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Part I. Submissions approved in November 2007

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

I/1. Latin American Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour

Proposed date:	4–5 December 2007
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$37,500)
Geographical coverage:	Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico and Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12 (one from the ministry of labour and one from a national statistical office of each country)
(b) Employers:	4 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	4 (including one local)
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to obtain views on a draft resolution on the statistics of child labour, to be eventually submitted to the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), to be held from 24 November to 5 December 2008; (ii) to obtain country views for incorporation into the draft resolution, with a view to its submission to the ICLS.
Observers:	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United States Department of Labor World Bank
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

I/2. African Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour

Proposed date:	10–11 December 2007
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$72,500)
Geographical coverage:	Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	16 (one from the ministry of labour and one from a national statistical office of each country)
(b) Employers:	5 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	5 (including one local)
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to obtain views on a draft resolution on the statistics of child labour, to be eventually submitted to the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), to be held from 24 November to 5 December 2008; (ii) to obtain country views for incorporation into the draft resolution, with a view to its submission to the ICLS.
Observers:	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United States Department of Labor World Bank
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working languages:	English and French

I/3. Asian Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour

Proposed date:	Third or fourth week of January 2008
Place:	Manila, Philippines
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Philippines

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 12 (one from the ministry of labour and one from a national statistical office of each country)

(b) Employers: 4 (including one local)

(c) Workers: 4 (including one local)

Purpose of the workshop:

- (i) to obtain views on a draft resolution on the statistics of child labour, to be eventually submitted to the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), to be held from 24 November to 5 December 2008;
- (ii) to obtain country views for incorporation into the draft resolution, with a view to its submission to the ICLS.

Observers: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

United States Department of Labor

World Bank

Relevance to international labour standards:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)

Working language:

English

Employment Sector

Employment strategy

I/4. Regional Workshop on Public Administration and Implementation of the Decent Work Hemispheric Agenda in the Decent Work Country Programmes

Proposed date: 27–30 November 2007

Place: Lima, Peru

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$65,136)

Geographical coverage: Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay

Composition of participants:

- (a) Governments: 26 (one from the ministry of labour and one from another ministry (economy, planning, commerce or external relations))
- (b) Employers: 2
- (c) Workers: 2 (one representative of the Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT) and one representative of the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ITUC–ORIT))

Resource persons: Two consultants from academic institutions to present the theme *Rural employment and local development*

- Purpose of the workshop:
- (i) to analyse the general and specific policies of the Decent Work Hemispheric Agenda, which contain proposals agreed by the three groups of constituents for the medium term and which could serve as a basis to guide ILO technical assistance in the region;
 - (ii) to identify the way in which these policies will be implemented to reach the proposed objectives and alert the governments to the advantages of Decent Work Country Programmes, implemented according to a result-based approach, to reach the objectives defined in the Decent Work Hemispheric Agenda.

Relevance to international labour standards: All ILO standards

Working language: Spanish

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

I/5. Sub-Saharan Africa Tripartite Workshop on Labour Dispute Settlement and Discrimination based on HIV/AIDS

- Proposed date: 29–31 January 2008
- Place: Pretoria, South Africa
- Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$85,700)
- Geographical coverage: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe
- Composition of participants:
- (a) Governments: 24 (one from the ministry of labour, one from a conciliation commission and one from a labour court)

(b) Employers:	8 (one from each country)
(c) Workers:	8 (one from each country)
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to explore integration between various actors responsible for labour dispute settlement and new forms of labour disputes such as HIV discrimination; (ii) to share knowledge and learn from the experience of other participants
Resource person:	A representative from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91); Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92); and the Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities

I/6. Regional Forum for the African Private Sector on the Social and Economic Challenges of the ACP²-EU³ Economic Partnership Agreements

Proposed date:	28–30 November 2007
Place:	Dakar, Senegal
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$141,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania and Togo
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	34

² African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

³ European Union.

