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workshops and similar meetings ¹***Contents*

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Part I: Submissions approved in May 2008

Employment Sector

Employment policy

I/1. Subregional Tripartite Seminar on Equality of Race/Ethnicity in MERCOSUR² countries and Chile

Proposed date:	23–24 June 2008
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10 (one from the government and one from the Tripartite Committee for Equal Opportunities (CTIO) for each country)
(b) Employers:	7 (one from Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay and two from Argentina and Brazil)
(c) Workers:	7 (one from Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay and two from Argentina and Brazil)
Purpose of the seminar:	To share experiences in drawing up cross-cutting public employment policies, based on equality and equity, among countries of the region, MERCOSUR and Spain
Resource persons:	One representative of the Government of Spain One employer and one worker representative of the Economic and Social Council (CES), Spain One representative of an autonomous government (Basque country)
Observers:	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Argentina High-Level Group on Employment (GANEMPLE) of MERCOSUR Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training National Council for Women, Argentina National Institute against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism Organization of American States in Argentina United Nations Children's Fund, Argentina United Nations Development Programme, Argentina

² Southern Common Market.

Relevance to international labour standards: Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Social Policy (Basic Aims and Standards) Convention, 1962 (No. 117), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169)

Working language: Spanish

Part II: Submissions approved between March and May 2008

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

II/1. Regional Workshop for ILO Desk Officers from Caribbean Member States and Non-Metropolitan Territories

Proposed date:	30 June–1 July 2008
Place:	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$18,200)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following non-metropolitan territories: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles and Turks and Caicos Islands
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	21 (one from each country/territory)
(b) Employers:	2 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	2 (including one local)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to sensitize officials of Ministries of Labour, serving as ILO Desk Officers, to the Decent Work Agenda and the work of the ILO; (ii) to discuss ways in which Desk Officers can carry out their duties more effectively and enhance the delivery of services to tripartite constituents.
Relevance to international labour standards:	The Workshop will touch on the reporting cycle for ratified Conventions and fundamental principles and rights at work
Working language:	English

Child labour**II/2. ILO/IOM³ Subregional Workshop of Experts on Child Labour and Migration**

Proposed date:	8–9 April 2008
Place:	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$12,441) and International Organization for Migration (US\$7,500)
Geographical coverage:	Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	3
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to begin preparation of a concept document on the effects of migration on child labour and that of young persons in the Andean region, based on a preliminary study carried out in Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador; (ii) to define areas for study, establish terms of reference for these and develop a strategy to increase understanding of the relationship between migration and child labour and the possible impact of migration on child labour and that of young persons, with the participation of the principle actors involved; (iii) to develop a strategy to enable the results of this study process to be taken up by the national commissions on child labour and by the competent bodies in the fields of migration and childhood to provide a basis for the implementation of public policies in this area.
Resource persons:	Representatives from: Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Ecuador Proadolescentes, Bolivia University, Colombia
Observers:	A consultant in the field of migration Four representatives of the IOM: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and the Regional Office in Lima One representative from the General Secretariat of the Andean Community One representative from the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

³ International Organization for Migration.

II/3. ILO/UNICEF⁴ Regional Meeting of Communication Experts and Child Labour Experts to Develop a Social Communication Strategy for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour

Proposed date:	28–29 May 2008
Place:	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$34,705) and UNICEF (US\$15,295)
Geographical coverage:	Central and Latin America
Composition of participants:	
(a) Experts:	20 independent experts, including 12 experts in social communication and 8 experts in child labour and childhood matters
(b) Employers:	1 expert in communication
(c) Workers:	1 expert in communication
Purpose of the Meeting:	To develop a social communication strategy, promoted by IPEC, which will be taken up by the national committees on child labour in countries of the region.
Resource persons:	1 regional representative of ACT/EMP 1 regional representative of ACTRAV
Observers:	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

Employment Sector

Skills development

II/4. ILO/SKILLS-AP/Japan Regional Technical Meeting on Skills Development in the Pacific: Special Skills Development Needs of Small Island Economies

Proposed date:	26–28 March 2008
Place:	Nadi, Fiji

⁴ United Nations Children's Fund.

Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$30,000) and ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to discuss the key issues and major challenges for skills development in the Pacific Island countries in developing national skills strategies; (ii) to explore how recent successful examples of good practices can be used to assist countries to reorient and develop their national and regional skills strategies.
Resource persons:	An international resource person
Observers:	Asian Development Bank Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Working Group Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Australia) Department of Labour (New Zealand) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Japan International Cooperation Agency Ministry of Education (Fiji) Ministry of Youth and Sport (Fiji) Pacific Association of Technical and Vocational Education and Training Pacific Islands Forum Secretary Secretariat of the Pacific Community South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment South Pacific Travel United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization University of the South Pacific World Bank
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

**II/5. Subregional Technical Meeting on Disability
Legislation: Decent Work for Persons
with Disabilities in Africa**

Proposed date:	12–14 May 2008
Place:	Capetown, South Africa
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$94,100)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Meeting:	<p>(i) to discuss the main legal issues in the field of employment discrimination law relating to disability, focusing on implementation;</p> <p>(ii) to sensitize participants to key concepts in disability discrimination law and international labour standards, as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol (CRPD);</p> <p>(iii) to examine good practice in implementing disability discrimination legislation, with a view to facilitating the implementation of ILO standards of relevance to the training and employment of persons with disabilities and the CRPD;</p> <p>(iv) to provide legal and other experts with the opportunity for networking on disability discrimination law.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Disability experts from Australia, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands and the United States</p> <p>Representatives of Employer and Worker organizations from South Africa</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168)
Working language:	English

**II/6. African Subregional Workshop for Judges on
Decent Work for Persons with HIV/AIDS
and with Disabilities**

Proposed date:	15–17 May 2008
Place:	Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$28,000) and Government of Sweden (US\$7,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	16
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to familiarize participants with ILO standards and codes of practice relevant to persons with HIV/AIDS and persons with disabilities; (ii) to sensitize participants to key legal issues that commonly arise relating to HIV/AIDS and disability in the workplace; (iii) to review national legislation in relation to HIV/AIDS and disability; (iv) to provide participants with the opportunity to analyse legal cases relating to non-recruitment and dismissal of persons with HIV/AIDS or with disabilities.
Resource persons:	<p>Head of the National AIDS Council, United Republic of Tanzania</p> <p>A representative of disabled persons</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), ILO code of practice on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work, ILO code of practice on managing disability in the workplace
Working language:	English

II/7. Subregional Technical Meeting on Disability Legislation: Decent Work for Persons with Disabilities in Asia

Proposed date:	23–25 June 2008
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$115,550)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14 (one legal expert and one human rights expert from each country)
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to discuss the main legal issues in the field of employment discrimination law relating to disability, focusing on implementation; (ii) to sensitize participants to key concepts in disability discrimination law and international labour standards, as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons

	with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol(CRPD);
	(iii) to examine good practice in implementing disability discrimination legislation, with a view to facilitating the implementation of ILO standards of relevance to the training and employment of persons with disabilities and the CRPD;
	(iv) to provide legal and other experts with the opportunity for networking on disability discrimination law.
Resource persons:	Disability law experts Representatives of academic institutions (experts in law, disability and community development)
Observers:	Seven parliamentarians
Relevance to international labour standards:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168)
Working language:	English

Social Protection Sector

Social security

II/8. ILO/ALO⁵ Interregional Tripartite Meeting on “The Future of Social Security in Arab States”

Proposed date:	6–8 May 2008
Place:	Amman, Jordan
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$145,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen, as well as Occupied Arab Territories
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	18
(b) Employers:	18
(c) Workers:	18
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to provide a forum for discussing social security trends and challenges in the region; (ii) to identify best social security practices from other regions and develop a long-term social security strategy for the Arab-speaking countries of the two regions, taking into account their economic, social and

⁵ Arab Labour Organization.

	cultural diversities;
	(iii) to prepare for the later publication of a guide for the development of social security in Arab-speaking countries.
Resource persons:	Three representatives of social security and academic institutions One representative of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) One representative of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Observers:	International Social Security Associations United Nations Development Programme United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia World Bank World Health Organization
Relevance to international labour standards:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Income Security Recommendation, 1944 (No. 67), Medical Care Recommendation, 1944 (No. 69), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191)
Working languages:	English, French and Arabic

II/9. Asia-Pacific Regional High-Level Meeting on Socially-Inclusive Strategies to Extend Social Security Coverage

Proposed date:	19–20 May 2008
Place:	New Delhi, India
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$180,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri

	Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	42 (one from the Ministry of Labour and one from either the Ministry of Health or from the Ministry of Finance/Planning)
(b) Employers:	21
(c) Workers:	21
Purpose of the Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to share knowledge and experience regarding strategies and mechanisms for the extension of social security in participating countries, in particular to workers in the informal economy; (ii) to identify good practices and encourage initiatives and responses to emerging challenges; (iii) to foster a consensual approach to extension of coverage.
Resource persons:	<p>Representatives of academic institutions</p> <p>Representatives of practitioners and civil society organizations, selected from the participants</p>
Observers:	<p>ASEAN Social Security Association</p> <p>Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</p> <p>European Commission</p> <p>International Social Security Association (ISSA)</p> <p>South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation</p> <p>United Nations Development Programme</p> <p>United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>World Bank</p> <p>World Health Organization</p> <p>Bilateral agencies (such as AFD, DFID, GTZ, USAID)</p> <p>Other international non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations</p>

Relevance to international labour standards:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Income Security Recommendation, 1944 (No. 67), Medical Care Recommendation, 1944 (No. 69), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191)
Working language:	English

Workers' activities

II/10. Subregional Seminar on the Strengthening of Trade Union Networks with Respect to Social Protection in the Andean Countries Integration Process

Proposed date:	26–29 May 2008
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin (US\$15,430) and Government of Spain (US\$15,812)
Geographical coverage:	Colombia, Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	31 (12 from Colombia, 12 from Peru and 7 from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to establish and strengthen trade union networks to improve participation in subregional integration processes and to promote Decent Work programmess, especially with regard to social protection; (ii) to reinforce trade union training in social security; (iii) to exchange experience between trade unions of the subregion and Spain.
Resource persons:	Government specialists in social security management One Colombian technical trade union expert

	One Ecuadorian and one Bolivian trade union specialist
	One representative from Peruvian employers' organizations
	One representative from Spanish employers' organizations
	Two representatives of academic institutions
	Two representatives of the main Spanish trade unions
Observers:	Andean Labour Advisory Council
	Foundation for Peace and Solidarity (FPS)
	Friedrich Ebert Foundation
	The Andean Labour Institute
	The Trade Unions' Coordinating Body for the Andean Countries
	Trade Union Institution for Cooperation and Development (ISCOD)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Medical Care Recommendation, 1944 (No. 69), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191)
Working language:	Spanish

HIV/AIDS and the world of work

II/11. Interactive Learning Event on Behaviour Change Communication for Project Countries in the Caribbean

Proposed date:	15–20 May 2008
Place:	Bridgetown, Barbados
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5

(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the learning event:	<p>(i) to upgrade the participants' skills in using the <i>toolkit entitled HIV/AIDS Behaviour change communication</i>: a toolkit for the workplace to share good practices and to learn from experiences of its use;</p> <p>(ii) to discuss modifications for a new version of the Toolkit;</p> <p>(iii) to train new collaborators in behaviour change for the workplace;</p> <p>(iv) to launch a film on behaviour change communication.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>A representative of Alliance against AIDS, Belize</p> <p>The Communications Officer of the National AIDS Commission, Belize</p> <p>A consultant working on HIV issues, Barbados</p> <p>A consultant in behaviour change communication, Guyana</p> <p>Chairperson of the Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, Trinidad and Tobago</p>
Observers:	<p>An independent educational specialist in HIV/AIDS</p> <p>National AIDS Directorate (NAD), Grenada</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO code of practice on HIV/AIDS and the world of work
Working language:	English

International migration

II/12. Regional Workshop to Prepare a Network of Trade Union Focal Points for Human Trafficking in Source and Destination Countries

Proposed date:	10–11 July 2008
Place:	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Financing:	European Union (US\$28,000)
Geographical coverage:	Greece, Italy, Ireland, Republic of Moldova, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain and Ukraine
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	26

Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss and further develop strategies against human trafficking and forced labour; (ii) to establish a network of focal points between trade union and non-governmental organizations in source and destination countries.
Resource persons:	Nine representatives of non-governmental organizations with experience in providing assistance to trafficked victims 12 representatives of workers' organizations Two representatives of international organizations
Observers	European Commission delegation to the Republic of Moldova International Organization for Migration (IOM) Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working language:	English

II/13. Regional Seminar on the Deployment of Migrant Workers: A Shared Responsibility

