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Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

I/1. Regional Training Meeting on ILO Child Labour Conventions

- Proposed date: 23–25 June 2010
- Place: Nadi, Fiji
- Financing: Government of United States (US$75,900)
- Geographical coverage: Maldives, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu
- Composition of participants:
  - (a) Governments: 4
  - (b) Employers: 4
  - (c) Workers: 4
- Purpose of the Meeting:
  - (i) To enhance understanding and to promote the ratification of ILO Conventions Nos 138 and 182;
  - (ii) to explain the reporting responsibilities following ratification;
  - (iii) to provide an overview of the ILO’s standards mechanisms and supervisory bodies.
- Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
- Working language: English
I/2. **Subregional Meeting for an ILO–ASEAN Roadmap for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016: Tripartite Consultative Review**

- **Proposed date:** 28–29 June 2010
- **Place:** Bangkok, Thailand
- **Financing:** Government of United States and ILO regular budget (US$32,000)
- **Geographical coverage:** Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

**Composition of participants:**
- (a) Governments: 9
- (b) Employers: 9
- (c) Workers: 9

**Purpose of the Meeting:**
- (i) To discuss and validate the ILO report “Towards an ASEAN Roadmap for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL) by 2016”, with the aim of gaining tripartite support for the presentation of the report to the ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting;
- (ii) to examine how the roadmap might be implemented.

**Resource persons:** Two representatives from the ASEAN secretariat

**Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:** Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), as well as ILO core Conventions.

**Working language:** English

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2 Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Social Protection Sector

International migration

I/3. **OSCE**\(^4\)–**CE**\(^5\)–**UNIFEM**\(^6\)–**IOM**\(^7\)–**ILO** Subregional Meeting on Gender-sensitive Labour Migration Policies: Awareness Raising and Training

- **Proposed date:** 15–16 April 2010
- **Place:** Helsinki, Finland
- **Financing:**
  - OSCE (US$15,100)
  - Council of Europe (US$10,800)
  - IOM (US$19,000)
  - ILO (US$9,200)
  - Government of Finland (US$5,000)
- **Geographical coverage:** Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine

**Composition of participants:**

- (a) **Governments:** 11
- (b) **Employers:** 11
- (c) **Workers:** 11

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To raise awareness among senior policy-makers of the importance of developing gender-sensitive labour migration policies.

**Resource persons:**

- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Council of Europe

**Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:**

- Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181)

**Working languages:** English and Finnish

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\(^4\) Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

\(^5\) Council of Europe.

\(^6\) United Nations Development Fund for Women.

\(^7\) International Organization for Migration.
Social security

I/4. **Regional Summit on Social Security: Building a Foundation of Social Protection in Africa**

Proposed date: 5–7 October 2010
Place: Yaoundé, Cameroon
Financing: ILO regular budget (US$654,000)
Geographical coverage: All 53 countries of the Africa region
Composition of participants:
(a) Governments: 53
(b) Employers: 26
(c) Workers: 26
Purpose of the Summit:
(i) To follow up on the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact in Africa;
(ii) to promote the inclusion of social protection in the political agenda of African countries, notably in national economic and social development plans.

Resource persons: One university professor
One communication expert

Observers:
African Union
Panafrican Parliament
Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
African Development Bank
European Commission
West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
East African Community (EAC)
Southern African Development Community (SADC)
Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
Monetary and Economic Community of Central Africa (CEMAC)
World Bank
World Health Organization (WHO)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
International Social Security Association (ISSA)
Inter-African Conference on Social Security (CIPRES)
African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC)
HelpAge International
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
Department for International Development, United Kingdom
Government of Belgium
Government of Brazil
Government of France
Government of Portugal
Government of United States

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Working languages: English and French
**Social Dialogue Sector**

**Social dialogue**

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### I/6. Tripartite Training Course on Aspects of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), and Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199)

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#### Composition of participants:

- **(a) Governments:** 2
- **(b) Employers:** 2
- **(c) Workers:** 2

#### Purpose of the Training Course:

- (i) To raise awareness amongst participants on themes related to the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), such as training, risk evaluation and management, social security systems for seafarers, etc., drawing on the experience of Spain;
- (ii) to serve as part of the independent evaluation process for the project.

#### Resource persons:

- Ministry of the Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain
- Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Spain
- General Union of Workers (UGT)
- Workers’ Commissions (CCOO)
- Spanish Fishing Confederation (CEPESCA)
- Cofradía de Pescadores

#### Observers:

- Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

#### Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

- Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199)

#### Working language:

- Spanish
Labour administration

I/7. **Subregional High-level Seminar: Improving the partnership between labour administrations and employers’ and workers' organizations for the implementation of the Ouagadougou Roadmap**

- **Proposed date:** 1–3 December 2010
- **Place:** Cotonou, Bénin
- **Financing:** ILO regular budget (US$120,000)
- **Geographical coverage:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

**Composition of participants:**
- (a) Governments: 13
- (b) Employers: 13
- (c) Workers: 13

**Purpose of the Seminar:**
- (i) To review and identify ways and means of improving the role of labour administrations and of employers’ and workers’ organizations in developing effective professional relations systems;
- (ii) to instigate strategic partnerships between the three groups with a view to implementing the Ouagadougou Roadmap for Africa.

**Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:** Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150)

**Working language:** French
Workers' activities

I/8. Interregional Meeting on the Rights of Migrant Workers

- Proposed date: 30 June–1 July 2010
- Place: Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Financing: ILO regular budget (US$13,000)
  European Union (US$20,000)
  AFL–CIO 8 (US$17,000)
- Geographical coverage: Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia
- Composition of participants:
  - Workers: 22
- Purpose of the Meeting:
  (i) To facilitate a discussion between participants from Asian countries and those from Arab States on the situation of migrant workers and identify areas of cooperation based on the ILO–ACTRAV model agreement;
  (ii) to help trade unionists from countries of origin and destination to familiarize themselves with the purpose, scope and potential benefits of ILO instruments on migrant workers;
  (iii) to identify good practices and existing obstacles to trade union cooperation and areas where capacity-building activities in Asia and in the Arab States would be required.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:
- Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), and Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)

Working languages: English and Arabic

8 American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.
Part II. Additional information

II/1. **ARLAC Workshop on Strategies of Transforming the Informal Economy to Salaried Economies**

- Former date: 10–14 May 2010
- New date: 17–21 May 2010

II/2. **Subregional Tripartite Conference on the Role and Functioning of Economic and Social Councils in Western Balkan Countries and Moldova at a Time of Economic Crisis**

- Former date: 14–15 April 2010
- New date: 30 June–1 July 2010

II/3. **Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Asia**

- Former date: 18–20 May 2010
- New date: 28–30 June 2010

II/4. **ARLAC Workshop on Recovery through Promotion of Productive Employment and Gender**

- Former date: 6–10 September 2010
- New date: 20–24 September 2010

II/5. **ARLAC Workshop on Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour: Understanding the Dimensions and Interventions**

- Former date: 4–8 October 2010
- New date: 11–15 October 2010

Geneva, 8 June 2010.

Submitted for information.

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