



Approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings ¹

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Part I: Submissions approved in November 2008

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

I/1. Subregional Conference on Promoting Effective Mechanisms for the Settlement of Labour Disputes at the Workplace in the Countries of Western Balkans and Moldova

Proposed date:	9–10 December 2008
Place:	Podgorica, Montenegro
Financing:	Government of Austria (US\$62,560)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as the UN-administered territory of Kosovo ²
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7 (one from each country/territory)
(b) Employers:	7 (one from each country/territory)
(c) Workers:	7 (one from each country/territory)
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to exchange experiences and views on how to establish and make effective, a mechanism for the amicable settlement of labour disputes while taking into consideration the stipulations of international labour standards and comparative practice; (ii) to establish an action plan on promoting sound mechanisms for the amicable settlement of labour disputes at the national level.
Resource persons:	Two European experts
Observers:	One representative from the Austrian Development Cooperation
Relevance to international labour standards:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective

² Used throughout this report as defined in United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1244 of 1999.

Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92), Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158), Labour Relations (Public Service) Recommendation, 1978 (No. 159)

Working languages:

English, Bosnian, Serbian and Montenegrin

Part II: Submissions approved between May 2008 and November 2008

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Child labour

II/1. Regional Workshop for Sub-Saharan African Countries: Training on HIV/AIDS-induced Child Labour Strategies, Good Practices, Methodologies and Tools

Proposed date:	2–5 September 2008
Place:	Kampala, Uganda
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$96,797)
Geographical coverage:	Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to equip participants with practical tools to replicate good practices for combating HIV/AIDS-induced child labour in sub-Saharan Africa; (ii) to give participants an opportunity to see action at the community level by means of a field visit.
Resource persons:	Two representatives of employers' organizations One representative of a workers' organization Two consultants One representative of the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda One representative of a non-governmental organization
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), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working languages:	English and French

II/2. Mekong Conference on the Prevention of Human Trafficking: Final Session of the Subregional Advisory Committee of the Mekong Project to Combat Trafficking in Children and Women in the Greater Mekong Subregion

Proposed date:	9–10 October 2008
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of United Kingdom (US\$85,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	40 (eight from each country)
(b) Employers:	20 (four from each country)
(c) Workers:	20 (four from each country)
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to showcase the ILO's prevention measures in anti-trafficking in the Greater Mekong Subregion; (ii) to provide a platform for governments and the social partners to reaffirm their commitment to action on human trafficking.
Resource persons:	Community beneficiaries (3 from each country)
Observers:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Save the Children, United Kingdom United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Asian Development Bank Representatives of donor countries
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities

II/3. Latin American and Caribbean Subregional Conference for Employers on “Business against Child Labour: Tools for Action”

Proposed date:	7–8 October 2008
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$50,000) IPEC ³ (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	117 (one from each country plus 100 representatives of local businesses)
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to strengthen the capacity of employers' organizations, enterprises that have joined the Global Compact, and companies in the Argentinean Network against Child Labour, through training in the use of the <i>Child Labour Guides for Employers</i>; (ii) to promote the exchange of information on good business practices in combating child labour and to showcase success stories of companies promoting the eradication of child labour; (iii) to encourage businesses to raise awareness among their suppliers concerning the human cost of child labour as well as the negative economic and social consequences.
Observer:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

³ International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour.

II/4. *Interregional Workshop for Employers in the Fight Against Child Labour*

Proposed date:	30–31 October 2008
Place:	Baku, Azerbaijan
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$30,000) IPEC ⁴ (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	30 (two from each country plus 12 local)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss child labour issues in the supply chain, the role of business and government and the response at the national level; (ii) to assist employers' organizations to design and implement strategies against child labour.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English, Russian and Azeri

Labour standards**II/5. *Subregional Workshop on Achieving Rapid and Widespread Ratification and Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, in the Southern African Development Community Countries***

Proposed date:	30 July–1 August 2008
Place:	Windhoek, Namibia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$100,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	15
(b) Employers:	15
(c) Workers:	15

⁴ International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour.

Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to deepen the understanding of participants about the Maritime Labour Convention; (ii) to discuss solutions to issues arising in the process of ratification and implementation, in the light of existing law and practice in the SADC ⁵ countries; (iii) to discuss possible regional cooperation.
Observers:	International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) International Shipping Federation (ISF)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, (MLC), Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)
Working language:	English

II/6. ASEAN ⁶ Workshop on Core International Labour Standards

Proposed date:	22–25 September 2008
Place:	Singapore
Financing:	International Training Centre, Turin (US\$77,000) and ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to build on the participants' understanding of the fundamental principles and rights at work; (ii) to review the rights and principles set out in the ILO core labour standards and to examine how these can be best applied and respected at the national and regional levels.
Resource persons:	One expert from the ASEAN secretariat

⁵ Southern African Development Community.