Purpose of the forum:	To help employers' organizations strengthen their ability to negotiate and to represent the interests of enterprises and employers during the crucial transitional period (2008–20) of the economic partnership agreements (EPAs), with particular emphasis on the following: upgrading enterprises, adjustments resulting from the progressive dismantling of tariff restrictions, the social dimension of EPAs
Resource persons:	One representative from the European Union Two local consultants from Senegal
Observers:	African Union Commission Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC) Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Southern African Development Community (SADC) European Commission United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) West African Economic Community (CEAO) World Bank World Trade Organization (WTO)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122); Employment Policy (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1984 (No. 169); Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189); and the Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), as well as the resolution concerning tripartism and social dialogue adopted by the International Labour Conference in 2002
Working languages:	English and French

Workers' activities

I/7. ILO/RENGO⁴–JILAF⁵ Regional Workshop for Capacity Building on Trade Unions' Rights and Labour Standards for Productivity Improvement in Africa

Proposed date:	19–23 November 2007
Place:	Lusaka, Zambia
Financing:	Japanese Trade Union Confederation (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	13
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to allow trade union organizations to consolidate their knowledge of international labour standards, in particular those relating to freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining, to promote and ensure their effective application; (ii) to promote the relationship between the application of international labour standards and productivity improvement; (iii) to develop plans of action which could be used as a tool for follow-up at the national level.
Observers:	African Regional Organization of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (AFRO–ITUC) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Democratic Organization of African Workers' Trade Unions (DOAWTU)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English and French

⁴ Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

⁵ Japan International Labour Foundation.

Part II. Submissions approved between June and October 2007

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

II/1. Regional Meeting of Experts on Child Domestic Work Outside the Home and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents

Proposed date:	21–23 August 2007
Place:	Santiago, Chile
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$42,957)
Geographical coverage:	Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	22 (ten from Chile and four from each of the other countries)
(b) Employers:	12 (six from Chile and two from each of the other countries)
(c) Workers:	12 (six from Chile and two from each of the other countries)
Resource persons:	Three representatives of academic institutions (two from Colombia and one from Paraguay) One representative of the Inter-American Organization of Workers (ITUC–ORIT) 14 representatives of non-governmental organizations (three from Colombia, four from Paraguay and seven from Peru)
Observers:	Ten local representatives of the Government of Chile Five local representatives of workers' organizations from Chile Six local representatives of employers' organizations from Chile One local representative of the United Nations Children's Fund One local representative of the International Organization for Migration Three representatives of academic institutions from Chile Ten representatives of non-governmental organizations from Chile

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to analyse good practice and lessons learned in the framework of the Project of Prevention and Elimination of Domestic Child Labour and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in South America; (ii) to develop the national capacities to replicate good practice by incorporating the withdrawal of children and adolescents from the worst forms of child labour in national legislation; (iii) to ensure the sustainability of good practice adopted with regard to the withdrawal of children and adolescents from the worst forms of child labour, with particular attention to child domestic work outside the home and commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

III/2. Subregional Tripartite Meeting for the Exchange of Information and Training on the Investigation of Offences relating to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Minors, involving the Use of Information Technologies

Proposed date:	21–24 August 2007
Place:	Managua, Nicaragua
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$28,462)
Geographical coverage:	Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	28 (9 public prosecutors specialized in the investigation of offences relating to commercial sexual exploitation of minors and human trafficking, nine policemen specialized in offences relating to commercial sexual exploitation of minors and human trafficking and 10 officials of INTERPOL)
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Resource persons:	Specialists in criminal investigation A specialist from the Greater Manchester Police Abusive Images Investigation Unit

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to exchange experiences with a view to fostering international cooperation regarding criminal investigations of offences relating to commercial sexual exploitation of minors, involving the use of information technology; (ii) to improve the capacity of the investigators to share information about the best investigation techniques and processes to identify the sources and obtain probative information on those offences; (iii) to review the main progress, limits and lessons learned by the bodies responsible for implementing the law (specialized ministries or police) in investigating those offences.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

