Addressing Forced Labour:  
The Role of Employers' Organisations and Business  
June 30th – July 1st, 2008  
Amari Watergate Hotel  
Bangkok, Thailand  

Agenda

Monday June 30th, 2008

8:30 – 9:00  Registration of participants

9:00 – 9:30  Welcome and introduction: why are we here?

Ms. Sachiko Yamamoto  
Regional Director, ILO

Mr. Brent Wilton  
Deputy Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers

Mr. Roger Plant  
Head, ILO Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour

9:30 – 10:30  What is forced labour?

Mr. Roger Plant,  
Head, ILO Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour

10:30 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:00  Forced labour: why is it an issue for employers and business?

Mr. Brent Wilton  
Deputy Secretary-General, IOE

Ms. Nguyen Hong Ha  
Director, Bureau of Employers’ Activities, VCCI

12:00 – 1:30  Lunch
1:30 – 3:00  Aspects of forced labour: regional dimensions

Mr. Steve Marshall
ILO Liaison Officer, Myanmar

Mr. Steve Morrish
Executive Director, SISHA

Mr. Stephen Frost
Director, CSR Asia

3:00 – 3:30  Break

3:30 – 5:00  Forced labour: responses from employers and business

Mr. Roland Moya
Deputy Director General, Employers' Confederation of the Philippines

Ms. Lakshmi Bhatia
Director, Social Responsibility, Gap Inc.

Mr. Jeremy Prepscius
Asia Director, Business for Social Responsibility

Tuesday July 1st, 2008

9:00 – 10:30  Combating forced labour: policies, strategies & tools for engagement

Mr. Shang Xiaoming
Deputy Section Chief, China Enterprise Confederation

Ms. Barbara Leon
International Organisation of Employers

Mr. Philip Hunter
ILO Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour

10:30 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:00  Input session for working groups: cases from the region

Mr. Shamsuddin Bardan
Executive Director, Malaysian Employers' Federation

Mr. Eam Thavornvongwongse
Vice President, Employers' Confederation of Thailand

12:00 – 1:30  Lunch

1:30 – 3:00  Working Groups
Working Group I. Strategies & Challenges

How has forced labour been addressed? What strategies have been effective in addressing forced labour? What challenges have been encountered?

Working Group II. Tools & Resources

What tools and information resources do you consider relevant and useful to identify and combat forced labour?

Working Group III. Role of Employers’ Organisations

What role should employer organisations play to support the efforts of business in combating forced labour at national and international levels?

3:00 – 3:30  Break
3:30 – 4:30  Report back from working groups
4:30 – 5:00  Wrap-up: Where we are and where do we go from here?