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Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

International labour standards

I/1. Subregional Seminar on Achieving Rapid and Widespread Ratification and Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006, and Promoting the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)

Proposed date:	26–29 April 2010
Place:	Cotonou, Benin
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$97,500)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau and Togo
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8 (two from each country)
(b) Employers:	8 (two from each country)
(c) Workers:	8 (two from each country)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to deepen the understanding of participants about the MLC; (ii) to identify any issues arising in the process of ratification and implementation, in the light of existing law and practice in mainly the French-speaking maritime West African countries; (iii) to discuss solutions to problems raised and possible regional cooperation within UMEOA.²
Observers:	International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) International Shipping Federation (ISF)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) and the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.
Working language:	French

² West African Economic and Monetary Union.

Social Dialogue Sector

Labour administration

I/2. Seventh Subregional Meeting of Ministers of Labour of the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean, with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in the context of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)

Proposed date:	14–16 April 2010
Place:	Georgetown, Guyana
Financing:	CARICOM (US\$71,500) ILO regular budget (US\$60,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, 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
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	42 (two from each country)
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to brief ministers of labour on items on the agenda of the International Labour Conference, June 2010 and to establish a Caribbean position; (ii) to debate the CARICOM theme <i>Policy coherence for human and social development in the Caribbean Community: The contribution of labour ministries and the Decent Work Agenda</i> .

Relevance to international labour standards:	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), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention, 1957 (No. 107), 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), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155).
Working language:	English

II/3. ARLAC³ Workshop on Widening the Role of Labour Administration and Social Protection

Proposed date:	2–6 August 2010
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ARLAC (US\$20,000) ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritius, Uganda and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to promote social protection through effective labour administration systems; (ii) to discuss social security concepts and trends; (iii) to explore methods for the governance of social security schemes.
Resource persons:	One international consultant and one regional consultant

³ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

Relevance to international labour standards:

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), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), 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), Social Insurance (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 17), Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Recommendation, 1925 (No. 24), Equality of Treatment (Accident Compensation) Recommendation, 1925 (No. 25), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance Recommendation, 1933 (No. 43), Income Security Recommendation, 1944 (No. 67), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 1952 (No. 95), Termination of Employment Recommendation, 1963 (No. 119), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167).

Working language:

English

Social dialogue

I/4. Subregional Tripartite Conference on the Role and Functioning of Economic and Social Councils in Western Balkan Countries and Republic of Moldova at a Time of Economic Crisis

Proposed date: 23–24 June 2010

Place: Ohrid, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Financing: Government of Austria (US\$75,000)

Geographical coverage: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Kosovo⁴

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 7

(b) Employers: 7

(c) Workers: 7

⁴ As defined in United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1244 of 1999.

Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to transfer knowledge, good practices and lessons learned regarding the composition, role and proper functioning of national tripartite bodies from a number of more experienced Economic and Social Councils of European Union Member States to the newly created similar bodies in the Western Balkan countries and Republic of Moldova; (ii) to facilitate networking and bilateral cooperation among participating institutions.
Resource persons:	Tripartite delegations from the Economic and Social Councils of Belgium, Netherlands, Poland, Romania and Slovenia
Observers:	Austrian Development Agency European Commission The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
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), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152).
Working languages:	English, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, Macedonian, Romanian, Albanian

Labour statistics

I/5. Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Asia

Proposed date:	18–20 May 2010
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	European Union (US\$33,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines and Sri Lanka
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14 (one from the national statistical office and one from the ministry of labour for each country)
(b) Employers:	3 (Bangladesh, Cambodia and Indonesia)
(c) Workers:	3 (Bangladesh, Cambodia and Indonesia)

Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to disseminate the conceptual and methodological framework for measuring progress on decent work; (ii) to share experience on progress made by national statistical offices and ministries of labour of the region in the measurement of decent work; (iii) to define a plan for developing decent work indicators and incorporating them into regional databases.
Observers:	Delegation of the European Union in Thailand
Relevance to international labour standards:	Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160).
Working language:	English

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Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

III/1. Regional Conference/Workshop for Southern Africa on the Role of the Social Partners in the Elimination of Child Labour

Proposed date:	3–5 March 2010
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	18 (two from each country, except Angola, Mauritius and Seychelles)
(b) Workers:	24 (two from each country)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to raise awareness and strengthen the capacities of workers' and employers' organizations in the fight against child labour; (ii) to promote the exchange of information on good practices against child labour;

- (iii) to encourage workers' and employers' organizations to raise awareness about the human cost of child labour as well as its negative economic and social consequences.