III/3. *First Andean Meeting of National Committees for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour and the Protection of Adolescent Workers of the Andean Community of Nations Countries*

Proposed date:	15–18 October 2007
Place:	Quito, Ecuador
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$44,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	16
(b) Employers:	6 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	6 (including one local)
Resource persons:	One representative of the Andean Business Advisory Council One representative of the Andean Labour Advisory Council Two representatives of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to exchange information on the progress accomplished at the national level with regard to the prevention and eradication of child labour and protection of adolescent workers; (ii) to identify strengths and weaknesses of the national committees for the prevention and eradication of child labour; (iii) to share experience of good practice developed by these national committees in five Andean countries and to explore the possibilities to duplicate them; (iv) to develop for the future an agenda of cross-cutting cooperation between these national committees.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

Employment Sector

Employment strategy

III/4. Subregional Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Decent Employment for Young People

Proposed date:	6–7 December 2007
Place:	Ljubljana, Slovenia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$65,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to discuss recent developments in the youth labour market, paying special attention to the position of young women's position in the labour market; (ii) to discuss strategies and action to further expand and sustain the promotion of decent employment for youth in the participating countries, further to the directions set out in the resolution concerning youth employment, adopted by the International Labour Conference and to the conclusions adopted by the Seventh European Regional Meeting in 2005.
Observers:	European Commission United Nations Administration of Kosovo
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Employment Service Recommendation, 1948 (No. 83); Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122); and the Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English and Slovenian

III/5. *Tripartite Technical Meeting on Decent Work in Pacific Island Countries*

Proposed date:	26–28 November 2007
Place:	Nadi, Fiji
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$75,613)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, as well as Australia and New Zealand at their own cost
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to set priorities for the implementation of Decent Work Country Programmes; (ii) to identify regional strategies that reflect issues and problems common to the subregion in the implementation of the Decent Work Agenda of the ILO; (iii) to examine labour market trends and scenarios in the Pacific Island countries and an overview of donor policies for the region and ongoing programmes; (iv) to share experiences in the implementation of Decent Work Country Programmes.

Resource persons:	Two representatives of the Pacific Island Forum Three or four representatives from planning ministries One or two representatives from the University of the South Pacific One representative either from the Samoa National Joint Youth (Entrepreneurship) Programme (TALAVOU) or of the Small Business Enterprise Centre
Observers:	Australian High Commission British High Commission Embassy of Japan Embassy of France Embassy of the United States Embassy of the People's Republic of China European Union New Zealand High Commission Secretariat of the Pacific Community Secretariat of the Pacific Island Forum United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) University of the South Pacific World Health Organization (WHO)
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO fundamental Conventions ⁶
Working language:	English

⁶ Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

**II/6. Interregional Symposium on the Informal Economy:
Enabling Transition to Formalization**

Proposed date:	27–29 November 2007
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$293,168)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey and Yemen
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	17
(b) Employers:	17
(c) Workers:	17
Purpose of the symposium:	(i) to review, share and disseminate information on effective policies, programmes and practices for upgrading the informal economy through different country experiences; (ii) to assist ILO constituents to develop knowledge on emerging issues and innovative approaches for addressing the informal economy across the four pillars of the ILO Decent Work Agenda; (iii) to reflect on the respective and complementary roles of the governments and the social partners for improving the policy environment; (iv) to identify possible follow-up in research, capacity building and technical cooperation to support processes towards formalization.
Resource persons:	Three representatives of academic institutions Seven representatives of government institutions Two representatives of employers' organizations Two representatives of workers' organizations One representative of a non-governmental organization

Observers:

Donor/government representatives:

