

ILO ACTRAV Regional Symposium – Asia Pacific
WORKERS' EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TRADE UNION REVITALIZATION
16-18 August 2023 | Online

(Day 2)

THE IMPACT OF WORKERS' EDUCATION ON TRADE UNION INSTITUTIONS
17 August 2023 | Thursday | 9:30 – 12:00 | Zoom

Brief introduction

The sessions will consider the indispensable role of workers' education in strengthening trade union activities and institutions, particularly in organizing and membership recruitment and expansion, collective bargaining and negotiations, representation and raising workers' voices in social dialogue mechanisms at the country, sub-regional, regional and global levels.

Furthermore, it will look at the drivers of transformative developments in the world of work, such as climate change, technological innovations, and demographic shifts, including the continuing attack against democracy and democratic structures and activities, deepening inequalities in gender and income, and emerging and new jobs, etc.

Resource persons will provide insights on how to innovate workers' education to counter current and future challenges on unions and the pursuit of social justice, decent work and a human-centred future of work.

Run of show

9:30 – 9:35	Recap of Day 1 introduction to Day 2
9.35 – 10:35	Panel Discussion 2. THE IMPACT OF WORKERS' EDUCATION ON TRADE UNION INSTITUTIONS e.g. Organizing, collective bargaining, representation and voice, regional and sub-regional organizations <u>Panel discussants:</u> Dr. Pravin SINHA Secretary General, Indian Industrial Relations Association Ms Kohinoor MAHMOOD Director, Bangladesh Institute of Labour (BILS) Ms Melissa ANSELL-BRIDGES Secretary, New Zealand Council of Trade Unions (NZCTU) Ms Elly Rosita SILABAN <i>(tbc)</i> President, KSBSI (Indonesia) Moderator: Mr Syed Sultan Uddin AHMMED Senior Specialist in Workers' Activities, ILO ACTRAV, South Asia
10:35 – 10:40	Break

10:40 – 11:30	Panel Discussion 3. DRIVERS OF TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE WORKPLACE AND THE FUTURE OF WORKERS' EDUCATION (EXTERNAL ELEMENTS) e.g. climate change, Digitalization, demographic shifts, continuing challenges to democracy, new and emerging forms of employment (digital labour platforms), deepening inequality, etc. <u>Panel Discussants:</u> Dr. Leda CELIS Professor, Labour and Industrial Relations, University of St La Salle Atty. Sonny MATULA President, Federation of Free Workers (Philippines) Ms Sonia GEORGE General Secretary, Self-Employed Workers' Association (India) Ms Fatimath ZIMNA General Secretary, Maldives Trade Union Congress (MTUC) Moderator: Mr Ravindra Chanaka SAMITHADASA Senior Specialist in Workers' Activities, ILO ACTRAV ROAP
11:30 – 11:55	Open space: Q&A insights reflections experiences
11:55 – 12:00	Summary & Day 3 Programme