⁶ Association of South-East Asian Nations.

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), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

Employment Sector

Skills development

II/7. Meeting of the CINTERFOR ⁷ Programme, Finance and Administrative Committee

Proposed date:	19 August 2008
Place:	Montevideo, Uruguay
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$24,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Spain and Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14 (two from Brazil and one from each of the other countries)
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the Meeting:	To guide the management of CINTERFOR and to follow through the decisions of the Technical Committee of ILO/CINTERFOR and of the Governing Body
Resource persons:	One representative of an employer organization One representative of a worker organization One expert in labour training One journalist
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

⁷ Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training.

II/8. ILO/SKILLS–AP/Thailand Regional Technical Meeting on Improving Skills Recognition and Quality and Qualification Systems for IMT-GT and GMS Countries

Proposed date:	4–6 November 2008
Place:	Chiang Rai, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$23,000) Government of Thailand (US\$29,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam, as well as Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Timor-Leste (at no cost to the ILO)
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8 (including one local)
(b) Employers:	8 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	8 (including one local)
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to introduce key conceptual and practical issues involved in systems of national skill recognition; (ii) to enable participants to better understand the opportunities and risks and to develop concrete action plans.
Resource persons:	One international resource person One representative of the Government of Japan (at own expense) Two representatives of UNESCO (at own expense)
Observers:	Asian Development Bank Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Working Group (APEC HRDWG) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

II/9. ILO/SKILLS–AP/Korea Regional Technical Meeting on Skills Recognition for Migrant Workers

Proposed date:	25–27 November 2008
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Korea (US\$48,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to compare and discuss Regional Model Competency Standards (RMCS) among participating countries; (ii) to reach a common understanding on the RMCS for manufacturing; (iii) to share experience on skills recognition issues.
Resource person:	One international resource person
Observers:	Asian Development Bank Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Working Group (APEC HRDWG) Korea National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (KOPEC) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), and the ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration
Working language:	English

Social Protection Sector

Conditions of work

II/10. Regional Meeting on the Minimum Wage in the Enlarged European Union: Issues and Challenges

Proposed date:	30–31 October 2008
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
Financing:	European Union (US\$331,000) and ILO regular budget (US\$80,000)
Geographical coverage:	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	30
(c) Workers:	30
Resource persons:	13 national experts Five experts from research/academic institutions Five representatives of the European Commission One representative of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) One representative of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to discuss developments in the minimum wage in the context of the enlargement of the European Union and the challenges brought about by different economic and social standards; (ii) to discuss and debate proposals for common rules within the European Union; (iii) to discuss the role of tripartism and social partners in wage determination and minimum wage fixing.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131)
Working language:	English

Workers' activities***II/11. Subregional Seminar on the Strengthening of Trade Union Networks with Respect to Social Protection in the Central American Integration Process***

Proposed date:	18–21 August 2008
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$19,702) International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin (US\$19,814)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	30 (six from each country)
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to create and strengthen trade union networks to improve the participation in subregional integration; (ii) to promote trade union participation in Decent Work programmes, particularly with regard to social protection; (iii) to improve trade union training in social security; (iv) to exchange experiences between trade union organizations in the subregion and Spain.
Resource persons:	Government representatives responsible for social security, from Costa Rica and Spain One representative each of Costa Rican and Spanish employers' organizations Two representatives of the main Spanish trade unions One Honduran worker specialist One regional worker specialist Four representatives of academic institutions
Observers:	The Trade Unions' Coordinating Body for Central America

Relevance to international labour standards:

Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Medical Care Recommendation, 1944 (No. 69), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191)

Working language:

Spanish

Social Dialogue Sector

Social dialogue

II/12. Pilot Training Course on Labour Market Information for Youth Employment

Proposed date:	13–17 October 2008
Place:	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$80,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Republic of Nepal, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	16 (two from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Republic of Nepal, Sri Lanka and four from Viet Nam)
(b) Workers:	6 (from workers' organizations in Cambodia, India and Republic of Nepal)
Purpose of the Training Course:	(i) to strengthen employers' and workers' organizations by creating the capacity to gather quantitative and qualitative data and develop information products and services of value to their membership; (ii) to develop training material which will eventually form the basis of a training manual.
Resource person:	One representative of an academic institution
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers
Working language:	English