Directorate-General for Development Cooperation,
Belgium

International Development Agency, Canada

Department for International Development, United
Kingdom

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and
Development, Germany

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE), France

Irish Aid

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
(NORAD), Norway

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal

European Union

Spanish Development Cooperation

Swiss Development Cooperation

Swedish International Development Agency

Representatives of regional and international agencies:

African Development Bank

African Union

Asian Development Bank

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and
Development (OECD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

World Bank

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

International Cooperative Alliance

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Social Alert

Relevance to international labour standards:

Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Home Work Convention, 1996 (No. 177); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187); Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193); Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195); and the Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)

Working languages:

English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese

Workers' activities

II/7. Workers' Regional Meeting on Labour Market Reforms in Asia: Trade Union Response

Proposed date: 18–20 July 2007

Place: New Delhi, India

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$90,000)

Geographical coverage: Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam

Composition of participants:

Workers: 25

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to debate issues relating to labour market reforms;
- (ii) to exchange experiences to identify good practices in the region to stimulate regional and subregional initiatives;
- (iii) to establish a knowledge base network by conducting studies and research to foster the sharing of knowledge and experiences in the region as a significant contribution in advancing the Decent Work Decade;

	(iv) to follow up on the conclusions of the 14th Asian Regional Meeting, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in 2006;
	(v) to examine the implications of the United Nations reform.
Resource persons:	Five specialists, including workers' specialists from the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the Asia and Pacific Regional Organization (ITUC-APRO) who will conduct studies on various issues, providing a platform for discussion
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Asia and Pacific Regional Organization (ITUC-APRO) Global union federations Indian trade unions
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO fundamental Conventions ⁷
Working language:	English

Skills Development

III/8. ILO/SKILLS-AP/KUT Regional Training Programme on Human Resources Development Policy in Asia and the Pacific

Proposed date:	22–26 October 2007
Place:	Cheonan, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$20,000) and Korea University of Technology and Education (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the programme:	To discuss the development of human resources development (HRD) policy in the Republic of Korea and in Asia and the Pacific, focusing on the planning, design, development, implementation and evaluation of HRD policy in the region

⁷ For the list of the fundamental Conventions, see footnote 6.

Resource persons:	Lecturers from Korea University of Technology and Education
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

III/9. *Regional Meeting on the Role of Vocational Training in Productivity, Employment and Development*

Proposed date:	20–21 September 2007
Place:	Salvador, Brazil
Financing:	SENAI ⁸ (US\$20,000), ILO regular budget (US\$40,000) and CINTERFOR ⁹ (US\$3,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	25 representatives from national vocational training institutes
(b) Employers:	6 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	6 (including one local)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to analyse experience of good practice in the region regarding the development of skills and competences as a means to improve productivity and employment; (ii) to analyse the links between employment, productivity, working conditions and environment and safety and health at work.
Resource persons:	At least four specialists in productivity
Observers:	Local representatives of the United Nations Organization and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); and the Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English, Spanish and Portuguese

⁸ Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Industrial.

⁹ Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training.

Social Protection Sector

Social protection

III/10. Regional Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Social Protection in Latin America

Proposed date:	12–14 December 2007
Place:	Santiago, Chile
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$75,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to establish the basis for elaboration of a medium and long term plan of action to extend the coverage of social protection in countries of the region, in light of their recent experience and taking into account their diversity and heterogeneity in terms of economic, social and labour environment; (ii) to follow up to the mandate given to the ILO by the International Labour Conference in June 2001, regarding the objectives of the Hemispheric Decent Work Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).
Resource persons:	Two experts, one from a European country and the other from a Latin American country, representing either an academic institution or an international organization
Observers:	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Ibero–American Social Security Organization Inter-American Social Security Conference International Social Security Association Pan American Health Organization World Bank

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102); Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118); Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128); Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157); Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168); Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183); Income Security Recommendation, 1944 (No. 67); Medical Care Recommendation, 1944 (No. 69); Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121); Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131); Maintenance of Social Security Rights Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167); Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176); and the Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191)

Working languages:

