



## Highlights

**Luc Cortebееck, President of the Workers' group: "We have to strengthen ILO..."**



The 103rd Session of the International Labour Conference drew to a close on 12 June 2014, in Geneva. In this interview, President of the Workers' Group of the Governing Body Luc Cortebееck shared his views on several issues debated during the session, such as forced labour, the transition from informal to formal economy, migration and unemployment. He also set out the workers' position with regard to the work of the Committee on Application of

Standards and appeals for ILO to be strengthened through social dialogue and tripartism.

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## Focus

**Ryder: We've endorsed an "agenda that really matters"**



The 103rd International Labour Conference (ILC) closed following more than two weeks of deliberations on key world of work issues, including forced labour, migration, informality, and investment in quality employment. [Read more...](#)

### **ILO Governing Body approves report of Committee on Freedom of Association**



The Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) approved the 372nd report of its Committee on Freedom of Association in which it examined 29 cases concerning alleged violations of freedom of association coming from the four corners of the globe. [Read more...](#)

### **ILO adopts new Protocol to tackle modern forms of forced labour**



A new legally binding ILO Protocol on Forced Labour aims to advance prevention, protection and compensation measures, as well as to intensify efforts to eliminate contemporary forms of slavery. [Read more...](#)

## **ILO moves the discussion on the informal economy one step forward**



Delegates to this year's International Labour Conference (ILC) have concluded that the informal economy represents a major challenge to the world of work and have agreed to hold a second discussion next year with the aim of adopting a Recommendation. [Read more...](#)

## **Investing in quality employment crucial to revive growth and promote more inclusive societies**



Governments, employer and worker delegates meeting at the International Labour Conference (ILC) have reached consensus on the need for a comprehensive policy framework and pro-active, employment-centred, inclusive growth strategies, both at global and national levels. [Read more...](#)

## **Asia and Pacific**

### **Takaaki Sakurada elected vice-president of the Conference**



Takaaki Sakurada, Adviser on International Affairs, from Japan's JTUC-RENGO has been elected Vice-President of the 103rd session of the International Labour Conference (ILC), which takes place from 28 May to 12 June. [Read more...](#)

### **Informal economy: what are the challenges for Unions in India?**



Transition from informal to formal economy is one of the topics of discussion at the 103rd International Labour Conference which is being held from 28 May to 12 June 2014 in Geneva. The following is an interview with Pillay Chandrasekharan, President of the Kerala Branch of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) who expresses his views on the challenges faced by Unions organize informal workers in India. [Read more...](#)

### **ILO Action to eradicate forced labour in Myanmar**



Forced Labour is one of the topics of discussion at the 103rd International Labour Conference which is being held from 28 May to 12 June 2014 in Geneva. The following is an interview with Mr Maug Maung, General Secretary of the Federation of Trade Unions of Myanmar (FTUM) who expresses his views on the situation of Forced Labour in his country. [Read more...](#)

### **Islamic Republic of Iran ratifies the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)**



The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran deposited with the International Labour Office the instrument of ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006). [Read more...](#)

## **Africa**

### **Informal economy: what are the challenges for Unions in Africa?**



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## Labour Migration: What are the Somali's workers expectations from the ILO?



Migration is one of the topics of discussion at the 103rd International Labour Conference which is being held from 28 May to 12 June 2014 in Geneva. The following is an interview with Mr Omar Faruk Osman Nur, General Secretary of Federation of Somali Trade Unions (FESTU) who expresses his views on labour migration in Somalia. He also underlines his expectations from the ILO on Migration issue.

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## Europe

### Luc Cortebeeck, workers' delegate of Belgium, re-elected as vice-president of the ILO Governing Body



Luc Cortebeeck, workers' delegate of Belgium, was re-elected Vice-President of the Governing Body and President of the Workers' Group of the International Labour Organization at its 321st session, for a three year term. "The values at the origin of the ILO, according to which work is not a simple good, are still very relevant and the present crisis can only be solved in the framework of tripartism and social dialogue between governments, employers and workers.", said M. Cortebeeck, in his intervention at the opening session of the Governing Body. [Read more...](#)

### Employment and Social Dialogue in Denmark



Employment is one of the topics of discussion at the 103rd International Labour Conference which is being held from 28 May to 12 June 2014 in Geneva. The following is an interview with Ms. Marie-Louise Knuppert, elected Confederal Secretary of LO Denmark who expresses her views on the employment situation in Denmark. She also underlines the importance of social dialogue to reinforce decent work for all workers. [Read more...](#)

### The situation of Migrant Workers in Hungary



Migration is one of the topics of discussion at the 103rd International Labour Conference which is being held from 28 May to 12 June 2014 in Geneva. The following is an interview with Mr. György Károly, International Secretary of National Confederation of Hungarian Trade Unions (MSZOSZ) who expresses his views on the situation of migrant workers in Hungary. He also underlines his expectations from the ILO on Migration issue. [Read more...](#)

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## Arab States

### ILO and Oman pledge to continue joint promotion of decent work in the Sultanate



The International Labour Organization (ILO) and Omani government, worker and employer representatives today signed an agreement to further collaborate on promoting decent work in the Gulf state. [Read more...](#)

### Syrian refugee children at work... and in a play



Abject poverty is forcing many Syrian refugee families to send their children to work. In Lebanon, host to over a million refugees from Syria, current and former child labourers held a musical and theatrical performance to mark World Day against Child Labour. [Read more...](#)

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## Americas

### Uruguay ratifies the Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176)



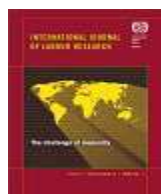
The Government of Uruguay deposited with the International Labour Office the instrument of ratification of the Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176). Dr. Loustaunau, Vice Minister of Labour of Uruguay, delivered the instrument to the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr Guy Ryder. [Read more...](#)

## Calendar

- [Civil Society Forum on ILO Domestic Workers' Convention, 2011 \(No.189\) 1-2 July 2014, Manila, Philippines](#)
- [XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work 2014: Global Forum for Prevention, 24 - 27 August 2014, Frankfurt, Germany](#)

## Publications

### The Challenge of Inequality



This issue of the International Journal of Labour Research addresses one of the central challenges of our times: that of overcoming growing inequalities in our societies. This trend, now well-recognized, is worrying not only for its economic impact, but as importantly because it threatens the very social fabric of our societies and may in time become a threat to democracy itself. [Read more...](#)

### Forced labour and human trafficking: a toolkit for trade unions in Nigeria



The study investigates the underlying factors that drive forced labour, of which a major one is illegal profits. Figures will include a breakdown of profits by area of forced labour and by region. [Read more...](#)

### Travel smart - Work smart: A guide for migrant workers in Thailand



The information in this booklet can help you feel more secure, work safely and profitably, and avoid exploitation and abuse. [Read more...](#)

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