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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

► Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

I.1. Proposed extension of the duration of the Technical Meeting on Access to Labour Justice for All: Prevention and Resolution of Labour Disputes (Geneva, 18–20 February 2025)

1. The arrangements for the Technical Meeting on Access to Labour Justice for All: Prevention and Resolution of Labour Disputes were approved by the Governing Body at its 349th (October–November 2023) and 350th (March 2024) Sessions.¹
2. Given the interest of the tripartite constituents in the issue of access to labour justice, it is proposed to extend the duration of the meeting to four and a half days, to take place from 17 February to midday of 21 February 2025. The extended duration would allow for sufficient time for plenary and group discussions.
3. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body authorize the extension of the duration of the Technical Meeting on Access to Labour Justice for All: Prevention and Resolution of Labour Disputes.

¹ GB.349/INS/2/Decision and GB.351/INS/13(Rev.1)/Decisions.

I.2. Proposal for a meeting of experts on occupational safety and health in extreme weather events and changing weather patterns (Geneva, 2–6 February 2026)

Background

4. At its 349th Session (October–November 2023), the Governing Body adopted a plan of action as follow-up to the resolution concerning a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 111th Session (2023). The plan of action included the organization of a tripartite meeting on occupational safety and health in extreme weather events and changing weather patterns.² In the Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health and the plan of action for its implementation adopted at the same Governing Body session it is proposed that the meeting take the form of a meeting of experts.³
5. Climate projections indicate an increase in the frequency, duration and intensity of extreme weather events such as heatwaves and periods of elevated temperatures, droughts, cyclones, torrential rains and winter storms. These events can result in death, injuries, and damage to workplaces, including hazardous installations, and triggering the release of hazardous substances, fires, explosions, and even major industrial accidents. Given the global importance, urgency, diversity of policy approaches and cross-border nature of this topic, there is a need for harmonized tripartite conclusions to assist ILO Members in defining adequate policy measures and workplace-level interventions to prevent and respond to the effects of extreme weather events and changing weather patterns on safety and health at work.
6. For this reason, it is proposed to organize a meeting of experts which, based on a report prepared by the Office, will provide concise guidance in the form of conclusions to ILO constituents on the formulation of policy frameworks and concrete measures to address the occupational safety and health challenges related to extreme weather events and changing weather patterns, building upon and complementing relevant adopted texts, including the *Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all*. Among other questions, it is expected that the conclusions will focus on the required arrangements to build resilient, robust, and responsive occupational safety and health frameworks that integrate preventative and control approaches, promote health surveillance systems coupled with emergency response procedures and reinforce reporting systems for the recording and notification of occupational injuries and diseases due to extreme weather events and changing weather patterns. It is also expected that the meeting provide conclusions regarding workplace level measures that have proven to be effective from a preventative perspective and with a high potential of replicability while keeping in mind the need to adapt to specific circumstances and contexts.

Composition and agenda

7. It is proposed that the meeting be composed of eight experts nominated after consultation with Governments, eight experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and eight experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body, in

² GB.349/PV(Rev.1), para. 187 and GB.349/INS/3/3, para. 25.

³ GB.349/INS/8, output 1.4.1.

addition to advisers and observers as provided for under the Standing Orders for Meetings of Experts. The agenda, composition and list of observers to be invited will be submitted to the Governing Body at its 353rd Session (March 2025).

Date and financial implications

8. It is also proposed that the meeting, with a duration of five working days, take place from 2 to 6 February 2026, and that the estimated costs of US\$216,000 be financed in the first instance from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2024–25 or, failing that, using the provision for unforeseen expenditure, in Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.
9. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the holding of a meeting of experts on occupational safety and health in extreme weather events and changing weather patterns from 2 to 6 February 2026, with the composition and agenda to be submitted to the Governing Body at its 353rd Session.

I.3. Proposal for a meeting of experts on challenges to the implementation and ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003, as amended (No. 185) (Geneva, 21–23 April 2026)

Background

10. At its 343rd Session (November 2021), the Governing Body took note of the report of the Chairperson of the Special Tripartite Committee established under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (STC) and decided to convene a tripartite meeting of experts of four days' duration in 2023 to examine the challenges that remain for the implementation and ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003, as amended (No. 185).⁴
11. Following discussions with the Officers of the STC, it was agreed that the meeting would have a duration of three days.

Composition

12. It is proposed that the meeting be composed of eight experts nominated by Governments, eight experts nominated by the Shipowners' group of the STC, and eight experts nominated by the Seafarers' group of the STC.
13. The Director-General will select as chairperson an independent person with expertise on the matters covered by the agenda.
14. Interested governments may attend the meeting as observers without speaking rights (one per government) upon prior notification.
15. It is also proposed to invite as observers the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations listed in the appendix.

⁴ GB.343/PV, para. 559(g).

Agenda

16. The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the meeting:
 - (a) Exchange of experiences on issuance and verification of seafarers' identity documents (SIDs) and the interaction between Convention No. 185 and the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108).
 - (b) Exchange of experiences on challenges to ratify and properly implement Convention No. 185.
 - (c) Consideration of possible options and recommendations on the way forward.
17. The costs of the meeting, which is estimated at US\$267,000, would be financed from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2024-25 or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, in Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.
18. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the dates, composition, agenda and arrangements for a meeting of experts on challenges to the implementation and ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003, as amended (No. 185), and authorize the Director-General to invite as observers the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations listed in the appendix.