English and Spanish

Labour protection

II/11. Regional Meeting on Occupational Safety and Health in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Proposed date:

18–20 November 2007

Place:

Damascus, Syria

Financing:

ILO regular budget (US\$100,000)

Geographical coverage:

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen, as well as West Bank and the Gaza Strip

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 18

(b) Employers: 18

(c) Workers: 18

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to assist the participants in identifying areas for improvement in occupational safety and health (OSH) and subsequent development of action plans for their countries;
- (ii) to facilitate the development in the region of OSH policies with an aim of preventing effectively accidents and injuries to health arising out of, linked with or occurring in, the course of work;

	(iii) to identify steps for a harmonized regional strategy towards continuous improvement of OSH in the region.
Resource persons:	Two government officials and two representatives of academic institutions
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81); Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159); Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161); Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), as well as the <i>Guidelines on occupational safety and health management systems</i> (ILO–OSH 2001) and the Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health, 2006
Working languages:	French and Arabic

II/12. Final Seminar of the Project on “Promoting Safety and Health at Work in the Construction Sector in MERCOSUR¹⁰ and Chile”

Proposed date:	30–31 October 2007
Place:	Santiago, Chile
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$53,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the seminar:	(i) to assess and discuss the results of the project with the constituents of participating countries; (ii) to share experience in the field of safety and health in the construction sector; (iii) to identify areas requiring a stronger collaboration and present the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187).

¹⁰ Common Market of Southern Cone.

Observers:	An expert from the Government of Peru (hosting country) Representatives of the Chilean Construction Chamber (<i>Camara Chilena de la Construction</i>) and the Accident Compensation Mutual of the same Chamber
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161); Safety and Health in Construction Convention, 1988 (No. 167); Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187); Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 1981 (No. 164); Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1985 (No. 171); Asbestos Recommendation, 1986 (No. 172), as well as the <i>Guidelines on occupational safety and health management systems</i> (ILO–OSH 2001) and the Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health, 2006
Working languages:	Spanish and Portuguese

Social Dialogue Sector

Labour administration

II/13. Essential labour administration training

Proposed date:	3–5 July 2007
Place:	Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$17,261)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following non-metropolitan territories: Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and the Netherlands Antilles
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	19
(b) Employers:	3 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	3 (including one local)
Purpose of the training:	To enable participants to have a better understanding and appreciation of the functions and services associated with labour administration and industrial relations with reference to international labour standards
Resource person:	An international consultant, specialist in industrial relations and labour administration

Relevance to international labour standards:

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88); Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129); Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131); Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158); Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160); Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language:

English

III/14. Basic training course for labour inspectors

Proposed date:

17–19 July 2007

Place:

Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Financing:

ILO regular budget (US\$15,473)

Geographical coverage:

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following non-metropolitan territories: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and the Netherlands Antilles

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments:

20

(b) Employers:

3 (including one local)

(c) Workers:

3 (including one local)

Purpose of the course:	To improve the capacity and knowledge of labour inspectors in terms of planning and preparing for labour inspections, conducting inspection visits, follow-up to the inspection visits and reporting on these visits, in accordance with national and international standards
Resource person:	An international consultant, specialist in industrial relations and labour administration
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88); Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129); Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131); Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158); Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160); Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

II/15. Advanced Labour Administration and Industrial Relations Training Seminar

Proposed date:	18–20 September 2007
Place:	Grenada
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$18,828)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following non-metropolitan territories: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, and the Turks and Caicos Islands

Composition of participants:

- (a) Governments: 21
- (b) Employers: 3 (including one local)
- (c) Workers: 3 (including one local)

Purpose of the seminar:

- (i) to discuss the labour administration function and explore options for greater integration of the work of labour institutions;
- (ii) to review recent national developments in industrial relations;
- (iii) to define the responsibility of tripartite labour advisory committees;
- (iv) to share views on tripartism, social dialogue and social partnerships;
- (v) to make recommendations for improvement and greater effectiveness.