Resource persons:	One Employer and one Worker representative
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
Working language:	English

II/2. *Latin American Meeting of Indigenous Peoples and Governments: Towards the Effective Protection of the Rights of Indigenous Children and Young People in, and the Elimination of, Child Labour*

Proposed date:	8–10 March 2010
Place:	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
Financing:	AECID ⁵ (US\$90,000) UNICEF ⁶ (US\$40,000) OEI ⁷ (US\$30,000) SISCA ⁸ (US\$10,000) ILO regular budget (US\$90,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	54 (three from each country)
(b) Employers:	18
(c) Workers:	18
(d) Other	54 high-level representatives of indigenous people's organizations from participating countries

⁵ Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation.

⁶ United Nations Children's Fund.

⁷ Organization of Latin American States for Education, Science and Culture.

⁸ Secretaría de la Integración Social Centroamericana.

Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to promote dialogue between governments and indigenous people's organizations in the region; (ii) to develop a joint plan defining the course of action for the development of young indigenous persons in the region, with special emphasis on the elimination of child labour.
Resource persons:	25 experts from the co-organizing organizations, to serve as panellists
Observers:	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Organization of Latin American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI) Secretaría de la Integración Social Centroamericana (SISCA) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Department of Labor, United States Fundación Renacer Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Save the Children Escuela Nacional Sindical de Colombia (Trade Union School of Colombia)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Safety and Health in Agriculture Recommendation, 2001 (No. 192).
Working language:	Spanish

II/3. *Interregional Conference/Workshop on the Declaration of the Arab Employers on the Elimination of Child Labour: A Workplan for the Future*

Proposed date:	28–29 April 2010
Place:	Manama, Bahrain
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen as well as Palestine
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	44 (two from each country/territory)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to raise awareness and strengthen the capacities of employers' organizations in the fight against child labour; (ii) to promote exchange of information on good practices against child labour; (iii) to encourage employers' organizations to raise awareness among their members regarding the human cost of child labour as well as its negative economic and social consequences.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
Working language:	English

Social Protection Sector

International migration

II/4. *Subregional Workshop for the Closing of the Project "Improving institutional capacity to govern labour migration in North and West Africa"*

Proposed date:	16–18 December 2009
Place:	Nouakchott, Mauritania
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$95,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal and Tunisia

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 12 (two from each country)

(b) Employers: 6

(c) Workers: 6

Purpose of the Workshop: (i) to assess the activities carried out since the launch of the programme in March 2009;
(ii) to draw up and approve a list of the priority actions to be taken.

Observers: President of the United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers

Government of Spain

Relevance to international labour standards: Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), and ILO core Conventions.⁹

Working language: French

II/5. Subregional Workshop for the Closure of the Programme on Improving Institutional Capacity to Govern Labour Migration in North and West Africa

Proposed date: 19–20 April 2010

Place: Casablanca, Morocco

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$100,000)

Geographical coverage: Algeria, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal and Tunisia

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 12 (two for each country)

(b) Employers: 6

(c) Workers: 6

Purpose of the Workshop: To present the conclusions of the programme and of the second phase project document

Observer: Government of Spain

⁹ 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), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

Relevance to international labour standards:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143) and ILO core Conventions. ¹⁰
Working language:	French

Employment Sector

Labour markets analysis

II/6. ILO–OECS¹¹ Working Party to Design and Test Data Processing and Tabulation Routines for the 2010 Labour Force Surveys

Proposed date:	1–5 March 2010
Place:	St Georges, Grenada
Financing:	OECS (US\$26,700) ILO regular budget (US\$4,300)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
Purpose of the Working Party:	(i) to develop and document data processing procedures for the data processing and tabulation of the 2010 labour force survey; (ii) to make decisions regarding the management of micro data files resulting from the survey.
Resource persons:	Director of the Saint Lucia Statistical Department Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
Observer:	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

¹⁰ 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), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

¹¹ Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

Relevance to international labour standards: Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160).

Working language: English

II/7. ILO–OECS¹² Tripartite Consultation on the Pilot Round of the 2010 Labour Force Surveys

Proposed date: 22–23 March 2010

Place: Roseau, Dominica

Financing: OECS (US\$10,900)
ILO regular budget (US\$13,800)

Geographical coverage: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 4

(b) Employers: 4

(c) Workers: 4

Purpose of the meeting: (i) to share information and exchange views on the design of the labour force survey and, specifically, to explain some of the critical components to the social partners;
(ii) to make recommendations to ensure the relevance of the output of the survey.

Resource persons: Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

Observers: Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

World Bank

Relevance to international labour standards: Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160).

Working language: English

¹² Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

II/8. ARLAC¹³ Workshop on Strategies of Transforming the Informal Economy to Salaried Economies

Proposed date:	10–14 May 2010
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ARLAC (US\$20,000) ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to formalize the informal economy for national development (including through cooperative and social economy models); (ii) to explore the role of labour administrators and social partners in formalizing the informal economy; (iii) to explore methods of applying the Decent Work Agenda for the transformation of the informal economy.
Resource persons:	One international consultant and one regional consultant
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), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Unemployment (Young Persons) Recommendation, 1935 (No. 45), Labour Inspection Recommendation, 1947 (No. 81), Protection of Wages Recommendation, 1949 (No. 85), Co-operatives (Developing Countries) Recommendation, 1966 (No. 127), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)
Working language:	English

¹³ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

Skills and employability**II/9. ILO–SKILLS/AP–Japan Regional Technical Workshop and Study Programme on Skills Training in the Workplace**

Proposed date:	1–5 February 2010
Place:	Chiba, Japan
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$61,800) ILO regular budget (US\$19,800)
Geographical coverage:	India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide an opportunity for target groups to find effective ways to identify training needs; (ii) to address some aspects of the reasons for the skills mismatch between the available training and the needs of employers and workers.
Resource persons:	One international resource person
Observers:	Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Working Group (APEC HRDWG) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Human Resource Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea) Korean International Cooperative Agency (KOICA) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working language:	English

II/10. Promoting Training and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

Proposed date:	9–11 March 2010
Place:	Lusaka, Zambia
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8 (two from each country)
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to increase awareness of vocational training of people with intellectual disabilities, of other forms of skills training and good practice in training techniques; (ii) to identify steps that need to be taken by public authorities in order to open opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities; (iii) to examine the role played by the social partners and civil society organizations in promoting the economic and social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities; and (iv) to foster links between agencies participating in the meeting with a view to establishing lasting collaborative networks.
Resource persons:	An expert on training and employment of people with intellectual disabilities
Observers:	National Council for Persons with Disabilities, Kenya Kenyan Association for the Intellectually Handicapped (KAIH)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
Working language:	English

II/11. ILO–SKILLS/AP–HRD Korea ¹⁴ Regional Workshop on Improving Workplace Learning in Asia

Proposed date:	20–23 April 2010
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of Republic of Korea (US\$22,000) ILO regular budget (US\$16,500)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to assist member States to strengthen approaches to workplace learning; (ii) to improve systems to ensure the quality of skills development; and (iii) to exchange national experiences on workplace learning and skills development.
Resource persons:	One international resource person
Observers:	Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Working Group (APEC HRDWG) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Japan International
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working language:	English

II/12. Subregional Workshop on Work-sharing: What is it? How does it work? Using it as a Recovery Strategy

Proposed date:	28–29 April 2010
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$47,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Turkey

¹⁴ Human Resources Development Service of Korea.