Labour law***II/13. Subregional Workshop for the Training of Judges
in the Fight against HIV/AIDS in the World of Work***

Proposed date:	20–24 October 2008
Place:	Cotonou, Benin
Financing:	Government of Sweden (US\$113,669)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso and Togo
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30 judges (ten from each country)
(b) Employers:	5 (one from each country plus two local)
(c) Workers:	5 (one from each country plus two local)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to exchange views on the role of labour legislation and of national bodies, which contribute to reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS in the world of work; (ii) to present the standards and principles adopted by the ILO with regard to HIV/AIDS, so that the participating judges may use them in their work; (iii) to reinforce the ability of judges to deal with issues involving HIV/AIDS.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Health Protection and Medical Care (Seafarers) Convention, 1987 (No. 164), Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1985 (No. 171)
Working language:	French

Sectoral activities

II/14. Subregional Workshop on Decent Work in the Fishing Sector

Proposed date:	9–10 October 2008
Place:	Dakar, Senegal
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$18,000)
Geographical coverage:	Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Morocco and Senegal
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	4 from the departments responsible for labour and fishing, and the institution responsible for maritime security
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide input for the preparation of an action plan for each country for the Programme for the Rational and Sustainable Development of the Fishing Sector for the years 2009 and 2010; (ii) to train participants on aspects of Convention No. 188, Recommendation No. 199, and the IMO International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995; (iii) to promote the improvement of working and social conditions in the fishing sector through social dialogue; (iv) to support national decent workplans.
Resource persons:	One representative from the Ministry of the Environment, Spain One representative from the Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Spain The chief technical project coordinator
Observers:	Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199), the IMO International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995
Working language:	French

II/15. Two-country Workshop on Decent Work in the Fishing Sector

Proposed date:	23–24 October 2008
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$17,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ecuador and Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6 (three from each country) from the departments responsible for labour and fishing, and the institution responsible for maritime security
(b) Employers:	6 (three from each country)
(c) Workers:	6 (three from each country)
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide input for the preparation of an action plan for each country for the Programme for the Rational and Sustainable Development of the Fishing Sector for the years 2009 and 2010; (ii) to train participants on aspects of Convention No. 188, Recommendation No. 199, and the IMO International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995; (iii) to promote the improvement of working and social conditions in the fishing sector through social dialogue; (iv) to support national decent workplans.
Resource persons:	One representative of the Ministry of the Environment, Spain One representative of the Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Spain The chief technical coordinator of the project

Observers:	Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199), the IMO International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995
Working language:	Spanish

Employers' activities

II/16. ILO/IOE⁸/CAPE⁹ Regional Meeting on Human Resources Development for Productivity and Competitiveness

Proposed date:	1–3 December 2008
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$85,250)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	22
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to provide employers' organizations in the region with information of the latest human resources developments; (ii) to discuss the best options to adopt at the country and enterprise level, with respect to human resources strategies;

⁸ International Organisation of Employers.

⁹ Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers.

- (iii) to follow up the Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), and the conclusions on skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development, adopted by the International Labour Conference in 2008.

Resource persons:	One academic researcher
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

Workers' activities

II/17. Subregional Trade Union Seminar on Free Trade, Decent Work and Social Development in the Pacific

Proposed date:	24–26 June 2008
Place:	Nadi, Fiji
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu as well as Cook Islands and Tonga
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	25
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to contribute to the development of sound and strategic regional and national trade policy in the Pacific Island countries, centred around achievement of Decent Work; (ii) to enable participants to participate in national level discussions on the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) and the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) with trade union and decent work perspectives.
Resource persons:	South Pacific Forum Pacific Network on Globalization (PANG) Academia (University of the South Pacific)

Observers:	European Union South Pacific Commission Ministry of Labour, Fiji Ministry of Trade, Fiji Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)
Working language:	English

II/18. Subregional Trade Union Conference on the Campaign to Promote and Defend Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining

Proposed date:	29–30 September 2008
Place:	San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$10,000) Government of Spain (US\$10,000) ILO regular budget (US\$15,384)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	33
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to present the Campaign to Promote and Defend Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic; (ii) to officially launch the campaign.
Resource persons:	Four specialists in freedom of association and collective bargaining in the Americas
Observers:	Global Trade Unions European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) Government of Honduras Honduran Council for Private Enterprise (COHEP)