Resource persons:

An international consultant, Specialist in Industrial Relations and Labour Administration

Relevance to international labour standards

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88); Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129); Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131); Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158); Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160); Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language:

English

II/16. Subregional Conciliation/Mediation Training Course

Proposed date:	First quarter of 2008
Place:	Georgetown, Guyana
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$14,323)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following non-metropolitan territory: Bermuda
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14
(b) Employers:	3 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	3 (including one local)
Purpose of the course:	To acquire and improve skills in management of conflict and resolution of disputes, with a better understanding of the dynamics of conflict, ethics of negotiations, conciliator/mediator's relationship with interested parties
Resource persons:	An international consultant, specialist in industrial relations and labour administration
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88); Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129); Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131); Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155); Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158); Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160); Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161); and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

Sectoral activities

II/17. Regional Meeting on Strengthening the Sectoral Dimension of the Decent Work Country Programmes

Proposed date:	21–23 October 2007
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$80,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	11
Workers:	11 (representing global union federations, the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ITUC–ORIT) and the Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT))
Purpose of the programme:	(i) to follow up the decisions adopted by the Governing Body in March 2007, as regards the strengthening of the sectoral dimension of the Decent Work Country Programmes; (ii) to strengthen the consultation with social partners at the sectoral level to identify priorities; (iii) to follow up on the decisions adopted by the Governing Body regarding the active involvement of the social dialogue specialists in the region in the strengthening of sectoral social dialogue; (iv) to exchange ideas about the most important trends regarding sectors in the region and strategies to develop a number of sectors in the Hemispheric Decent Work Agenda.
Resource persons:	One representative of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) One representative of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	All ILO standards relating to social dialogue
Working language:	Spanish

Employers' activities**III/18. Subregional Think Tank on Corporate Social Responsibility for the Employers' Organizations of Western Africa**

Proposed date:	23–24 August 2007
Place:	Bamako, Mali
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$45,490)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	12
Purpose of the think tank:	(i) to reflect on corporate social responsibility and share experiences; (ii) to define a position regarding the involvement of employers' organizations in the promotion of corporate social responsibility; (iii) to identify the key issues for the development of strategies leading to the promotion of corporate social responsibility.
Resource persons:	An executive manager of IKATEL ORANGE (Mali) and another enterprise manager from the same industry
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO fundamental Conventions ¹¹
Working language:	French

III/19. Regional Training Workshop for Employers' Organizations from Balkan Countries on "The Effective Employers' Organization"

Proposed date:	5–7 September 2007
Place:	Zagreb, Croatia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$15,000) and International Training Centre (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia

¹¹ For the list of the fundamental Conventions, see footnote 6.

Composition of participants:

Employers:	14 (two from each country)
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to train the representatives of employers' organizations in basic organizational skills, in particular governance, strategy, advocacy, communication, revenue building and services, using the ACT/EMP publication <i>The Effective Employers' Organization</i> as a tool; (ii) to encourage networking and exchange of experiences and best practices amongst participants; (iii) to identify priorities for follow-up.
Resource persons:	Two experts/trainers from employers' organizations
Observer:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); and the Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working language:	English

Workers' activities

III/20. Subregional Trade Union Summit on "Trade Unionism in Central America and Dominican Republic: Challenges for the Future in the Light of its Past History"

Proposed date:	21–23 November 2007
Place:	Guatemala City, Guatemala
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$14,285) and Government of Spain (US\$14,362)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	25