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10 (two from each country)
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide a forum for discussions on effective and equitable policies and practices in work-sharing; (ii) to develop tools for the implementation of technical cooperation activities; (iii) to plan follow-up activities to provide technical advice and guidance to selected countries in implementing work-sharing programmes.
Resource persons:	Three experts in short-time work and short-time compensation
Observer:	World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88).
Working language:	English

Youth employment

III/13. Project Evaluation and Knowledge-Sharing on Integrated Youth Employment Strategies for Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan

Proposed date:	17–19 February 2010
Place:	Moscow, Russian Federation
Financing:	Government of Netherlands (US\$51,000)
Geographical coverage:	Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation and Tajikistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8 (Azerbaijan 3, Georgia 1, Kyrgyzstan 2, Russian Federation 1, Tajikistan 1)
(b) Employers:	7 (Azerbaijan 2, Georgia 1, Kyrgyzstan 2, Russian Federation 1, Tajikistan 1)
(c) Workers:	7 (Azerbaijan 2, Georgia 1, Kyrgyzstan 2, Russian Federation 1, Tajikistan 1)

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to share knowledge between constituents and project partners on the lessons learned during the implementation of the ILO project “Boosting youth employment”; (ii) to evaluate project results.
Resource persons:	Three pilot coordinators, two trainers, two key facilitators and two skills trainers
Relevance to international labour standards:	Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189).
Working language:	Russian

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

II/14. ILO Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN¹⁵ Region

Proposed date:	3–4 February 2010
Place:	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$54,910)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to provide an opportunity for ASEAN member States to discuss good industrial relations practices in the context of financial and economic crisis; (ii) to share experiences by country through the presentation of reports on social dialogue, collective bargaining, dispute prevention and on changing forms of employment and strengthening of the employment relationship.

¹⁵ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Resource persons:	Two international resource persons
Observers:	Government of China Government of Republic of Korea
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198).
Working language:	English

**II/15. ILO/OTN¹⁶ of the CARICOM¹⁷ Secretariat
Training Workshop: International Trade
Negotiations, Free Trade Agreements and the
Decent Work Agenda**

Proposed date:	3–5 February 2010
Place:	Nassau, Bahamas
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$62,551)
Geographical coverage:	Bahamas, Belize and Jamaica
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	9 (3 from each country)
(b) Workers:	9 (3 from each country)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to improve the social partners' understanding of international trade negotiation processes; (ii) to strengthen their capacity to participate meaningfully in domestic and regional consultative processes for setting the agenda for trade negotiations; (iii) to examine strategies for giving effect to the social and labour provisions of international trade agreements and for maximizing the potential benefits of such agreements.

¹⁶ Office of Trade Negotiations.

¹⁷ Caribbean Community.

Resource persons:	Expert/senior official of the Office of Trade Negotiations of the CARICOM secretariat Senior lecturer at the University of the West Indies and trade negotiator Economist/consultant on trade negotiations, Aid for Trade and Regional Development Business expert/trade negotiator on service industries at the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Observers:	Ministry of Labour, Bahamas Ministry of Trade, Bahamas Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL) Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC) Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) 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), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), 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

Labour administration

II/16. Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Labour Inspection in Central America and the Dominican Republic

Proposed date:	7–9 April 2010
Place:	San Salvador, El Salvador
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	25
(b) Employers:	5

(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to exchange experiences on the current situation in labour inspection in the participating countries; (ii) to identify best practices, of a technical or administrative nature, which have been put into effect in order to strengthen the role of labour inspection.
Resource persons:	Ministry of Labour, Portugal (at own cost) Ministry of Labour, Spain (at own cost)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158)
Working language:	Spanish

II/17. ARLAC¹⁸ Workshop on Recovery through Promotion of Productive Employment and Gender

Proposed date:	6–10 September 2010
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ARLAC (US\$20,000) ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Somalia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss gender equality and economic development in relation to international instruments supporting employment and gender; (ii) to exchange good practices on gender mainstreaming in labour administration; (iii) to explore emerging issues affecting gender development.
Resource persons:	One international consultant and two regional consultants