Relevance to international labour standards:	Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 11), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Rural Workers' Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Workers' Representatives Recommendation, 1971 (No. 143), Rural Workers' Organisations Recommendation, 1975 (No. 149), Labour Relations (Public Service) Recommendation, 1978 (No. 159), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working language:	Spanish

II/19. Conciliation/Mediation Training Course for Caribbean Workers

Proposed date:	27–30 October 2008
Place:	St. Phillip, Barbados
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$19,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	2 (including one local)
(b) Employers:	2 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	16 (two from each country plus four local)
Purpose of the Training Course:	(i) to provide workers' organizations in the region with training in conciliation and mediation processes and techniques; (ii) to sensitize participants to the views and positions of other social partners in the conciliation/mediation process.
Resource persons:	An external consultant, specialist in industrial relations and labour administration
Observers:	Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)
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), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language: English

II/20. Andean Subregional Workshop on Trade Union Proposals for Promoting Decent Work Country Programmes and Adapting Trade Union Structures to the New Economic and Production Environment

Proposed date: 24–27 November 2008

Place: Lima, Peru

Financing: Government of Spain (US\$22,456)
ILO regular budget (US\$4,561)

Geographical coverage: Colombia, Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Composition of participants:

Workers: 19 (six from Colombia, eight from Peru and five from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Purpose of the Workshop:

- (i) to prioritize and coordinate subregional trade union proposals to promote Decent Work Country Programmes;
- (ii) to identify trade union development strategies for adapting trade union structures and action to the new challenges arising from the new economic and production environment.

Resource persons:	Two representatives of main Ecuadorian trade union organizations One representative of a Bolivian trade union organization Two representatives of academic institutions
Observers:	Andean Labour Advisory Council The Trade Unions' Coordinating Body for the Andean Countries The Andean Labour Institute Friedrich Ebert Foundation Foundation for Peace and Solidarity (FPS) Trade Union Institution for Cooperation and Development (ISCOD)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Medical Care Recommendation, 1944 (No. 69), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191)
Working language:	Spanish

Part III: Additional information

Employment Sector

Employment policy

III/1. Subregional Tripartite Seminar on Equality of Race/Ethnicity in MERCOSUR¹⁰ countries and Chile¹¹

Former date: 23–24 June 2008

New date: 1–2 October 2008

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Programme for the promotion of the Declaration

III/2. Regional Workshop to Prepare a Network of Trade Union Focal Points for Human Trafficking in Source and Destination Countries¹²

Former date: 10–11 July 2008

Former venue: Chisinau, Moldova

New date: 26–27 November 2008

New venue: Kiev, Ukraine

Geneva, 21 October 2008.

¹⁰ Common Market of the Southern Cone.

¹¹ GB.302/Inf.2, item I/1.

¹² GB.302/Inf.2, item II/12.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2008		
25–27 November	ILO/SKILLS–AP/Korea Regional Technical Meeting on Skills Recognition for Migrant Workers (Government of the Republic of Korea)	Bangkok, Thailand
1–3 December	ILO/IOE ¹ /CAPE ² Regional Meeting on Human Resources Development for Productivity and Competitiveness (ILO regular budget)	Bangkok, Thailand
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2008		
24–27 November	Andean Subregional Workshop on Trade Union Proposals for Promoting Decent Work Country Programmes and Adapting Trade Union Structures to the New Economic and Production Environment (Government of Spain and ILO regular budget)	Lima, Peru
ARAB STATES 2008		
To be determined	Arab Employment Forum: Growth, Employment and Decent Work (ILO regular budget)	Doha, Qatar
EUROPE 2008		
26–27 November	Regional Workshop to Prepare a Network of Trade Union Focal Points for Human Trafficking in Source and Destination Countries (European Union)	Kiev, Ukraine
1–3 December	Training instructors of the use of “Driving for Change: Training Toolkit on HIV/AIDS for the Road Transport Sector” (International Road Transport Union Academy and International Transport Workers’ Federation)	Geneva, Switzerland
2–3 December	Regional Workshop to Enhance a Network of Trade Union Focal Points in Source and Destination Countries to Combat Forced Labour/Human Trafficking (Government of Japan)	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
9–10 December	Subregional Conference on Promoting Effective Mechanisms for the Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes at the Workplace in the Countries of Western Balkans and Moldova (Government of Austria)	Podgorica, Montenegro

¹ International Organisation of Employers.

² Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers.