

A series of 8 webinars to support Caribbean Trade Unions

ACTRAV's support for trade unions in the Caribbean: Promoting decent work and social protection to address economic, demographic and ecological transformations

AGENDA - Webinar 8 – 28 November 2025

Unemployment insurance schemes as a means to reduce informality, support workers' reintegration in the formal labour market, and support youth employment and school-to-work transition

This session will explore the importance of unemployment insurance schemes as a means to reduce informality, support workers' reintegration in the formal labour market, and support youth employment and school-to-work transition. As we navigate a rapidly changing world of work—shaped by economic transformation, climate-related disruptions, and new labour market dynamics—it is essential that workers are supported by strong and responsive social protection systems. Unemployment insurance benefits play a crucial role in this context, offering income security during job loss, supporting workers affected by climate-induced shocks, and providing a vital buffer for first-time job seekers entering increasingly uncertain labour markets. By coming together in this regional space, we can exchange experiences, deepen our understanding of these emerging challenges, and reinforce the vital role that trade unions play in advancing fair, inclusive, and worker-centred development across the Caribbean.

Moderator: Vera Guseva, Specialist, Workers' Activities, ILO DWT/Country Office Port of Spain

10:00 – 10:30 16:00 – 16:30 (GVA TIME)	Protecting Every Worker: ILO Principles and Frameworks for Unemployment Benefits ▪ Ursula Kulke, Senior Social Protection Specialist, Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), ILO Geneva
10:30 – 11:00	Putting Principles into Practice: How Unemployment Insurance Systems Work Around the World and in the Caribbean ▪ Celine Peyron, Senior Social Protection and Employment Policies Specialist, Universal Social Protection Department, ILO Geneva
11:00 – 11:30	Strengthening Protection: Policies and Good Practices in Employment Injury Benefits ▪ Andre Picard, Chief Technical Adviser and Head of Unit, Social Protection Department / Actuarial Services Unit, Universal Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO Geneva
11:30 – 12:00	Q&A Discussion