¹⁸ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

Relevance to international labour standards:

Maternity Protection Convention, 1919 (No. 3), 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), Maternity Protection Convention (Revised), 1952 (No. 103), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Maternity Protection (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 12), Night Work of Women (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 13), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 1952 (No. 95), Employment (Women with Family Responsibilities) Recommendation, 1965 (No. 123), Workers with Family Responsibilities Recommendation, 1981 (No. 165), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)

Working language:

English

II/18. ARLAC¹⁹ Workshop on Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour: Understanding the Dimensions and Interventions

Proposed date: 4–8 October 2010

Place: Harare, Zimbabwe

Financing: ARLAC (US\$20,000)

ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)

Geographical coverage: Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 8

(b) Employers: 8

(c) Workers: 8

Purpose of the Workshop: (i) to discuss the holistic approach of labour administration in addressing child labour;

¹⁹ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

	(ii) to encourage strategic partnerships in detecting, monitoring and acting against child labour;
	(iii) to discuss the ILO's approach to the total elimination of the worst forms of child labour.
Resource persons:	One international consultant and two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 10), Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (Revised), 1937 (No. 59), Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Unemployment (Young Persons) Recommendation, 1935 (No. 45), Conditions of Employment of Young Persons (Underground Work) Recommendation, 1965 (No. 125), Special Youth Schemes Recommendation, 1970 (No. 136), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190).
Working language:	English

Employers' activities

II/19. Subregional Workshop on Employers' Organizations and Cooperatives in Africa

Proposed date:	15–16 February 2010
Place:	Nairobi, Kenya
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Rwanda, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania (including Zanzibar), Uganda and Zambia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	21 (two from each country plus one representative of PEC) ²⁰
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to increase knowledge among employers' organizations on cooperative development in Africa and promote the Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193); (ii) to strengthen relationships and collaboration between employers' organizations and cooperatives to enhance and advance mutual ideals and aspirations;

²⁰ Pan-African Employers' Confederation.

- (iii) to define a technical action plan for employers' organizations and identify areas of support by the ILO.

Resource persons:	One representative of the Federation of Kenya Employers One expert on cooperatives
Observer:	Kenya National Federation of Cooperatives (KNFC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193).
Working language:	English

**II/20. High-level Employers' Conference on
Employment and Sustainable Enterprises:
The contribution of the African Private
Sector to the G20 Debates**

Proposed date:	8–10 April 2010
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$150,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	28
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to prepare the African private sector to formulate a common position on employment and the competitiveness of enterprises, within the framework of the forthcoming G20 debates; (ii) to discuss how to ensure sustainability of enterprises; and (iii) to discuss how to boost their capacity to maintain and create decent and productive jobs.

Resource persons:	Ministry of Labour, South Africa Africa Union Commission African Development Bank Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) Standard Bank Group, South Africa Kelly Group, South Africa Business New Zealand Pan-African Employers' Confederation (PEC) United States Council for International Business Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers
Observers:	African Union Commission African Development Bank United Nations Development Programme Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) Pan-African Employers' Confederation (PEC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Living-in Conditions (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 16), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working languages:	English and French

Workers' activities

II/21. Regional Meeting for Workers on Building the Social Dimension in the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) by Strengthening the Labour Advisory Board

Proposed date:	8 December 2009
Place:	Montevideo, Uruguay
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Composition of participants:

Workers:	21
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to discuss and approve a trade union document on the social dimension in ALADI that incorporates the recommendations and principles of the Global Jobs Pact and the Declaration on Social Justice; (ii) to submit the approved document to ALADI's Council of Ministers.
Resource persons:	A representative of the General Secretariat of the Latin American Integration Association One representative of the ALADI Labour Advisory Board One representative of the Coordinating Committee of Trade Union Confederations of the Southern Cone Region (CCSCS) One representative of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas One representative of the Andean Labour Consultative Council (CCLA)
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), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Protection of Workers' Claims (Employer's Insolvency) Convention, 1992 (No. 173), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198).
Working language:	Spanish