► Part II. Programme of ILO official meetings for 2025 and advance information on meetings for 2026 (subject to further Governing Body decisions)

19. The Officers of the Governing Body approved the programme of meetings for 2025 and advance information for 2026, subject to further Governing Body decisions.

Date	Title of meeting	Place
2024		
25 November–7 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
26–28 November	Third meeting of the Joint ILO–IMO Tripartite Working Group to identify and address seafarers' issues and the human element	Geneva
2025		
15–17 January ¹	Sectoral Advisory Bodies	Geneva
27–31 January ¹	Technical meeting on the promotion of decent work and a just transition, including skills and lifelong learning, in the food and beverages industry	Geneva
48 2017–21 February ²	Technical meeting on access to labour justice for all: Prevention and resolution of labour disputes	Geneva
6–8 March	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva

Date	Title of meeting	Place
10–20(21) March ³	353rd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
7–11 April	Fifth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006)	Geneva
14–15 April	Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission	Geneva
5–9 May ²	Meeting of experts to adopt a code of practice to advance decent work in recycling	Geneva
29–30 May	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
2–13 June	113th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
14 June	354th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
1–5 September ⁴	Technical meeting on the promotion of decent work in the railways sector	Geneva
15–19 September ⁵	Tenth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group (SRM TWG)	Geneva
First half of October	20th American Regional Meeting	Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Fourth quarter	Meeting of experts to adopt guidelines for fair labour market services for migrant fishers in the fishing sector (including data and statistics)	Geneva
13–14 November	Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO	Turin
13–15 November	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
17–27/28 November ³	355th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
1–13 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
Fourth quarter	Meeting of experts to adopt a code of practice on occupational safety and health in aquaculture	Geneva
2026		
2–6 February (to be confirmed) ²	Meeting of Experts on occupational safety and health in extreme weather events and changing weather patterns	Geneva
5–6 March	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
9–19 March ³	356th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
21–23 April ²	Meeting of experts on challenges to the implementation and ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003, as amended (No. 185)	Geneva
Dates to be confirmed	Meeting of experts on paternity and parental protection, and other care leave ⁶	Geneva

Date	Title of meeting	Place
June (dates to be confirmed)	114th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
June (dates to be confirmed)	357th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
Second half of 2026	Fifteenth Africa Regional Meeting	tbc

¹ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 350th Session (GB.350/POL/3(Rev.1)/Decision). ² Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body at its current session. ³ The end date will be decided at a later stage. ⁴ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 349th Session (GB.349/PV(Rev.1)), date subject to confirmation by the Governing Body at its 352nd Session. ⁵ Further to the decision taken by the SRM TWG at its ninth meeting. ⁶ Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body at its 352nd Session (GB.352/INS/3/2).

► Draft decision

20. The Governing Body, upon the recommendation of its Officers:

- (a) approved the holding of a meeting of experts on challenges to the implementation and ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003, as amended (No. 185), and its proposed arrangements;
- (b) approved the holding of a meeting of experts on occupational safety and health in extreme weather events and changing weather patterns and its proposed arrangements, with the composition and agenda to be submitted to the 353rd Session (March 2025);
- (c) approved the extension of the duration of the Technical Meeting on Access to Labour Justice for All: Prevention and Resolution of Labour Disputes;
- (d) endorsed the proposals made in relation to the invitation of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations to official meetings, as listed in the appendix to document GB.352/INS/22;
- (e) took note of the programme of meetings contained in Part II of document GB.352/INS/22, subject to further decision-making of the Governing Body.

► Appendix

Proposed invitations of observers to official meetings

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical meeting on the promotion of decent work and a just transition, including skills and lifelong learning, in the food and beverages industry (Geneva, 27–31 January 2025)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: • Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) • International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) • International Trade Centre (ITC) • United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • World Bank Group Other organizations: • Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	Organizations having general consultative status with the ILO: • International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • International Organisation of Employers (IOE) • International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) • Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) • Business Africa • World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations: • International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) • Ethical Trading Initiative • Shift • International Council of Beverages Associations (ICBA)
Meeting of experts to adopt a code of practice to advance decent work in recycling (Geneva, 5–9 May 2025)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: • United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) • Secretariat of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions • Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Plastic Pollution	Organizations having general consultative status with the ILO: • International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • International Organisation of Employers (IOE) • International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) • Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) • Business Africa • World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations: • Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI) • IndustriALL Global Union • Public Services International (PSI) • C40 Cities • Bureau of International Recycling (BIR)

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Meeting of experts on challenges to the implementation and ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised) 2003, as amended (No. 185) (Geneva, 13–15 May 2025)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: • International Maritime Organization (IMO) • International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) • World Health Organization (WHO) • United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Regional organizations: • European Union (EU) • European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX) • Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control Secretariat • Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Abuja Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control • Latin American Agreement on Port State Control of Vessels Other organizations: • International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)	Organizations having general consultative status with the ILO: • International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • International Organisation of Employers (IOE) • International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) • Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) • Business Africa • World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations: • International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) • International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) • International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA) • International Seafarers Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) • International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) • International Confederation of Water Transport Workers' Union (ICWTWU) • Seafarers' Rights International (SRI) • International Maritime Health Association (IMHA) • International Air Transport Association (IATA)