



100 years of maternity protection: Transforming leave and care policies for a better future of work for all

Friday, 8 November 2019

09:00 – 17:30

ILO Geneva, Room II, R3-South

PROGRAMME

08:15 – 08.45 REGISTRATION

09.00 – 09.30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Chair: **Ms Shauna Olney**, Chief, Gender, Equality and Diversity Branch and ILOAIDS, ILO

- **Mr Guy Ryder**, Director-General, ILO
- **Ms Věra Jourová**, EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (video message)
- **Dr. Naoko Yamamoto**, Assistant Director-General, UHC/Healthier Population, WHO
- **Ms Christine Löw**, Director, Liaison Office Geneva, UN Women
- **Mr Gerton van den Akker**, Head of Section for Labour and Health issues, European Union Delegation to the UN in Geneva
- **Ms Margaret O'Brien**, Professor at University College London; Co-organiser, International Network on Leave Policies and Research (INLPR)

09.30 – 11.00 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL: THE FUTURE OF MATERNITY PROTECTION

Moderator: **Ms Shahira Amin**, Journalist

- **Ms Yolanda Valdeolivas García**, State Secretary for Employment, Spain
- **H.E. Mr Evan P. Garcia**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative, Philippines
- **H.E. Mr Frank Tressler Zamorano**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative, Chile
- **Ms Jacqueline Mugo**, Member of IOE management board; Executive Director of Federation of Kenya Employers; Titular member of the ILO Governing Body
- **Ms Catelene Passchier**, Special adviser to the President of the Netherlands Trade Union Confederation (FNV); Chair of the Workers' Group of the ILO
- **Mr. Francis Bwalya**, Counsellor-Health, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations Office

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

11.00 – 11.15 HEALTH BREAK

11.15 – 12.30 ROUND TABLE 1: MATERNITY PROTECTION and WOMEN'S HEALTH

Moderator: **Dr. Francesco Branca**, Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO

- **Ms Catalina Devandas**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Ms Jody Heymann**, Professor, UCLA WORLD Policy Analysis Center
- **Ms Bianca Stumbitz**, Research Fellow, Middlesex University London
- **Ms María Paz Anzorreguy**, Director of ILO Coordination, IOE

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION



12.30 – 13.30 LIGHT LUNCH AT “THE GOBELINS” (R2-South)

13.30 – 15.00 ROUND TABLE 2: TRANSFORMATIVE LEAVE POLICIES

Moderator: **Ms Verena Knaus**, Senior Policy Advisor, UNICEF

- **Ms Maureen Gouverneur**, Ministry of Solidarity and Health, Social Cohesion General Directorate, France
- **Ms Chidi King**, Director of Equality Department, ITUC
- **Ms Sonia Malaspina**, HR Director South Europe, Danone
- **Ms Marian Baird**, Professor, University of Sydney
- **Ms Juliana Franzoni**, Professor, University of Costa Rica

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

15.00 – 15.15 HEALTH BREAK

15.15 – 16.45 ROUND TABLE 3: ADDRESSING MATERNITY DISCRIMINATION, CHANGING NORMS

Moderator: **Ms Christine Löw**, Director, Liaison Office Geneva, UN WOMEN

- **H.E. Ms Silvia Elena Alfaro Espinosa**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Peru
- **Ms Liesbet Stevens**, Deputy Director, Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, Belgium
- **Ms Marie Clarke Walker**, Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Labour Congress
- **Ms Annick Masselot**, Professor, University of Canterbury
- **Mr Dean Peacock**, Senior Advisor for Global Advocacy, PROMUNDO

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

16.45 – 17.15 FUTURE PROSPECTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Chair: **Ms Shauna Olney**, Chief, Gender, Equality and Diversity Branch and ILOAIDS, ILO

- **Mr Gerton van den Akker**, Head, Section for Labour and Health Issues, European Union Delegation to the UN in Geneva
- **Mr Peter Moss**, Co-founder, International Network on Leave Policies and Research (INLPR)
- **Ms Manuela Tomei**, Director, Conditions of Work and Equality Department, ILO

17.15 – 17.30 INAUGURATION OF THE PHOTO EXHIBITION “PORTRAIT OF A (WORKING) MOTHER” by Marina Cavazza and Egle Kachute with introduction by:

- **Mr Gerton van den Akker**, Head of Section for Labour and Health issues, European Union Delegation to the UN in Geneva
- **Ms Brigitte Mantilleri**, Director, Equality Department, University of Geneva

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