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Knowledge resources

I/1. Regional Workshop of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), Africa

Proposed date:	30 May–1 June 2017
Place:	Dar-es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	23
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss and obtain feedback on the technical feasibility in statistical collections of proposals developed by the ILO Working Group for the Revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93). The proposals aim to replace the current standard with a suite of international statistical standards for statistics on work relationships; (ii) to prepare draft guidelines for data collection; and (iii) to discuss opportunities for field testing of the proposed question modules in the region.
Observers:	Economic and Statistical Observatory for sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Southern African Development Community (SADC) African Development Bank African Union United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), Part-Time Work Recommendation, 1994 (No. 182), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)

Working languages:

English and French

I/2. Regional Workshop of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS)

Proposed date: 20–22 June 2017

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)

Geographical coverage: Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States

Composition of participants:

Governments: 42

Purpose of the Workshop: To draft guidelines for data collection and on opportunities for field testing of question modules in the region.

Observers:

Eurostat

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)

Working languages:

English and Russian

I/3. Arab regional training course on labour and social policies for decent work

Proposed date: 16–19 October 2017

Place: Amman, Jordan

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$47,500)

Geographical coverage: Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 7

(b) Employers: 7

(c) Workers: 7

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to increase awareness of ILO objectives and programmes;
- (ii) to provide up-to-date evidence-based research findings on what works, emanating from ILO publications;
- (iii) to encourage an integrated approach to social and economic policies; and
- (iv) to stimulate a cross-national exchange of views and experiences among policy-makers and potential policy-makers.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

ILO core Conventions ² and ILO governance Conventions ³

Working languages:

Arabic and English

Future of work

I/4. High-level tripartite dialogue on the future of work in the Pacific

Proposed date: 24–25 May 2017

Place: Suva, Fiji

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$180,000)

Geographical coverage: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 22

(b) Employers: 11

(c) Workers: 11

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to obtain the participants' views on the future of work in the Pacific context;
- (ii) to familiarize the participants with the trends and technical issues involved in developing national labour and employment policies; and
- (iii) to put forward the results of the discussions to contribute to the development of Decent Work Country Programmes in participating countries in 2018–22.

Resource persons: Two academics

² 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).

³ Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144).

Observers:	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) European Union delegation in Fiji Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) United Nations Resident Coordinator, Fiji
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
Working language:	English

Social protection

II/5. Subregional workshop on the implementation of social protection floors in the 2030 Development Agenda

Proposed date:	23–25 May 2017
Place:	Dakar, Senegal
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$5,000) RBTC (US\$55,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Senegal, Togo
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to engage the tripartite participants in supporting the implementation of SDG 1.3 as part of the SDG implementation plans and to establish nationally defined social protection floors; (ii) to provide an overview of the ILO's Flagship programme on building social protection floors with the aim of gaining support for and implementation of the programme from constituents and development partners, as well as consolidating partnerships for the Flagship programme at the country and subregional levels;

	(iii) to enhance the engagement and participation of the social partners, together with other relevant and representative organizations including NGOs and civil society; and
	(iv) to enhance the skills of participants for an increased capacity to implement the programme.
Observers:	African Union United Nations Resident Coordinator, Senegal United Nations Development Group, Western and Central Africa United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) UN Women World Food Programme (WFP) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Representatives from development partners HelpAge International
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	French

Governance and tripartism

I/6. Subregional meeting to strengthen the role and the impact of national institutions for social dialogue in Africa

Proposed date:	9–11 May 2017
Place:	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Financing:	PSI (US\$52,000) RBTC (US\$28,000)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the meeting:	To exchange experiences and discuss means to strengthen the role and impact of national social dialogue institutions in the realm of social and economic governance as well as in the prevention and management of workplace conflicts of national importance.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152)
Working language:	French

I/7. Knowledge-sharing workshop on promising practices in labour inspection and the elimination of child labour in hard-to-reach sectors of ASEAN member States