Purpose of the summit:	To provide trade union leaders with appropriate training materials, enabling them to disseminate trade union objectives and promote a better understanding of their real concerns, challenges, results and difficulties, as well as the means of action which would allow them to strengthen their organizations, reinforce their unity, negotiating power and persuasive capacity with regard to the Government and their social partners
Resource persons:	Four specialists who would present: (i) a guide on the major challenges facing trade unionism; (ii) the Trade Union Charter of Central America and the European Union; (iii) the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Central America from a trade union's perspective; and (iv) the process towards trade union unity in the region
Observers:	Central American Confederation of Workers (CCT) Central American Institute of Social Studies Common Platform of Central American Trade Unions (PSCC) The Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ITUC-ORIT) The Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT) The Trade Unions' Coordinating Body for Central America and the Caribbean (CSACC) Union Institute for Central America and the Caribbean (ISACC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)
Working language:	Spanish

II/21. The Andean Trade Union Agenda in view of the Decent Work Deficit and the Social Dimension of Economic Integration Processes

Proposed date:	26–27 November 2007
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$3,000) and Government of Spain (US\$17,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Composition of participants:

Workers:	26 (2 from Bolivia, 6 from Colombia, 4 from Ecuador, 8 from Peru and 6 from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to revise and update the coordination criteria of the subregional trade union strategy for the promotion of decent work and the trade unions' management of the social dimension in the economic integration processes; (ii) to develop and articulate a <i>Subregional Trade Union Agenda</i> on the basis of existing national trade union agendas in order to develop a common and coordinated trade union strategy to promote an effective implementation of the fundamental principles and rights at work.
Resource persons:	Representatives of: The General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN) The Trade Unions' Coordinating Body for the Andean Countries The Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ITUC–ORIT) The Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT)) The Andean Labour Advisory Council One expert in integration processes in the Andean countries One expert in labour market and labour relations in the Andean countries
Relevance to international labour standards:	The ILO fundamental Conventions, ¹² as well as the following Conventions: Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135); Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151); and the Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)
Working language:	Spanish

¹² For the list of the fundamental Conventions, see footnote 6.

**II/22. The Southern Cone Trade Union Agenda
in view of the decent work deficit and
the social dimension of economic
integration processes**

Proposed date:	11–12 December 2007
Place:	Montevideo, Uruguay
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$23,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	23 (7 from Argentina, 11 from Brazil, 2 from Paraguay and 3 from Uruguay)
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to revise and update the coordination criteria of the subregional trade union strategy for the promotion of decent work and the trade unions' management of the social dimension in the economic integration processes; (ii) to develop and articulate a <i>Subregional Trade Union Agenda</i> on the basis of the existing national trade union agendas in order to develop a common and coordinated trade union strategy to promote an effective implementation of the fundamental principles and rights at work.
Resource persons:	Representatives of: Common Market of the Southern Cone (MERCOSUR) The Trade Unions' Coordinating Body for the Southern Cone The Southern Cone Labour Advisory Council One expert in integration processes in the Southern Cone countries One expert in labour market and labour relations in the Southern Cone countries
Relevance to international labour standards:	ILO fundamental Conventions, ¹³ as well as the following Conventions: Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135); Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151); and the Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)
Working language:	Spanish

¹³ For the list of the fundamental Conventions, see footnote 6.

II/23. Validation Meeting of a Manual for Trade Unions Organizing the Informal Economy in Asia

Proposed date:	24–26 September 2007
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Public Services International (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, India, Philippines, Thailand and Hong Kong (China)
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	8
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to review the contents, training aspects and case illustrations of eight modules and handouts of a <i>Manual for Trade Unions Organizing the Informal Economy</i>; (ii) to validate themes, contents, style, pertinence and usefulness of the modules and handouts; (iii) to provide comments to the consultant for inclusion in a final draft.
Resource persons:	A representative of the Australian Trade Union Training Authority (TUTA), Australia
Observers:	Global union federations Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI) Union Network International (UNI) International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Conventions and Recommendations on freedom of association
Working language:	English

Statistics

II/24. ILO/ASEAN¹⁴ Technical Workshop on Labour Statistics: Setting Priorities for Enhanced Knowledge and Regional Cooperation

Proposed date:	29–30 October 2007
Place:	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam

¹⁴ Association of South-East Asian Nations.

