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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Outgoing ILO head hands over to Guy Ryder



Outgoing International Labour Organization (ILO) head, Juan Somavia, has formally handed over his functions to Guy Ryder, who takes office as Director-General on October 1. "You are now the guardian of our values and our traditions," Somavia said, handing over the three keys to the gates of the original ILO building. The keys symbolize the UN agency's unique tripartite composition, which brings together representatives of governments, workers and employers.

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## INTERVIEW

### Dan Cunniah, Director of ACTRAV



After the inauguration of the new Director General of the ILO, Guy Ryder, what are the challenges of the Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV)? Explanations with Dan Cunniah, Director of ACTRAV ... [Read more...](#)

## FOCUS

### ILO calls on G20 to live up to its promise to tackle the crisis



The ILO Director-General says G20 countries should stand by their commitment to take new, urgent measures in the face of deteriorating global economic conditions. [Read more...](#)

### ILO says discrimination against young girls must end



ILO Director-General Guy Ryder has called for a coherent set of measures to ensure that girl children around the world attain social justice and progress.

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## World Teachers' Day



On the occasion of World Teachers' Day, the Deputy General Secretary of Education International, David Edwards highlighted the main challenges faced by workers in the education sector. [Read more...](#)

## International Labour Standards

### Four countries ratify ILO Conventions



Guyana, Mauritius, Morocco and Philippines have ratified a series of ILO Conventions in September 2012. [Read more...](#)

## ASIA AND PACIFIC

### Asia and Pacific: Unions call for greater focus on Collective Bargaining



Union leaders from the Asia and the Pacific region have called for greater focus on collective bargaining, recognizing that this core function of the unions was coming under increased threats.

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### ILO concerned with continuing trade union rights restrictions in Korea



A national trade union seminar held on 17-18 September in Seoul discussed the on-going trade union rights situation in the country and the need for the ratification of ILO conventions No.87 and No.98. [Read more...](#)

### Trade Union Youth in India join hands to campaign ratification of ILO Conventions Nos.87 and 98



Over hundred trade union youth leaders called for the ratification of the ILO Conventions Nos.87 and 98 at a national conference on the Role of Trade Union Youth in the Ratification of Core Labour Standards in India held from 18 to 20 September 2012 in New Delhi. [Read more...](#)

### ILO mission to Fiji aborted



The Fijian government has stopped the International Labour Organization (ILO) from carrying out a mission to verify complaints over the lack of freedom of association made by local trade unions, the ILO said in a statement issued on 19 September. [Read more...](#)

## AFRICA

### Social dialogue needed to prevent further violence in SA mines, says ILO



As an inquiry begins into the fatal August shooting of dozens of striking miners in South Africa, the International Labour Organization (ILO) has called for high-level social dialogue in order to prevent further violence and unrest. [Read more...](#)

## EUROPE

### ILO Chief warns of austerity's 'toxic' impact



In an interview with The Times newspaper, the head of ILO warned that austerity measures in southern European countries risk having “quite harmful consequences”. He was more positive about the outlook in Britain. [Read more...](#)

### Putin meets with APEC member economies' trade union leaders



On September 3 Russian President Vladimir Putin met with members of the Asia Pacific Labour Network of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in the run-up to the APEC summit in Vladivostok to discuss economic integration and protecting people's labour and social rights. [Read more...](#)

## ARAB STATES

### Hopes raised for Arab minimum wage



The “Regional Tripartite Meeting on Wage Policies in the Arab Countries” came to a close in Amman on Thursday (September 20) with government, employer and worker pledges to work towards fairer pay. [Read more...](#)

## AMERICAS

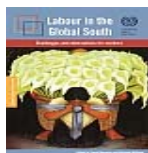
### ILO hails US campaign against 'modern slavery'



New US measures against what President Barack Obama has termed “modern slavery”, will help raise awareness about a scourge that affects three out of 1,000 people worldwide, the ILO said. [Read more...](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Labour in the Global South: Challenges and alternatives for workers



“Labour in the global South is an exciting contribution to the new field of global labour studies. It identifies in ten clearly written chapters the innovative and creative responses to the challenges facing labour worldwide.” –Edward Webster, University of Kassel, Germany, and University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. [Read more...](#)

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