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Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Third report: Intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations to be invited as observers to ILO official meetings

► 114th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 1–12 June 2026)

1. Under the Constitution of the Organization and the Standing Orders of the Conference, international non-governmental organizations other than those with which consultative relationships have been established may be invited by the Governing Body to be represented at the Conference insofar as attendance at the plenary sittings is concerned, while the invitation of such organizations to be represented on committees appointed by the Conference remains a matter to be determined by the Conference itself.
2. At its 256th Session (May 1993), the Governing Body delegated to its Officers the authority to invite international non-governmental organizations wishing to be represented at sessions of the Conference, it being understood that requests for invitations presenting a particular problem would continue to be submitted to the Governing Body through its Officers.
3. The Director-General has received requests to be represented at the 114th Session (2026) from the organizations listed in the appendix, which have expressed interest in certain items on the agenda. These include two organizations that have requested to attend the Conference for the first time, namely the International Alliance of Waste Pickers and the European Law Students' Association (ELSA).

4. All other organizations listed have already been invited to one or more sessions of the Conference after their requests to be invited had been approved by the Officers of the Governing Body. In making their requests, these organizations supplied proof of their interest in following the proceedings of the Conference.
5. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements approved by the Governing Body provide for their automatic invitation to the sessions of the Conference, the Officers recommend that the Governing Body authorize the Director-General to issue an invitation to the organizations listed in the appendix, it being understood that it will be for the Conference to consider their requests to participate in the work of the committees dealing with the agenda items in which they have stated a special interest, and to inform the organizations concerned that they may nominate one person only for each of the agenda items in respect of which their interest has been recognized.

► Invitation of observers to other official meetings

6. Invitation of observers to other ILO official meetings is determined according to the following criteria:
 - (i) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite on the basis of a standing arrangement with the ILO (the list of these organizations is presented for information only);
 - (ii) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, as authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body;
 - (iii) international non-governmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, subject to authorization by the Governing Body.
7. The Officers recommend to the Governing Body that it authorize the Director-General to issue an invitation to the organizations listed in the appendix to participate in the meetings listed therein as observers, subject to the availability of funding for holding those meetings.

► Draft decision

8. **The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, authorized the Director-General to invite the intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations listed in the appendix to document GB.356/INS/20/3, as observers, to the 114th Session (2026) of the International Labour Conference and to other ILO official meetings.**

► Appendix

Proposed invitations of observers to the 114th Session of the International Labour Conference and to other ILO official meetings

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
114th Session of the International Labour Conference	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - International Maritime Organization (IMO) - International Monetary Fund (IMF) - International Organization for Migration (IOM) - International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) - Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) - African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) - Arab Centre for Labour Administration and Employment (ACLAE) - Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC) - African Regional Centre for Labour Administration (CRADAT) - Commonwealth Secretariat - European Public Law Organization (EPLO) - European Labour Authority - Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) - International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) - Labour Centre of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation - Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) - Nordic Council (NC)	- International Social Security Association (ISSA) (by standing arrangement) 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) Employers' organizations: - International Christian Union of Business Executives - World Employment Confederation - World Federation of Personnel Management Associations Workers' organizations: - African Organization of Mines, Metal, Energy, Chemical and Allied Trade Unions - Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas - Arab Federation of Petroleum, Mines and Chemical Workers

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	• United Nations • United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) • United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) • United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) • United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) • United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) • United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) • United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) • United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) • United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) • United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) • United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) • United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) • United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) • United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) • United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) • United Nations Regional Commissions:	• Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR) • Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) • Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) • Ibero-American Social Security Organization • Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) • Pacific Community (SPC) • West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)	• Asia Floor Wage Alliance • Building and Wood Workers' International • Confederación de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de las Universidades de las Américas • Confederación Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Trabajadores Estatales • Confederation of Municipal Workers for the Public Services International for the Americas (CONTRAM) • Education International • European Centre for Workers' Questions • European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions • European Trade Union Confederation • General Confederation of Trade Unions • HomeNet International • IndustriALL Global Union • International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions • International Domestic Workers Federation • International Federation of Workers' Education Associations • International Transport Workers' Federation • International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations • Latin American Union of Municipal Workers • Public Services International • Solidarity Center • Southern African Trade Union Coordination Council

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	○ Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) ○ Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) ○ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) ○ Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) ○ Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) ● United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) ● United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants ● United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) ● United Nations University (UNU) ● United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) ● World Bank Group ● World Food Programme (WFP) ● World Health Organization (WHO) ● World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ● World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) ● World Trade Organization (WTO) Regional organizations: ● African Development Bank (AfDB) ● African Development Fund (ADF) ● African Union (AU) ● Andean Community (CAN) ● Arab Labour Organization (ALO)		● Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) ● Trade Union International of Pensioners and Retired Persons ● Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries ● Trade Unions International of Workers in the Building, Wood, Building Materials and Allied Industries ● UNI Global Union ● Union Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control ● World Federation of Teachers' Unions ● World Organization of Workers Other organizations: ● African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters ● Amnesty International ● Anti-Slavery International ● Asociación Latinoamericana de Abogados Laboralistas ● Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development ● CARE International ● Caritas Internationalis ● C40 Cities (C40) ● Clean Clothes Campaign ● European Law Students' Association (ELSA) ● Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	• Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Asian Productivity Organization (APO) • Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) • Caribbean Community (CARICOM) • Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) • Central American Integration System (SICA) • Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) • Inter-African Conference on Social Security (CIPRES) • Council of Europe • East African Community (EAC) • Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) • Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) • Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) • European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) • European Union (EU) • Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) • Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) • Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) • League of Arab States • South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)		• Fair Trade International • Fondazione AVSI – ETS • Global March Against Child Labour • Human Rights Watch • Institution of Occupational Safety and Health • Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social Solidarity Economy • International Alliance of Women • International Alliance of Waste Pickers • International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance • International Association of Free Thought • International Association of Labour Inspection • International Catholic Migration Commission • International Commission on Occupational Health • International Coordination of Young Christian Workers • International Council on Social Welfare • International Council of Women • International Ergonomics Association • International Kolping Society • International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association • International Movement ATD Fourth World • International Occupational Hygiene Association • International Secretariat for Catholic Engineers, Agronomists and Industry Officials • International Young Christian Workers • Make Mothers Matter • Migrant Forum in Asia • Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical meeting on the future of employment and perspectives for decent work in the tobacco growing and manufacturing sector (8–12 February 2027)	• Southern African Development Community (SADC) • Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) • Organization of American States (OAS) Other organizations: • Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) • G7++Friends of the Gulf of Guinea • International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) • Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) • Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) • Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)		• Scalabrini International Migration Network • Social and Solidarity Economy International Forum • SOLIDAR • Soroptimist International • StreetNet International • Union Africaine de la Mutualité • Union of International Associations • Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing • World Association of Public Employment Services • World Council of Churches • World Medical Association • World Movement of Christian Workers • World Union of Professions • Zonta International
			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)

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Meeting of Experts on ergonomic hazards and human factors (12–16 April 2027) *	• World Bank Group • World Health Organization Regional organizations: • European Commission		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 Ergonomics Association (IEA) • International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) • International Social Security Association (ISSA) • Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) • International Association of Labour Inspection (IALI)

* Dates subject to confirmation by the Governing Body (GB.356/POL/3).