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Knowledge resources

I/1. *Revision of the statistical standards on informality: First working group meeting*

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|------------------------------|--|
| Proposed date: | 7–9 October 2019 |
| Place: | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Financing: | Regular budget (US\$30,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, as well as the Occupied Palestinian Territory |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 32 |
| (b) Employers: | 2 |
| (c) Workers: | 2 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <p>(i) to discuss the scope and the structure of the conceptual framework of the new standards on informality;</p> <p>(ii) to discuss the highlighted issues from the paper presented at the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) in 2018 and the strategy to take each issue forward; and</p> <p>(iii) to advise and assist the Office on technical work on the statistical standards of informality on the resolution concerning statistics of employment in the informal sector and the <i>Guidelines concerning a statistical definition of informal employment</i> in the preparation of a draft resolution on the topic, for consideration at the 21st ICLS.</p> |
| Observers: | <p>Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT)</p> <p>Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT)</p> <p>European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)</p> <p>Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat)</p> |

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| | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) |
| | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) |
| | International Monetary Fund (IMF) |
| | United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) |
| | Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) |
| | World Bank |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202) |
| Working language: | English |

Future of work

1/2. Creating a sustainable future of work and a just transition towards the blue economy in African island states

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| Proposed date: | 7–9 May 2019 |
| Place: | Mahé, Seychelles |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$55,000) RBTC (US\$120,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 21 |
| (b) Employers: | 7 |
| (c) Workers: | 7 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to share experiences and identify challenges and opportunities with regard to the blue and green economy and the job creation contributions to both; |

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| | (ii) to explore the common topics as employment intensive investments and the use of local resources, youth employment and digitalization, fair labour migration, transition to the formal economy and tourism; |
| | (iii) to elaborate and endorse pathways to tackle challenges in the framework of the future of work and the opportunities of decent jobs provided by the blue economy, green economy, digitalization and tourism as well as provide for the UN Climate Action Summit planned in September 2019; and |
| | (iv) to provide input for the 14th African Regional Meeting of the International Labour Organization planned in December 2019. |
| Resource persons: | Youth organizations (Synergie Jeunes, green jobs) International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) |
| Observers: | Two representatives from the Indian Ocean Commission One representative from the African Union Commission One representative from the African Island State Secretary |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006) |
| Working languages: | English, French and Portuguese |

Employment policy

I/3. Subregional workshop on quality apprenticeships in West Africa

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|------------------------------|---|
| Proposed date: | 2–4 April 2019 |
| Place: | Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire |
| Financing: | Government of Luxemburg (US\$70,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Togo |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 12 |
| (b) Employers: | 12 |
| (c) Workers: | 12 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to promote knowledge sharing of good practices at the subregional level, as well as build capacity and ownership among participants of the key building blocks of a quality apprenticeship system; and (ii) to address different topics, such as the engagement of the private sector and the improvement of informal apprenticeship, as well as the various challenges and opportunities for quality apprenticeship. |
| Resource person: | External moderator |
| Observers: | Members of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Donor Committee for Dual Vocational Education and Training (DC dVET) German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency (LuxDev) International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) African Development Bank (AfDB) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) |
| Working language: | French |

I/4. Strengthening the impact on employment of sectoral and trade policies (STRENGTHEN project) – Global knowledge sharing workshop

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| Proposed date: | 14–15 May 2019 |
| Place: | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Financing: | European Union (US\$75,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Morocco, Myanmar, Philippines, Rwanda |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 9 |
| (b) Employers: | 4 |
| (c) Workers: | 4 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | To share the technical knowledge and experience gained from the project enhancing sectoral and trade policies for fostering the creation of more and better jobs among project stakeholders, partners and ILO officials. |
| Resource persons: | Impact evaluation specialist from Canada Value chain specialist from Cote d'Ivoire Central American Institute of fiscal studies in Guatemala Macroeconomic modeller from the University of Vermont, United States Labour economist from the University of Massachusetts, United States Trade specialist from France Consultant from Switzerland Staff of national statistical agencies and national think tanks |
| Observers: | International Organization of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204) |
| Working languages: | English, French and Spanish |

I/5. Eleventh subregional meeting of ministers of labour in the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean

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| Proposed date: | 14–15 May 2019 |
| Place: | Bridgetown, Barbados |
| Financing: | RBTC (US\$162,352) |
| Geographical coverage: | Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following nine non-metropolitan territories: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Montserrat, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 44 |
| (b) Employers: | 4 |
| (c) Workers: | 4 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to discuss primarily the report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work “work for a brighter future”, with particular focus on topics of high relevance to the Caribbean; and |

- (ii) to provide a forum for the labour ministers to have preparatory discussions on the centenary International Labour Conference taking place in June 2019.