Composition of participants:

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| (a) Governments: | 27 |
| (b) Employers: | 5 |
| (c) Workers: | 5 |

Purpose of the workshop:

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| (i) | to assess national market information systems of the technical agencies involved in collecting, analysing and disseminating labour market information and review capacity gaps and needs; |
| (ii) | to assess available age-and gender-disaggregated labour and employment statistics with respect to identifying priority indicators given the context of regional integration; |
| (iii) | take stock of existing and potential statistical activities and data systems, including instruments and methodologies for generating age-and gender-disaggregated labour and employment statistics, and available sources; |
| (iv) | to determine possible areas of common interest for technical cooperation and development coordination among ASEAN member countries; |
| (v) | to draw up ideas on the way forward while highlighting possible mechanisms for regional cooperation. |

Resource persons:

Representatives of: the ASEAN secretariat and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Working language:

English

Part III. Additional information

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

III/1. Tripartite Subregional Seminar on Settlement of Labour Disputes through Mediation, Conciliation, Arbitration, and Labour Courts in the Countries of Central Asia and Caucasus¹⁵

Former venue: Larnaca, Cyprus

New venue: Nicosia, Cyprus

Geneva, 22 October 2007.

Submitted for information.

¹⁵ GB.298/Inf.2, item II/9.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
AFRICA 2007		
19-23 November	ILO/RENGO–JILAF Regional Workshop for Capacity Building on Trade Unions' Rights and Labour Standards for Productivity Improvement in Africa (Japanese Trade Union Confederation)	Lusaka, Zambia
28-30 November	Regional Forum for the African Private Sector on the Social and Economic Challenges of the ACP–EU Economic Partnership Agreements (ILO regular budget)	Dakar, Senegal
10-11 December	African Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour (Government of United States)	Johannesburg, South Africa
2008		
29-31 January	Sub-Saharan Africa Tripartite Workshop on Labour Dispute Settlement and Discrimination based on HIV/AIDS (ILO regular budget)	Pretoria, South Africa
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2007		
26-28 November	Tripartite Technical Meeting on Decent Work in Pacific Island Countries (ILO regular budget)	Nadi, Fiji
2008		
Third or fourth week of January	Asian Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour (Government of United States)	Manila, Philippines
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2007		
21-23 November	Subregional Trade Union Summit on "Trade Unionism in Central America and Dominican Republic: Challenges for the Future in the Light of its Past History" (ILO regular budget and Government of Spain)	Guatemala City, Guatemala
26-27 November	The Andean Trade Union Agenda in view of the Decent Work Deficit and the Social Dimension of Economic Integration Processes (ILO regular budget and Government of Spain)	Lima, Peru
27-30 November	Regional Workshop on Public Administration and Implementation of the Decent Work Hemispheric Agenda in the Decent Work Country Programmes (ILO regular budget)	Lima, Peru
4-5 December	Latin American Regional Tripartite Workshop on the Draft Resolution on Statistics of Child Labour (Government of United States)	Lima, Peru
11-12 December	The Southern Cone Trade Union Agenda in view of the Decent Work Deficit and the Social Dimension of Economic Integration Processes (Government of Spain)	Montevideo, Uruguay
12-14 December	Regional Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Social Protection in Latin America (ILO regular budget)	Santiago, Chile

Date	Title of meeting	Place
2008		
First quarter	Subregional Conciliation/Mediation Training Course (ILO regular budget)	Georgetown, Guyana
ARAB STATES 2007		
18–20 November	Regional Meeting on Occupational Safety and Health in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) (ILO regular budget)	Damascus, Syria
EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA 2007		
6–7 December	Subregional Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Decent Employment for Young People (ILO regular budget)	Ljubljana, Slovenia
INTERREGIONAL 2007		
27–29 November	Interregional Symposium on the Informal Economy: Enabling Transition to Formalization (ILO regular budget)	Geneva, Switzerland