II/22. Regional Meeting on Trade Union Action for Migrants in the United States

Proposed date:	14–16 December 2009
Place:	Washington, DC, United States
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$42,980)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Composition of participants:	
Workers:	16
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to carry out a comparative analysis of current legislation, proposed legislation and the practices that apply to these workers in the region, with particular reference to freedom of association and discrimination at work, in order to promote a migration policy based on rights and decent work; (ii) to exchange trade union knowledge and experience on the organization, unionization and defence of the rights of migrant workers; (iii) to discuss migration reform in the United States and analyse the position of the trade union movement; (iv) to promote the ILO's rights-based multilateral framework for migrant workers.
Resource persons:	One Senator, or adviser to a Senator, of the US Congress who is working on migration reform One representative of the US Department of Labor One representative of the Department of Homeland Security One representative of a human rights organization working to protect the rights of migrant workers One representative of a trade union working in the area of organizing migrant workers in the United States
Relevance to international labour standards:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151).
Working languages:	English and Spanish

II/23. Women's Leadership for Collective Bargaining

Proposed date:	12–15 January 2010
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	17 (two from Plurinational State of Bolivia, three from Colombia, four from Ecuador, four from Peru and four from Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to identify the main obstacles facing Andean women leaders in securing needs and interests with respect to gender; (ii) to promote the presence and empowerment of Andean women leaders in the trade union movement and in bipartite and tripartite dialogue; (iii) to strengthen the talents, aptitudes, qualities and knowledge of Andean women in the exercise of their leadership, according to their actual needs and requirements.
Resource persons:	One academic/researcher One representative of the Trade Union Confederation of Workers of the Americas (CSA) One representative of the Andean Labour Advisory Council (CCLA)/Coordinator of Andean Women Workers (COMUANDE) One representative of the Women's Committee, Coordinator of Andean Trade Unions (CCSA)
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), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183).
Working language:	Spanish

II/24. ILO-RENGO ²¹ Regional Seminar to Strengthen the Capacity of Workers' Organizations for Collective Bargaining, Social Protection and Productivity in the Context of the Economic Crisis

Proposed date:	1–5 March 2010
Place:	Accra, Ghana
Financing:	RENGO (US\$44,500) ILO regular budget (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Sao Tome and Principe, Sudan and Tunisia

²¹ Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

Composition of participants:	
Workers:	15
Purpose of the Seminar:	To strengthen the capacity of workers' organizations in Africa to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration on Social Justice and the Global Jobs Pact
Resource persons:	Three experts from RENGO
Observers:	Togolese trade unions
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).
Working languages:	English and French

Policy integration

II/25. Expert Meeting on Greener Business Asia for Research Validation

Proposed date:	23–24 February 2010
Place:	Tokyo, Japan
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$53,500)
Geographical coverage:	Japan, Philippines and Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6 (two from each country)
(b) Employers:	6 (two from each country)
(c) Workers:	6 (two from each country)
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to endorse the project research findings on the current state of knowledge, practices and opportunities with regard to environmental challenges; (ii) to select the sector of intervention for pilot countries; and (iii) to provide guidance and direction to the subsequent enterprise-level intervention.
Resource persons:	Two researchers and one representative of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
Observers:	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
Relevance to international labour standards:	Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration) Convention, 1977 (No. 148).
Working language:	English

II/26. Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Latin America

Proposed date:	15–16 April 2010
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	European Union (US\$36,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Panama and Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	3 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	3 (including one local)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to disseminate the conceptual and methodological framework for measuring progress on decent work; (ii) to share experience on progress made by national statistical institutes and ministries of labour of the region in the measurement of decent work; and (iii) to define a plan for developing decent work indicators and incorporating them into regional databases in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Resource persons:	One external consultant
Observers:	Delegation of the European Union, Peru
Relevance to international labour standards:	Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160).
Working languages:	Spanish and Portuguese

Part III. Additional information**Social Dialogue Sector****Labour administration****III/1. ARLAC²²/ILO Subregional Workshop on Exploring the Extent and Impact of Implementing Policies on HIV/AIDS at the Workplace**

Original date:	5–9 October 2009
New date:	22–26 March 2010

²² African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

Original title:	ARLAC/ILO Subregional Workshop on Exploring the Extent and Impact of Implementing Policies on HIV/AIDS at the Workplace
New title:	ARLAC/ILO Subregional Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), HIV and AIDS

Geneva, 16 March 2010.