Proposed date:	24–26 May 2017
Place:	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	22
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to share and reflect on innovative strategies, challenges, experiences and needs, towards reaching child labourers in hard to reach sectors for labour inspection in the ASEAN subregion; (ii) to discuss strategies, actions and priorities for accelerating action against child labour in the ASEAN subregion; and (iii) to contribute to setting priorities for national policy and action under the Bali Declaration from the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (2016).
Resource persons:	Two experts in labour inspection

Observers:	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC) ASEAN Services Employees Trade Union Council (ASETUC) ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Five representatives of civil society organizations active in the area of child labour monitoring
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

I/8. Alliance 8.7 Supply Chain Action Group strategic workshop

Proposed date:	21 June 2017
Place:	Berlin, Germany
Financing:	Government of Netherlands (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Netherlands, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to gather inputs for the development of a workplan for the Alliance 8.7 Action Group on supply chains; (ii) to agree on the modalities for implementing the workplan; and (iii) to validate a research methodology to measure child labour and forced labour in supply chains.
Resource persons:	Experts in human rights and business

Observers:	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Anti-Slavery International Oxfam Ethical Trading Initiative Foreign Trade Association (FTA) The Consumer Goods Forum Humanity United
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and Protocol, Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

I/9. Preparatory meeting for the IV Global Conference on Child Labour and Forced Labour: Consultation for sub-Saharan Africa

Proposed date:	22–23 June 2017
Place:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Financing:	RBTC (US\$50,000) Government of United States (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to exchange experiences and lessons learned from successful and innovative policies, programmes and practices for the eradication of child labour and forced labour; (ii) to develop the agenda and draft outcome document for the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour (Argentina, November 2017); and (iii) to further consolidate commitment to the joint effort to accelerate the pace of eliminating child labour and forced labour in Africa.

Resource persons:	Four resource persons
Observers:	Government of Argentina United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) International Organization for Migration (IOM) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) INTERPOL United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children UN Special rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery UN Special rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children Representatives from civil society, academics and media Global March against Child Labour in Africa
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and Protocol, Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English and French

I/10. Subregional meeting on ESC⁴ peer review in the Western Balkans

Proposed date:	5–6 July 2017
Place:	Belgrade, Serbia
Financing:	European Union (US\$42,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
(d) ESC representatives:	7
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to present peer review reports and to discuss future actions for the implementation of recommendations; and (ii) to share good practices from three EU member states.

⁴ Economic and Social Councils.

Resource persons:	Guest speakers from ESCs in Denmark, Ireland and Portugal
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working languages:	Albanian, English, Macedonian, Serbian/Bosnian/Croat

Conditions of work and equality

I/11. Interregional conference on jobs and skills mismatch

Proposed date:	11–12 May 2017
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	21
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the conference:	To bring together practitioners involved in jobs and skills mismatch research and policy to discuss the current state of research, methodological approaches and policy responses.
Resource persons:	The Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) European Training Foundation (ETF) European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Economic Forum (WEF) Asian Development Bank (ADB) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Global Education Forum (GEF) African Development Bank (AfDB) ManpowerGroup
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

I/12. Interregional expert forum on skills and migration in the South Asia–Middle East corridor

Proposed date:	25–26 July 2017
Place:	New Delhi, India
Financing:	RBTC (US\$40,000) Government of Switzerland (US\$8,000) Government of Japan (US\$7,000) Government of Norway (US\$5,000)
Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	18
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the forum:	(i) to share research and practical experience in the area of skills and migration; (ii) to identify interventions that can be carried forward through ILO technical assistance; and (iii) to identify points of common interest to feed into deliberations on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.
Resource persons:	Three representatives of training centres, testing centres and recruitment agency associations Two experts who have prepared papers for presentation and discussion Two academics who will present research for discussion
Observers:	International Organization for Migration (IOM) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) European Union
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