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| Resource person: | One consultant |
| Observers: | Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Association of Caribbean States (ACS) Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | ILO fundamental Conventions: 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), and Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) ILO priority Conventions: Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205) |
| Working language: | English |

I/6. Subregional forum on the transition to formal economy and the promotion of decent work

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| Proposed date: | 20–24 May 2019 |
| Place: | Hammamet, Tunisia |
| Financing: | Government of France (US\$75,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Togo, Tunisia |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 22 |
| (b) Employers: | 10 |
| (c) Workers: | 10 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to make use of Recommendation No. 204 on the transition from the informal to the formal economy with constituents present at the Forum to define its potential application at the national level in the different selected areas in view of the issue of coordination of these measures as part of an integrated strategy; (ii) to evaluate the policies and measures of formalization in Africa and, in particular, in the countries represented and share experiences between the constituents on innovative approaches and instruments related to the formalization of the informal economy, implemented by governments, the social partners and the development partners in Africa; (iii) to look into the current national experiences or draft policies being adopted and get the views and advice of specialists of other countries of the region and international experts; and (iv) to outline the prospects for action envisaged at the national level for the formulation of integrated or specific formalization, including implementation strategies that will be carried out with the technical assistance of the ILO. |
| Resource persons: | Two consultants |
| Observers: | Tripartite delegation from France as donor country |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204) |
| Working language: | French |

I/7. Interregional meeting on boosting skills for just transition and the Future of Work

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| Proposed date: | 6 June 2019 |
| Place: | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Financing: | Government of Sweden (US\$30,000) Government of France (US\$56,029) The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (US\$6,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Barbados, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, India, Mauritius, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 10 |
| (b) Employers: | 10 |
| (c) Workers: | 10 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to discuss key findings on current and future occupational needs and skills gaps in the context of the Future of Work, green technological changes and climate action; recognizing environmental challenges and finding effective skills response strategies lessons learned and good practices; (ii) to suggest policy recommendations and systemic solutions for social dialogue and effective and inclusive skills-development strategies for a just transition for all; and (iii) to discuss potential international collaboration on the just transition to achieve SDG8. |
| Resource persons: | Two representatives (France and Germany) from the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Green Building Council (GBC) |
| Observers: | Development agencies and UN agencies to be invited to attend the opening ceremony on 6 June |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144) <i>ILO Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all</i> (2015) |
| Working languages: | English, French and Spanish |

I/8. Subregional meeting on partnerships for youth employment in the Commonwealth of Independent States (YEP CIS) – Phase II

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| Proposed date: | 2–5 July 2019 |
| Place: | Kazan, Russian Federation |
| Financing: | LUKOIL (US\$116,060) |
| Geographical coverage: | Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, as well as BRICS countries: Brazil, Russian Federation (host country), India, China and South Africa |

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| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 30 |
| (b) Employers: | 10 |
| (c) Workers: | 10 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <p>(i) to reinforce youth employment policies and approaches on the ground which will help the beneficiaries (young women and men) to have more opportunities to move away from unemployment, underemployment, informal employment, low-quality and temporary jobs;</p> <p>(ii) to improve policy mix that would ultimately benefit young men and women in terms of both quantity and quality of the jobs they have access to;</p> <p>(iii) to further develop the already existing framework for regional cooperation and knowledge sharing on youth employment across the ten countries of the subregion, and improved effectiveness of policies and programmes for youth employment in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan and at the level of three regions within the Russian Federation; and</p> <p>(iv) to increase knowledge of the tripartite constituents on employment related policymaking, and target programmes and services for youth, as well as improve capacities of key stakeholders in the field of youth employment promotion through sharing the best practices from inside the subregion and outside the subregion through ILO field offices, officials and international experts aimed at better understanding on what works for youth employment.</p> |
| Resource persons: | Two LUKOIL representatives |
| Observers: | Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Bashkortostan in the Russian Federation |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | 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), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105) |
| Working languages: | English and Russian |

