Provisional programme

**Tuesday, 2 May**

10.00-19.00  Registration
17.30-19.00  Group meetings
20.00  Event commemorating labour in Brazil and reception hosted by Mr. Luiz Marinho, Minister of Labour and Employment of Brazil

**Wednesday, 3 May**

As from 8.00  Registration
09.00-10.00  Group meetings
10.00-10.45  **Plenary**  
Election of the Officers of the Meeting

11.00  Deadline for filing objections to credentials and complaints alleging non-payment of travel and subsistence expenses

11.00-12.00  **Opening ceremony**
- Chairperson of the Regional Meeting
- Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the ILO
- His Excellency, Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

12.00-13.00  **Comments on the Director-General’s Report**
- Mr. Carlos Tomada, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security of Argentina and Chairperson of the Governing Body of the ILO
- Mr. Daniel Funes de Rioja, Employer Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Body of the ILO
- Sir Roy Trotman, Worker Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Body of the ILO
- Mr. José Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Mr. Francisco Salazar, Chair of the Inter-American Conference of Labour Ministers/OAS

13.00-14.30  Lunch
14.30-15.30  Group meetings
15.30-17.00  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
**Panel 1:** “Main challenges to decent work in the region”  
Moderator: Mr. Daniel Martínez, ILO Regional Director for the Americas  
Debate

17.00-18.30  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
**Panel 2:** “General policies to achieve the main objectives of the decent work strategy”  
Moderator: Mr. Virgilio Levaggi, ILO Deputy Regional Director for the Americas  
Debate

20.00  Reception hosted by the Director-General of the ILO

**Thursday, 4 May**

09.00-10.00  Group meetings

10.00-11.30  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
**Panel 3:** “Specific areas for policy intervention”  
- International labour standards  
- Gender equality  
- Youth employment  
- Small and medium-sized enterprises  
Moderator: Ms. Gerardina González, Director of the ILO Subregional Office for Central America, Haiti, Panama and the Dominican Republic  
Debate

11.30-13.00  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
**Panel 4:** “Specific areas for policy intervention”  
- Informal economy  
- Rural sector and local development  
- Vocational training  
- Employment services  
Moderator: Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, ILO Executive Director of the Employment Sector  
Debate

13.00-14.30  Lunch

14.30-15.30  Group meetings

15.30-17.00  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
**Panel 5:** “Specific areas for policy intervention”  
- Wages and remuneration  
- Occupational safety and health  
- Migrant workers  
Moderator: Ms. Ana Teresa Romero, Director of the ILO Subregional Office for the Caribbean  
Debate
17.00-18.30  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
*Panel 6: “Decent work country programmes”*  
- Public policies  
- Policy integration  
- Social actors’ organizations  
Moderator: Mr. Guillermo Miranda, Director of the ILO Subregional Office for the South Cone of Latin America  
Debate

17.00-20.00  Working Party on Conclusions

20.00  Cultural event hosted by the Government of Brazil

**Friday, 5 May**

09.00-09.30  Group meetings

09.30-11.00  **Plenary: Discussion of the Director-General’s Report**  
*Panel 7: “Decent work country programmes”*  
- Labour authority  
- Labour markets and working conditions  
- Integration processes  
Moderator: Ms. Lais Abramo, Director of the ILO Office in Brazil  
Debate

11.00-11.30  **Information session** on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, recently adopted by the ILO.  
Ms. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, Director of the ILO International Labour Standards Department

13.00-14.30  Lunch

14.30-16.00  **Plenary**  
Presentation of the report of the Credentials Committee  
Presentation and adoption of the conclusions of the Sixteenth American Regional Meeting  
**Closing ceremony**  
- Government Vice-Chairperson of the Regional Meeting  
- Employer Vice-Chairperson of the Regional Meeting  
- Worker Vice-Chairperson of the Regional Meeting  
- Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the ILO  
- Mr. Celso Amorim, Foreign Minister of Brazil