I/13. Meeting of the PBC⁵ of ILO/CINTERFOR

Proposed date:	8 August 2017
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Costs covered by the budget for the 43rd Technical Committee Meeting of ILO/CINTERFOR
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, 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, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	37
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to analyse and formulate observations and recommendations on the report of the Director and proposals for the plan of work; and (ii) to consider a proposal for the formalization of membership of the network, by means of a form of standardized agreement. The conclusions of the PBC will be included in the plenary discussions of the 43rd Technical Committee Meeting.
Working languages:	English, Portuguese and Spanish

I/14. 43rd meeting of the CINTERFOR Technical Committee

Proposed date:	9–11 August 2017
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje (US\$163,000) IFP members of CINTERFOR (US\$150,000) ILO regular budget (US\$59,900)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, 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,

⁵ Programme and Budget Committee.

	Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	37
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to review, formulate recommendations and adopt the report on the activities carried out since the last meeting in May 2015 and the proposed plan of work; (ii) to propose the formalization of memberships by using a standard form of agreement; and (iii) to discuss the implementation of activities for the exchange of experiences and knowledge between members and countries.
Observers:	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) World Bank Group Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Andean Development Corporation (ADC) Organization of American States (OAS) Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) Human Resources Development Service of Korea International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada European Union Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Government of United States (US-DOL and USAID) Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency (LuxDev) Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English, Portuguese and Spanish

Employers' activities

I/15. Regional conference: Women in business and management in Latin America and the Caribbean

Proposed date:	23–24 May 2017
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	Government of Sweden (US\$55,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	100
Purpose of the conference:	(i) to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality and its benefits for business; (ii) to showcase good practices for promoting gender equality in management and for attracting and retaining qualified women in business and management; and (iii) to review the current situation in the region regarding the promotion of gender equality in business.
Resource persons:	Four international resource persons Two local resource persons
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

I/16. Employers' meeting on private sector engagement in managing labour mobility in ASEAN countries

Proposed date:	30–31 May 2017
Place:	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

Composition of participants:	
Employers:	22
Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss and plan how to strengthen and enhance employers' engagement in promoting labour mobility in ASEAN countries under Phase 2 of the ASEAN Triangle migrant project.
Resource persons:	Three experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working language:	English

I/17. Regional meeting for employers on National Business and Disability Networks

Proposed date:	6–7 July 2017
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	RBTC (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	12
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to share information between existing and potential members of Latin American National Business and Disability Networks (NBDNs) in order to learn about each other's approaches and activities; (ii) to identify lessons learned and the potential for adapting policies and practices from other countries; (iii) to strengthen existing NBDNs and encourage the establishment of new NBDNs in the region; and (iv) to increase the reach and membership base of the ILO's Global Business and Disability Network.
Resource persons:	Six private sector experts on disability and employment Three representatives of civil society
Observers:	Six regional representatives of the private sector
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111) and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159)
Working language:	Spanish

Workers' activities

I/18. Interregional meeting on trade union cooperation on labour migration in origin and destination countries

Proposed date:	19–20 April 2017
Place:	Beirut, Lebanon
Financing:	RBTC (US\$41,000)
Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	27
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to strengthen cooperation among unions in both regions in promoting migrant workers' rights; (ii) to assess the latest developments in the different ongoing migration initiatives in the regions, including sharing South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) resolutions on migration, promoting the extension of social security for migrant workers and assess the progress of the MOU implementation; and (iii) to update the various ILO regional and subregional programmes on labour migration and discuss how to increase the participation of unions in those programmes.
Resource persons:	South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC) Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)
Working languages:	Arabic and English

I/19. Subregional workshop on trade union action for the elimination of child labour in West Africa

Proposed date:	11–13 May 2017
Place:	Cotonou, Benin
Financing:	RBTC (US\$15,200)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Togo
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	22
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to review actions taken in the four years following the adoption of the joint commitment between employers and trade union organizations to the struggle against child labour; and (ii) to discuss how to contribute to SDG 8 with respect to the elimination of child labour.
Resource persons:	Three trade union experts (one international and two national)
Observers:	One employer representative One government representative
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	French