Governance and tripartism

I/9. Interregional meeting on Alliance 8.7 Action Group on Supply Chains

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| Proposed date: | 14–15 May 2019 |
| Place: | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire |
| Financing: | Government of the Netherlands (US\$120,000) Government of France (US\$20,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 27 |
| (b) Employers: | 27 |
| (c) Workers: | 27 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to review progress on the implementation of the 2018–19 work plan and identify common priorities for 2020–21; (ii) to provide an update on the Global Report on Supply Chains (follow up to the G20 Declaration) and a platform for constituents to give feedback; and (iii) to share knowledge on how to eradicate child labour and forced labour in the lowest tiers of the supply chain including the launching of partnership(s) on the elimination of child labour and forced labour in supply chains in Africa. |
| Observers: | Members of the Alliance 8.7 Action Group on Supply Chains International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Global Union Federations International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC–Africa) Business Africa Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) African Union Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) |

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
 United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
 International Organization for Migration (IOM)
 UN Global Compact
 Institute for Human Rights and Business
 Global Fund to End Modern Slavery
 Global Business Coalition Against Human Trafficking (GBCAT)
 Anti-slavery International
 Oxfam
 Ethical Trading Initiative
 Fair Labour Association
 Business for Social Responsibility
 Consumer Goods Forum
 ASEAN CSR Network
 Humanity United
 Bali Process
 The Mekong Club
 The Freedom Fund

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

Working languages:

English, French and Spanish

I/10. *Enhancing the effectiveness, impact and inclusiveness of national social dialogue institutions (NSDIs)*

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|------------------------------|---|
| Proposed date: | 2 July 2019 |
| Place: | Rome, Italy |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$22,000) Government of Italy (US\$10,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 5 |
| (b) Employers: | 5 |
| (c) Workers: | 5 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to bring together representatives of NSDIs from France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Slovenia and offer them an opportunity to share experiences and good practice on how to enhance the effectiveness and inclusiveness of their institutions in the current context of rapid and deep change affecting the world of work; and (ii) to help tripartite constituents from Italy in their ongoing reflection on how to reposition the National Economic and Labour Council (CNEL), as governance institution, in policymaking. |
| Resource persons: | Secretary-General of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) |
| Observers: | Staff and members of the National Council for Economics and Labour (CNEL) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113) |
| Working languages: | English, French and Italian |

**I/11. ECOWAS tripartite social dialogue forum:
Strengthening social dialogue for the promotion
of decent work in the ECOWAS region**

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| Proposed date: | 15–19 July 2019 |
| Place: | Abuja, Nigeria |
| Financing: | ECOWAS secretariat (US\$111,752) European Union (US\$51,330) RBTC (US\$45,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 16 |
| (b) Employers: | 16 |
| (c) Workers: | 16 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to strengthen the collaboration between ECOWAS and ministries in charge of labour and employment; (ii) to review, validate and adopt key ECOWAS documents on labour and employment social policy, new strategic action plan, draft directive on harmonization of labour laws in the ECOWAS region, memorandum for discussion on restructuring of the ECOWAS Tripartite Social Dialogue Forum, and the ECOWAS Decent Work Regional Programme (DWRP); (iii) to build consensus on topical labour issues and share best practices on labour and employment issues across the ECOWAS region; and (iv) to adopt the recommendations from the working groups on labour migration and social protection. |
| Resource persons: | Two representatives from ECOWAS Two consultants |
| Observers: | Senior ECOWAS representatives (technical and directorate level) International Organization for Migration (IOM) representatives International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) representatives EU delegation |
| Working languages: | English, French and Portuguese |

Conditions of work and equality

I/12. Subregional course on developing and implementing effective wage policies for inclusive growth