Submitted for information.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
AFRICA 2010		
9–11 March	Promoting Training and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (No. 1) (Government of Ireland)	Lusaka, Zambia
8–10 April	High-level Employers' Conference on Employment and Sustainable Enterprises: The contribution of the African private sector to the G20 debates (No. 19) (ILO regular budget)	Johannesburg, South Africa
19–20 April	Subregional Workshop for the Closure of the Programme on Improving Institutional Capacity to Govern Labour Migration in North and West Africa (No. 15) (ILO regular budget)	Casablanca, Morocco
26–29 April	Subregional Seminar on Achieving Rapid and Widespread Ratification and Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006, and Promoting the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) (No. 83) (ILO regular budget)	Cotonou, Benin
28–29 April	Interregional Conference/Workshop on the Declaration of the Arab Employers on the Elimination of Child Labour: A Workplan for the Future (No. 18) (ILO regular budget)	Manama, Bahrain
10–14 May	ARLAC ¹ Workshop on Strategies of Transforming the Informal Economy to Salaried Economies (No. 9) (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
2–6 August	ARLAC Workshop on Widening the Role of Labour Administration and Social Protection (No. 10) (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
6–10 September	ARLAC Workshop on Recovery through Promotion of Productive Employment and Gender (No. 11) (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
4–8 October	ARLAC Workshop on Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour: Understanding the dimensions and interventions (No. 12) (ILO regular budget and ARLAC)	Harare, Zimbabwe
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2010		
20–23 April	ILO–SKILLS/AP–HRD Korea ² Regional Workshop on Improving Workplace Learning in Asia (No. 16) (Government of Republic of Korea and ILO regular budget)	Seoul, Republic of Korea
18–20 May	Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Asia (No. 20) (European Union)	Bangkok, Thailand
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2010		
8–10 March	Latin American Meeting of Indigenous Peoples and Governments: Towards the Effective Protection of the Rights of Indigenous Children and Young People in, and the Elimination of, Child Labour (No. 80) (AECID, ³ UNICEF, ⁴ OEI, ⁵ SISCA, ⁶ ILO regular budget)	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

¹ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

² Human Resources Development Service of Korea.

³ Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation.

Date	Title of meeting	Place
22–23 March	ILO–OECS ⁷ Tripartite Consultation on the Pilot Round of the 2010 Labour Force Surveys (No. 82) (ILO regular budget)	Roseau, Dominica
7–9 April	Good Practice and Lessons Learned in Labour Inspection in Central America and the Dominican Republic (No. 21) (Government of United States)	San Salvador, El Salvador
14–16 April	Seventh Subregional Meeting of Ministers of Labour of the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean, with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in the context of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) (No. 2) (ILO regular budget)	Georgetown, Guyana
15–16 April	Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Latin America (No. 17) (European Union)	Lima, Peru

**EUROPE
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28–29 April	Subregional Workshop on Work Sharing: What is it? How does it Work? Using it as a Recovery Strategy (No. 4) (ILO regular budget)	Geneva, Switzerland
23–24 June	Subregional tripartite Conference on the Role and Functioning of Economic and Social Councils in Western Balkan Countries and Republic of Moldova at a Time of Economic Crisis (No. 7) (Government of Austria)	Ohrid, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

⁴ United Nations Children's Fund.

⁵ Organization of Latin American States for Education, Science and Culture.

⁶ Secretaría de la Integración Social Centroamericana.

⁷ Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.