I/20. Interregional meeting on trade union strategies for decent work for workers with disabilities

Proposed date:	15–16 May 2017
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	RBTC (US\$46,400)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the meeting:	To draft a plan of action for the inclusion of people with disabilities and organization of decent work based on trade union action.
Resource persons:	Expert in charge of the working paper Representatives of organizations for disabled people Global Union Federations (GUFs)

Observers:	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) World Health Organization (WHO) One independent expert
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Employment (Transition from War to Peace) Recommendation, 1944 (No. 71), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168) and ILO core Conventions ²
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

I/21. Subregional workshop on trade union action for the elimination of child labour in Eastern and Southern Africa

Proposed date:	23–24 May 2017
Place:	Kisumu, Kenya
Financing:	RBTC (US\$27,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	18
Purpose of the workshop:	To review and examine actions by trade unions and their contribution to the struggle against child labour.
Resource persons:	Two resource persons
Observers:	Government of Kenya Federation of Kenya Employers East African Trade Union Confederation (EATUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working language:	English

I/22. Regional seminar for strengthening governance in EPZs ⁶ and global supply chains

Proposed date:	29–31 May 2017
Place:	Jakarta, Indonesia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$38,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam

⁶ Export processing zones.

Composition of participants:

Workers:	28
Purpose of the seminar:	(i) to promote decent work and protection of fundamental principles and rights at work for workers in EPZs through organizing and collective bargaining agreements; (ii) to share good practices of Global Framework Agreements (GFAs) for their promotion as one of the improved governance systems in global supply chains and to improve the contents of GFAs by monitoring and evaluating their implementation; and (iii) to share good practices of trade unions concerning social dialogue, freedom of association and collective bargaining in EPZs.
Resource persons:	Trade union experts
Observers:	Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (FES) World Solidarity Danish Trade Union Council for International Development Cooperation (LO-FTF) Trade Union Solidarity Centre of Finland (SASK)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy
Working language:	English

I/23. ACTRAV regional conference: The future of work we want

Proposed date:	31 May–1 June 2017
Place:	Santiago, Chile
Financing:	RBTC (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	19
Purpose of the conference:	To discuss, in preparation for the ACTRAV symposium in October 2017, four topics proposed in connection with the centenary initiative i.e. work and society, decent work for all, the organization of work and production, and governance of work.

Resource persons:	Trade union experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Home Work Convention, 1996 (No. 177), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization
Working languages:	English and Spanish

I/24. Regional conference: The future of work we want

Proposed date:	29–30 June 2017
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss the four topics proposed by the Director-General with respect to the centenary initiative i.e. work and society; decent work for all; the organization of work and production; and governance of work. The discussions will feed into the ACTRAV symposium to be held in Geneva in October 2017.
Resource persons:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Observers:	IndustriALL Global Union International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) UNI Global Union International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Home Work Convention, 1996 (No. 177), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), ILO core Conventions ² , ILO governance Conventions ³ , Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization
Working language:	English

I/25. Regional conference: The future of work we want in sub-Saharan Africa

Proposed date:	4–5 July 2017
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	RBTC (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	25
Purpose of the conference:	To discuss how to contribute to the Future of Work Initiative regarding the protection of the rights and interests of workers in sub-Saharan Africa.
Resource persons:	Three resource persons from academia and the African Labour Research Network
Observers:	ITUC Africa Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Southern African Trade Union Co-ordination Council (SATUCC) East African Trade Union Confederation (EATUC) Organization of Trade Unions of Central Africa (OTUCA) Organization of Trade Unions of West Africa (OTUWA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions ² and ILO governance Conventions ³
Working languages:	English and French

I/26. *Interregional workshop for trade unions in the Arab States and North Africa on child labour*