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| Proposed date: | 16–18 April 2019 |
| Place: | Muscat, Oman |
| Financing: | ITC-ILO (US\$25,000) ILO regular budget (US\$15,000) Government of Qatar (US\$12,056) |
| Geographical coverage: | Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, as well as the Occupied Palestinian Territory |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 6 |
| (b) Employers: | 6 |
| (c) Workers: | 6 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to build capacity in the area of wage policy setting and identifying critical elements for its formulation, as well as to provide an opportunity for participants and ILO experts to discuss new trends and developments in wage policies across the Arab States and the world; (ii) to enhance the knowledge and the capacity of participants to contribute to the design and implementation of wage policies at the national and/or regional level reflecting current global perspectives; (iii) to showcase insights on effective wage policies, including minimum wage systems, and the articulation between private and public sector pay, with a view to promote decent work and inclusive growth; and (iv) to strengthen capacity to develop and implement participatory and evidence-based wage policies including minimum wage fixing and stimulate cross-national exchange of views and experiences among policymakers. |
| Resource person: | One consultant |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131) |
| Working languages: | English and Arabic |

I/13. Americas peer-to-peer workshop on Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC)

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| Proposed date: | 28–30 May 2019 |
| Place: | Lima, Peru |
| Financing: | RBTC (US\$75,488) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Barbados, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Panama, Peru |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 10 |
| (b) Employers: | 10 |
| (c) Workers: | 10 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) promote a consensus among the Americas tripartite constituents in support of the EPIC initiative and encourage them to officially join EPIC; and (ii) to share and explain research on equal pay with focal points of the participating countries and promote exchange between peers to allow for a better understanding of these challenges and discuss possible policies. |

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| Resource persons: | Feminist Information and Action Centre (CEFEMINA) Gender Equality Officer Public Services International (PSI) Consultant ACTRAV pilots Employer representative Worker representative UN Women Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100) |
| Working languages: | English and Spanish |

I/14. 44th meeting of the Technical Committee (RCT) and the Programme and Budget Committee (CPP) of ILO/CINTERFOR

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| Proposed date: | 5–8 August 2019 |
| Place: | Montevideo, Uruguay |
| Financing: | Instituto Nacional de Empleo y Formación profesional (US\$160,000) IFP members of CINTERFOR (US\$150,000) ILO regular budget (US\$54,400) |
| Geographical coverage: | Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cabo Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 38 |
| (b) Employers: | 8 |
| (c) Workers: | 8 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to analyse and formulate observations and recommendations to the report and the proposal for a work plan of the Director of ILO/CINTERFOR during the CPP meeting; (ii) to present the conclusions and deliberations of the CPP meeting during the plenary of the technical committee; |

- (iii) to review, formulate recommendations and approve the report of activities carried out since the last meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, in August 2017, as well as the proposed work plan for the following two years; and
- (iv) to share experiences and knowledge between the members and countries as this 44th session of the RCT will be focused on the theme of professional training in sustainable development.

Observers:

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
World Bank Group
Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Andean Development Corporation (ADC)
Organization of American States (OAS)
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
Human Resources Development Service of Korea
International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
European Union
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Government of United States (US-DOL and USAID)
Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency (LuxDev)
Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)

Working languages:

English, Spanish and Portuguese

I/15. Workshop for governments on labour migration and fair recruitment: Coordination and exchange between national authorities on labour, migration and foreign policy in the corridor Guatemala–Mexico

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| Proposed date: | 24–25 September 2019 |
| Place: | Mexico City, Mexico |
| Financing: | European Union (US\$16,786) |
| Geographical coverage: | Guatemala, Mexico |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 16 |
| (b) Employers: | 2 |
| (c) Workers: | 2 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <p>(i) to analyse the labour situation and conditions of recruitment, and life and working conditions of migrant workers in the Guatemala–Mexico corridor;</p> <p>(ii) to exchange quantitative and qualitative information on labour mobility and recruitment in the Guatemala–Mexico corridor; and</p> <p>(iii) to promote binational dialogue on labour migration and fair recruitment, among all government entities in charge of migration and labour.</p> |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205) |
| Working language: | Spanish |

Sectoral activities

I/16. Decent work and socially responsible tourism in Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda

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| Proposed date: | 21–22 May 2019 |
| Place: | Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$54,321) RBTC (US\$5,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 12 |
| (b) Employers: | 12 |
| (c) Workers: | 12 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | (i) to share knowledge and build capacity of workers' and employers' organizations, governments and relevant stakeholders on the promotion of decent work and socially responsible tourism; (ii) to focus on the role of tourism as a catalyst for inclusive socio-economic development and poverty reduction in rural areas, as well as to promote decent jobs for youth and women and pay particular attention to gender equality issues; and (iii) to identify major challenges for existing or future policies and opportunities with a view to setting priority areas of action and policy options to advance decent work and socially responsible tourism in line with the <i>ILO Guidelines on decent work and socially responsible tourism</i> . |
| Observers: | Two from the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) Two from the International Organization of Employers (IOE) One from the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Two from the African Development Bank (AfDB) Two from interested local donors UN country team members |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Working Conditions (Hotels and Restaurants) Convention, 1991 (No. 172), Working Conditions (Hotels and Restaurants) Recommendation, 1991 (No. 179) |
| Working language: | English |

Employers' activities

I/17. Employers capacity strengthening and project consultation workshop: Increased capacities of employers' and workers' organizations to participate effectively in the development of social and labour policy

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| Proposed date: | 24–26 April 2019 |
| Place: | Nadi, Fiji |
| Financing: | RBSA (US\$50,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 25 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to consult representatives of employers' organizations on the design, strategy and implementation of the project (inception phase); (ii) to highlight models for collaboration/social dialogue, services, SDG implementation and reporting and support with consideration to project integration; (iii) to prepare employers' representatives to effectively engage at the upcoming Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAAP) and Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM); and (iv) to come out at the end of the workshop with a clear project roadmap aligned to the project objectives and needs of employers' organizations. |
| Resource persons: | CoP23 secretariat Turin Centre, ITC-ILO |
| Working language: | English |

I/18. Workshop for employers' organizations of Guatemala and Mexico on responsible business conduct in supply chains, with emphasis on labour migration and fair recruitment

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| Proposed date: | 30–31 July 2019 |
| Place: | Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico |
| Financing: | European Union (US\$23,982) |
| Geographical coverage: | Guatemala, Mexico |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 24 |

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| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to encourage the training of “agents of change” to become promoters of the issue of equal hiring in their respective employers’ organizations and reflect on fair recruitment within the business sector; (ii) to promote the exchange of ideas between employers’ organizations in Guatemala and Mexico for the promotion of labour migration and fair recruitment; and (iii) to agree on a strategic vision of the role that employers’ organizations will play in the framework of governance of labour migration between the two countries, setting up bilateral agreements such as the cooperation in labour issues and comprehensive development plan. |
| Resource persons: | Regional employer representatives |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205) |
| Working language: | Spanish |

Workers’ activities

I/19. Subregional meeting: Elaboration of regional agendas of impact in labour migration between the regional Inter-union Committee for the defence of the rights of migrant workers in Central America and Dominican Republic and the regional network of civil organizations for Migration (RROCM)

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| Proposed date: | 24–26 June 2019 |
| Place: | City of Guatemala, Guatemala |
| Financing: | European Union (US\$28,539) |
| Geographical coverage: | Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama |

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| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 14 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to exchange diagnoses and context information on the main challenges and problems of rights faced by migrant workers, from both perspectives of civil society and workers' organizations and identify the role of trade unions and civil society in the mechanisms for the protection of labour rights of migrant workers; (ii) to promote strategies of mutual commitment to reinforce in the countries the fulfilment of the international standards of recruitment, hiring and working conditions of the migrants; (iii) to create networks and explore greater opportunities for cooperation between trade unions and the regional network of civil organizations for migration in the context of the action of the regional conference on migration; and (iv) to adopt an agreement and a joint work agenda of the regional inter-union committee and the regional network of civil organizations for migration for a greater impact before the regional conference on migration and for the decent work of the migrant workers at the subregional level. |
| Resource persons: | Two representatives of the Trade Union Council of Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico (CSU) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205) |
| Working language: | Spanish |

I/20. Regional training for trade union leaders and lawyers on the use of international labour standards and its supervisory machinery

