

Decision on the 17th item on the agenda: The global refugee crisis and its labour market implications

Following its in-depth discussion on the global refugee crisis and its labour market implications, the Governing Body decided that the agenda of its 326th Session (March 2016) should include, either:

(a) a sitting of the High-Level Section to hold a discussion on an ILO response to the global refugee crisis and to discuss relevant labour migration issues, to which representatives of other relevant agencies could be invited; or

(b) a discussion on policy outcome 9 for the 2016–17 biennium on promoting fair and effective labour migration policies and on the implications of refugee issues for the ILO.

The final choice would be taken by the Screening Group when setting the Governing Body agenda for the 326th Session.

The Governing Body further decided that in the above context the discussion at its 326th Session would also cover ways and means whereby the Office could strengthen development cooperation activities in refugees' and economic migrants' countries of origin.

(Document GB.325/INS/17, decision drafted on the basis of the Governing Body's discussion.)