Proposed date:	13–14 July 2017
Place:	Amman, Jordan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$30,100)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia, Yemen as well as the occupied Palestinian territory
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	22
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to share lessons learned and best practices for trade unions in combating child labour; (ii) to document achievements and challenges in the fight against child labour in the Arab States and North Africa; and (iii) to develop a roadmap for the elimination of child labour in the Arab region.
Resource persons:	Trade union expert on child labour issues
Observers:	Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	Arabic and English

I/27. *Regional meeting for trade union focal points on forced labour and child labour*

Proposed date:	13–14 July 2017
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Government of United States (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	23
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to deepen the presence and incidence of trade union activity for the purpose of social dialogue and to define strategic policies in the area of the eradication of forced labour and new forms of slavery in the region;

	(ii) to strengthen connections and the coordination of trade union participation with a view to the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour.
Resource persons:	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization
Working language:	Spanish

I/28. ACTRAV regional workshop on child labour

Proposed date:	19–20 July 2017
Place:	Cholpan Ata, Kyrgyzstan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	25
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to examine trade union activity in the fight against child labour and forced labour in the past five years; (ii) to present ILO policy and activity on child labour and forced labour and to discuss the use of international labour standards in this sphere; (iii) to prepare recommendations and inputs from the region to the forthcoming global conference in Argentina; and (iv) to establish a regional network of unions for the elimination of child labour and forced labour.
Resource persons:	Trade union experts Legal experts

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)

Working languages: English and Russian

//29. ACTRAV regional conference: The future of work we want

Proposed date: 14–15 September 2017

Place: Baku, Azerbaijan

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$25,000)

Geographical coverage: Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Composition of participants:

Workers: 25

Purpose of the conference: To discuss, in preparation for the ACTRAV symposium in October 2017, four topics proposed in connection with the centenary initiative i.e. work and society, decent work for all, the organization of work and production, and governance of work.

Resource persons: Trade union experts

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Home Work Convention, 1996 (No. 177), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization

Working languages: English and Russian

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Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
AFRICA		
2017		
28–29 June	Preparatory meeting for the IV Global Conference on Child Labour and Forced Labour: Consultation for sub-Saharan Africa	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3–7 July	Regional meeting on options to extend social security coverage to workers in the informal economy	Harare, Zimbabwe
4–5 July	Regional conference: The future of work we want in sub-Saharan Africa	Johannesburg, South Africa
24–28 July	Regional meeting on promoting occupational safety and health through capacity building on incident investigation and analysis	Harare, Zimbabwe
26–27 September	Youth and employment in North Africa	Geneva, Switzerland
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		
2017		
29–30 June	Regional conference: The future of work we want	Bangkok, Thailand
16–19 October	Arab regional training course on labour and social policies for decent work	Amman, Jordan
EUROPE		
2017		
20–22 June	Regional workshop of labour statisticians in preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS)	Geneva, Switzerland
5–6 July	Subregional meeting on ESC ¹ peer review in the Western Balkans	Belgrade, Serbia
19–20 July	ACTRAV regional workshop on child labour	Cholpan Ata, Kyrgyzstan
14–15 September	ACTRAV regional conference: The future of work we want	Baku, Azerbaijan
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN		
2017		
6–7 July	Regional meeting for employers on National Business and Disability Networks	Lima, Peru
13–14 July	Regional meeting for trade union focal points on forced labour and child labour	Buenos Aires, Argentina
8 August	Meeting of the PBC of ILO/CINTERFOR	San José, Costa Rica
9–11 August	43rd Meeting of the CINTERFOR Technical Committee	San José, Costa Rica

¹ Economic and Social Councils.

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21 June	Alliance 8.7 Supply Chain Action Group strategic workshop	Berlin, Germany
13–14 July	Interregional workshop for trade unions in the Arab States and North Africa on child labour	Amman, Jordan
25–26 July	Interregional expert forum on skills and migration in the South Asia – Middle East corridor	New Delhi, India