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| Proposed date: | 22–24 July 2019 |
| Place: | Cholpan Ata, Kyrgyzstan |
| Financing: | RBSA (US\$30,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 28 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to train trade union leaders and lawyers on the use of international labour standards and its supervisory machinery; (ii) to help trade unions to adopt better procedures from regular and non-regular reporting to the ILO supervisory machinery; and (iii) to improve better reporting from Central Asian trade unions so that they are reflected in future submissions. |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | 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), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) |
| Working languages: | English and Russian |

I/21. Binational trade union workshop on the role of trade unions in the active promotion of decent work and fair recruitment for migrant workers

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| Proposed date: | 24–25 July 2019 |
| Place: | City of Guatemala, Guatemala |
| Financing: | European Union (US\$17,930) |
| Geographical coverage: | Guatemala, Mexico |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 24 |
| Purpose of the meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to analyse the employment situation and the working conditions and life of the migrant population in migrant workers in the Mexico–Guatemala corridor; and |

- (ii) to establish the basis for a joint labour union strategy that allows to have impact in the national and bilateral public policies of migration and fair recruitment, through the social dialogue.

Resource persons:

Two representatives from the CSU

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)

Working language:

Spanish

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Title of meeting</i> | <i>Place</i> |
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| AFRICA | | |
| 2019 | | |
| 2–4 April | Subregional workshop on quality apprenticeships in West Africa | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire |
| 7–9 May | Regional meeting on creating a sustainable future of work and a just transition towards the blue economy in African island states | Mahé, Seychelles |
| 14–15 May | Interregional meeting on Alliance 8.7 Action Group on Supply Chains | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire |
| 20–24 May | Subregional forum on the transition to formal economy and the promotion of decent work | Hammamet, Tunisia |
| 21–22 May | Decent work and socially responsible tourism in Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda | Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania |
| 15–19 July | ECOWAS tripartite social dialogue forum: Strengthening social dialogue for the promotion of Decent Work in the ECOWAS Region. Abuja, Nigeria | Abuja, Nigeria |
| ASIA AND THE PACIFIC | | |
| 2019 | | |
| 24–26 April | Employers capacity strengthening and project consultation workshop: Increased capacities of employers' and workers' organizations to participate effectively in the development of social and labour policy | Nadi, Fiji |
| EUROPE | | |
| 2019 | | |
| 2 July | Enhancing the effectiveness, impact and inclusiveness of national social dialogue institutions (NSDIs) | Rome, Italy |
| 2–5 July | Subregional meeting on partnerships for youth employment in the Commonwealth of Independent States (YEP CIS) – Phase II | Kazan, Russian Federation |
| 22–24 July | Regional training for trade union leaders and lawyers on the use of international labour standards and its supervisory machinery | Choplan Ata, Kyrgyzstan |

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| LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN | | |
| 2019 | | |
| 14–15 May | Eleventh subregional meeting of ministers of labour in the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean | Bridgetown, Barbados |
| 28–30 May | Americas peer to peer workshop on Equal Pay International coalition (EPIC) | Lima, Peru |
| 24–26 June | Subregional meeting: Elaboration of regional agendas of impact in labour migration between the regional Inter-union Committee for the defence of the rights of migrant workers in Central America and Dominican Republic and the regional network of civil organizations for Migration (RROCM) | Guatemala City, Guatemala |
| 24–25 July | Binational trade union workshop on the role of trade unions in the active promotion of decent work and fair recruitment for migrant workers | Guatemala City, Guatemala |
| 30–31 July | Workshop for employers' organizations of Guatemala and Mexico on responsible business conduct in supply chains, with emphasis on labour migration and fair recruitment | Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico |
| 5–8 August | 44th meeting of the Technical Committee (RCT) and the Programme and Budget Committee (CPP) of ILO/CINTERFOR | Montevideo, Uruguay |
| 24–25 September | Workshop for governments on labour migration and fair recruitment: coordination and exchange between national authorities on labour, migration and foreign policy in the corridor Guatemala–Mexico | Mexico City, Mexico |

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| 16–18 April | Subregional course on developing and implementing effective wage policies for inclusive growth | Muscat, Oman |
| 14–15 May | Strengthening the impact on employment of sectoral and trade policies (STRENGTHEN project) | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 6 June | Interregional meeting on boosting skills for just transition and the future of work | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 7–9 October | Revision of the statistical standards on informality: First working group meeting | Geneva, Switzerland |