Proposed date:	15–16 July 2008
Place:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Financing:	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (US\$93,419)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and United Arab Emirates
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to discuss migration management in Asia and contribute to the development of migration management systems to promote safe and regular labour migration; (ii) to share knowledge of sound recruitment practices and the policies for regulating them.
Resource persons:	Four representatives of recruitment companies Four migration specialists

Observers:	Asian Development Bank International Organization for Migration Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation South Asia Migration Resource Network Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation United Nations Development Fund for Women United Nations Development Programme World Bank
Relevance to international labour standards:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181)
Working language:	English

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

II/14. Regional Workshop on the Institutionalization of Social Dialogue

Proposed date:	5–8 May 2008
Place:	Dakar, Senegal
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$30,000) and Government of Belgium (US\$80,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	12
(c) Workers:	12
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss the role of social dialogue in the promotion of peace and social justice; (ii) to discuss the institutionalization process in terms of methodology and strategic orientation.
Resource persons:	Executive Secretaries of National Committees for Social Dialogue (Central African Republic, Niger, Senegal, Togo) One Government representative from Algeria
Observers:	Central African Economic and Monetary Community

	(CAEMC)
	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
	International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
	ITUC African Regional Organization (ITUC-AFRO)
	West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168)
Working language:	French

Labour law

II/15. Caribbean Subregional Tripartite Workshop on Labour Legislation

Proposed date:	15–16 May 2008
Place:	Tobago
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to present the current situation regarding labour legislation within the region, each country team presenting their recent advances on their national legislative reform processes; (ii) to develop national and subregional capacity in participatory labour law making; (iii) to share examples of best practices in legislative reform.
Resource persons:	Two consultants on labour law Head of Caribbean Single Market and Economy Unit, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
Observers:	Representatives of government, and of employers' and workers' organizations from the host country

Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158)
Working language:	English

Labour administration

II/16. ARLAC⁶ Subregional Workshop on the Role of Labour Administration in Promoting and Strengthening Collective Bargaining in the Private and Public Sectors

Proposed date:	12–16 May 2008
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$18,500) and ARLAC (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to analyse the current challenges in labour administration and collective bargaining concerning institutions and processes; (ii) to formulate ideas for effective collective bargaining in the context of globalization.
Resource persons:	One international consultant One regional consultant
Relevance to international labour standards:	Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1939 (No. 64), Right of Association (Non-Metropolitan Territories) Convention, 1947 (No. 84), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment

⁶ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration) Convention, 1977 (No. 148), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)

Working language: English

II/17. ARLAC Subregional Workshop on Labour Relations in a Changing Environment: Options for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration

Proposed date: 28 July–1 August 2008

Place: Harare, Zimbabwe

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$18,250) and ARLAC (US\$10,000)

Geographical coverage: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 8

(b) Employers: 8

(c) Workers: 8

Purpose of the Workshop:

(i) to analyse and propose integrated and harmonized strategies that can be used to promote and strengthen conflict management;

(ii) to identify challenges to conciliation, mediation and arbitration and investigate the way forward.

Resource persons: One international consultant
One regional consultant

Relevance to international labour standards: Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158)

Working language: English

II/18. ARLAC Subregional Workshop on the Role of Labour Administration Systems in Promoting Labour Rights: The Balancing Act in Changing Dynamics

Proposed date:	25–29 August 2008
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$18,250) and ARLAC (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	To identify ways to successfully balance the needs of labour administration, labour rights, competitiveness and productivity
Resource persons:	One international consultant Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

II/19. ARLAC Subregional Workshop on Labour Administration and the Informal Economy: Widening the Coverage of Labour Inspection Services

Proposed date:	22–26 September 2008
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$18,250) and ARLAC (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Egypt, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to critically analyse and propose integrated and harmonized strategies and policies that can be used by labour administration systems to promote and strengthen decent work in the informal economy; (ii) to suggest a way forward for labour extension services in the informal economy; (iii) to propose ways in which basic minimum working conditions can be mainstreamed in the informal economy.
Resource persons:	One international consultant Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Prevention of Accidents (Seafarers) Convention, 1970 (No. 134), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979 (No. 152), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Safety and Health in Construction Convention, 1988 (No. 167), Labour Inspection (Seafarers) Convention, 1996 (No. 178), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187)
Working language:	English

Sectoral activities

Workers' activities

II/20. Subregional Trade Union Seminar on the Informal Economy in the Construction Sector

Proposed date:	18–19 June 2008
Place:	Pogdorica, Montenegro
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro

Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to enhance the knowledge base of trade union leaders on major factors determining the phenomenon of undeclared work and to strengthen their ability to combat the informal economy; (ii) to develop a regional approach to the informal economy in the construction sector and develop an action plan to eliminate informal employment in that sector.
Resource persons:	Two experts from the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) One expert from the Building and Woodworkers International (BWI) Two independent experts
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Workers' Representatives Recommendation, 1971 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working languages:	English, Albanian and Bosnian/Croat/Serbian

Employers' activities

II/21. Regional Workshop for Employers' Organizations on Strategies against Human Trafficking and Forced Labour

Proposed date:	22–23 May 2008
Place:	Kiev, Ukraine
Financing:	European Union (US\$34,000)
Geographical coverage:	Italy, Republic of Moldova, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Ukraine and United Kingdom
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	34

Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to exchange experience of good practice between source and destination countries; (ii) to discuss ways to enhance the role of employers in national action plans against human trafficking and forced labour.
Resource persons:	Ethical Trade Initiative (ETI), United Kingdom (Gangmaster Code of Conduct) Federation of Moldovan Employers Federation of Ukrainian Employers Four representatives of employers' organizations International Organisation of Employers International Organization for Migration, Kiev, together with Galnaftogas KSORR (Russia/construction) One representative of a non-governmental organization Three representatives of international organizations UN Global Compact Network Ukraine
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working languages:	English, Russian and Romanian

II/22. Regional Workshop for Employers' Organizations on Addressing Forced Labour and Trafficking for Labour Exploitation

Proposed date:	30 June–1 July 2008
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	15 (two from Japan and one from each of the other countries)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to develop strategies and tools for employers' organizations to combat forced labour and trafficking across the region; (ii) to develop action plans for each country that will be implemented following the Workshop.

Resource persons:	Two representatives of the IOE ⁷ One representative of the Employers' Confederation of the Philippines One representative of the Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry Three representatives of non-governmental organizations working on corporate social responsibility
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working language:	English

Workers' activities

II/23. Caribbean Round Table for Workers' Organizations on Globalization, Regional Integration and the Economic Partnership Agreement: The Social and Labour Dimension

Proposed date:	23–25 June 2008
Place:	Bridgetown, Barbados
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$78,500) and ILO regular budget (US\$78,500)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following non-metropolitan territories: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles and Turks and Caicos Islands
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	47
Purpose of the meeting:	To give participants a better insight into the aims and characteristics of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) and the provisions of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

⁷ International Organisation of Employers.

Resource persons:	Worker Vice-Chair of the ILO Governing Body General Secretary of the Caribbean Congress of Trade Unions (CCL) Specialist, Movement of Skills/Labour, CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) A representative of an academic institution Representatives of regional economic and business development institutions
Observers:	Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Trade Union Congress of the Americas United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

II/24. Subregional Trade Union Seminar on Strengthening Sectoral Social Dialogue in South-East Europe and the Republic of Moldova

Proposed date:	2–3 July 2008
Place:	Budapest, Hungary
Financing:	Government of Austria (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia; Kosovo ⁸
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	25

⁸ As defined by UN Security Council Resolution No. 1244.

Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to discuss the aims and objectives of the project; (ii) to address gaps in trade unions' infrastructure and organization and to enhance their skills in bipartite social dialogue, with particular attention to gender; (iii) to set up the project advisory team.
Resource persons:	Eight resource persons
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Workers' Representatives Recommendation, 1971 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working languages:	English, Albanian and Bosnian/Croat/Serbian, Romanian

Part III: Additional information

Social Dialogue Sector

Sectoral activities

III/1. Asian Regional Seminar on the Work in Fishing Convention⁹

Former date: 6–8 May 2008

New date: 2–4 September 2008

Workers' activities

III/2. The Southern Cone Trade Union Agenda in view of the Decent Work Deficit and the Social Dimension of Economic Integration Processes¹⁰

Former date: 11–12 December 2007

Former venue: Montevideo, Uruguay

New date: 24–25 June 2008

New venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Geneva, 20 May 2008.

⁹ GB.301/Inf.2, item II/13.

¹⁰ GB.300/Inf.2, item II/22.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
AFRICA 2008		
5–8 May	Regional Workshop on the Institutionalization of Social Dialogue (ILO regular budget and Government of Belgium)	Dakar, Senegal
12–14 May	Subregional Technical Meeting on Decent Work for Persons with Disabilities in Africa (Government of Ireland)	Capetown, South Africa
12–16 May	ARLAC ¹ Subregional Workshop on the Role of Labour Administration in Promoting and Strengthening Collective Bargaining in the Private and Public Sectors: The way forward under globalization (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
15–17 May	Subregional Workshop for Judges on Decent Work for Persons with HIV/AIDS and with Disabilities (Government of Ireland and Government of Sweden)	Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
28 July–1 August	ARLAC Subregional Workshop on Labour/Industrial Relations in a Changing Environment: What are the options for conciliation, mediation and arbitration? (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
25–29 August	ARLAC Subregional Workshop on the Role of Labour Administration Systems in Promoting Labour Rights, Competitiveness and Productivity: The balancing act in changing dynamics (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
22–26 September	ARLAC Subregional Workshop on Labour Administration and the Informal Economy: Widening the coverage of labour inspection services (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2008		
26–28 March	ILO/SKILLS-AP/Japan/Regional Technical Meeting on Skills Development in the Pacific: Special Skills Development Needs of Small Island Economies (ILO regular budget and Government of Japan)	Nadi, Fiji
19–20 May	Asia-Pacific Regional High-level Meeting on Socially-Inclusive Strategies to Extend Social Security Coverage (ILO regular budget)	New Delhi, India
23–25 June	Subregional Technical Meeting on Disability Legislation: Decent Work for Persons with Disabilities in Asia (Government of Ireland)	Bangkok, Thailand
30 June–1 July	Regional Workshop for Employers' Organizations on Addressing Forced Labour and Trafficking for Labour Exploitation (Government of Ireland)	Bangkok, Thailand
15–16 July	Regional Seminar on the Deployment of Migrant Workers: A Shared Responsibility (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)	Dhaka, Bangladesh
2–4 September	Asian Regional Seminar on the Work in Fishing Convention (Government of the Republic of Korea)	Seoul, Republic of Korea

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Date	Title of meeting	Place
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2008		
8–9 April	Subregional Workshop of Experts on Child Labour and Migration (ILO regular budget and IOM ²)	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
15–16 May	Caribbean Subregional Tripartite Workshop on Labour Legislation (Government of Canada)	Tobago
15–20 May	Interactive Learning Event on Behaviour Change Communication for Project Countries in the Caribbean (Government of the United States)	Bridgetown, Barbados
20–21 May	Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Free Legal Assistance Systems and Improving Labour Law Procedures in Central America and the Dominican Republic (Government of the United States)	Guatemala City, Guatemala
26–29 May	Subregional Seminar on the Strengthening of Trade Union Networks with Respect to Social Protection in the Andean Countries Integration Process (International Training Centre, Turin and Government of Spain)	Lima, Peru
28–29 May	ILO/UNICEF ³ Regional Meeting of Communication Experts and Child Labour Experts to Develop a Social Communication Strategy for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour (Government of Spain and UNICEF)	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
23–25 June	Caribbean Round Table for Workers' Organizations on Globalization, Regional Integration and the Economic Partnership Agreement: The Social and Labour Dimension (Government of the United States and ILO regular budget)	Bridgetown, Barbados
30 June–1 July	Regional Workshop for ILO Desk Officers from Caribbean Member States and Non-Metropolitan Territories (ILO regular budget)	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
ARAB STATES 2008		
6–8 May	ILO/ALO ⁴ Interregional Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Social Security in Arab States (ILO regular budget)	Amman, Jordan
EUROPE 2008		
22–23 May	Regional Workshop for Employers' Organizations on Strategies against Human Trafficking and Forced Labour (European Union)	Kiev, Ukraine
18–19 June	Subregional Trade Union Seminar on the Informal Economy in the Construction Sector (Government of Ireland)	Podgorica, Montenegro
2–3 July	Subregional Trade Union Seminar on Strengthening Sectoral Social Dialogue in South-East Europe and the Republic of Moldova (Government of Austria)	Budapest, Hungary
10–11 July	Regional Workshop to Prepare a Network of Trade Union Focal Points for Human Trafficking in Source and Destination Countries (European Union)	Chisinau, Moldova

² International Organization for Migration.

³ United Nations Children's Fund.

⁴ Arab Labour Organization.