr. Singh, the resolution, initiated by the Workers' group of the ILO's Governing Body, is a strong message for his country.

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### ILO Director-General praises Japan's commitment to decent work, says efforts to solve global economic crisis must put people first



The Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr Juan Somavia, praised Japan's commitment to creating decent work opportunities for women, men and young people, and called on the country to continue to use its voice in the G-20 to support more concerted international action to put the creation of jobs at the centre of efforts to solve the global economic crisis. [Read more...](#)

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## AMERICAS

### Montevideo: Seminar on Multinational Enterprises



Les Following a seminar held in Montevideo on 22-23 November 2011, trade unions of Latin America are committed to strengthen their cooperation on multinational enterprises at the confederal and sectoral levels. The seminar's participants drew up a roadmap that enabled the unions to exchange experience on multinationals. [Read more...](#)

### ILO training course on the application of Convention 169



The ILO is organizing a training seminar in January 2012, for Latin American civil servants, on the content and application of Convention 169 on indigenous and tribal peoples, as part of a series of activities aimed at promoting better understanding of this international standard. [Read more...](#)

## AFRICA

### Johannesburg: Second Congress of ITUC-Africa



The Director of the Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), Dan Cunniah, took part in the Second Congress of the African Regional Organization of the International Trade Union Federation (ITUC-Africa), held in Johannesburg on 25-27 November.

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### Chad: Interview with Adjia François Djondang, General Secretary of Union of Trade Unions of Chad (UST)



“ We demanded that this revaluation of the SMIG be applied to all social and occupational groups. Under pressure from the strike, the government adopted a decree on the SMIG and we accepted it in order to defuse the social situation in Chad”.

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### Lomé: Seminar on productivity and productivity-based bargaining for workers



The Bureau for Workers' Activities, together with the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (JTUC-RENGO) held a seminar in Lomé, Togo, on 21-25 November 2011. The aim was to strengthen the capacity of workers' trade union organizations to negotiate fair deals on productivity gains.

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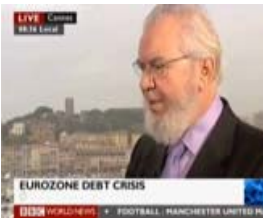
## EUROPE

### EU Commissioner László Andor calls for stronger focus on jobs as Europe faces “turbulent and tough times”



The European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, László Andor, called for a reinforced focus on job creation as Europe struggles to stave off the worsening economic outlook. [Read more...](#)

### ILO welcomes G20 shift back to growth, jobs and social protection



ILO Director-General Juan Somavia has welcomed the focus placed by the G20 Leaders Summit in Cannes on growth, jobs and social protection, in the context of expressions of global discontent with employment and social conditions in many cities and countries around the world. [Read more...](#)

## ARAB STATES

### **Kuwait contributes US\$500,000 to promote decent work in the occupied Palestinian territory**



Kuwait contributed US\$500,000 on Monday (November 14) to support the ILO's Palestinian technical cooperation programme targeting enhanced job creation, social dialogue and social protection efforts in the occupied Palestinian territory. [Read more...](#)

### **From Architect to Street Vendor: Discrimination at work against Persons Living with HIV in the Arab States**



Most Arab States do not have coherent national policies and laws designed to deal with HIV and AIDS in the workplace. They thus lack the means to prevent discrimination at work against nearly half a million of people living with HIV in the region. [Read more...](#)

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