

OBSERVING THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2023

75 years of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the Freedom of Association

Date: 13 December 2023

Time: 9.00 - 1.30 pm, followed by lunch

Venue: Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

	PROGRAMME
9.00 – 9.30 am	Registration
9.30 – 10.30 am	Inaugural Session: Observing the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Welcome remarks Mr. Sasaki Satoshi, Officer-in-Charge, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia and Country Office for India Opening Remarks Mr. Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator in India Introduction to the celebratory volume '70 Years of the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association: A Reliable Compass in Any Weather' Ms. Karen Curtis, Chief, Freedom of Association Branch, International Labour Standards Department, ILO Address by Mr. Hiranmay Pandya, President, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh Address by Mr Arvind Francis, Executive Director, All India Organization of Employers Keynote Address Mr. Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India
10.30 - 10.45 am	Tea break
10.45 am – 12.00 pm	Session 1: Panel discussion on Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Significance of Freedom of Association Facilitation and context-setting Dr Kamala Sankaran, Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, Member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendation (CEACR) Celebrating 75 Years of UDHR Mr. Clément Nyaletsossi VOULE, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association [video message] Speakers Ms. Karen Curtis, Chief, Freedom of Association Branch, International Labour Standards Department, ILO Mr. Mayank Dais, Assistant Secretary, Employers' Association Delhi (All India Organization of Employers) [Representative], Workers' Organization Remarks from ILO constituents



12.00 – 1.15 pm	Session 2: Panel discussion on Promoting human rights: Empowering people through Freedom of Association
	Facilitation and context-setting Ms. Amarjeet Kaur, General Secretary, All India Trade Union Congress Speakers • Perspectives from Cotton Supply Chains Mr. R. D. Chandra Shekar, Vice President, Indian National Trade Union Congress • Perspectives from Street Vendors Mr. Arbind Singh, National Coordinator, National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) • Perspectives from Gig and Platform Workers Mr. Shaik Salauddin, President, Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union • Perspectives from Self-Employed Women workers Ms Aditi Yagnik, Organizing Coordinator, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) • Perspectives from ILO Ms. Oksana Wolfson, Coordinator, Freedom of Association, LIBSYND, ILO 10 mins Remarks
1.15 – 1.30 pm	Closing Session
	Closing remarks Ms. Karen Curtis, Chief, Freedom of Association Branch, International Labour Standards Department, ILO Vote of thanks Ms. Divya Verma, Senior Programme Officer, ILO
1.30 pm Onwards	LUNCH