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Sectoral meetings held in 2017 and proposals for sectoral work in 2018–19

Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to take note of the reports of two meetings held in the second half of 2017 (see section I), to authorize respective follow-up, including the publication of the code of practice on safety and health in opencast mines, and to endorse the proposals made in section II in relation to upcoming sectoral meetings (see the draft decision in paragraph 11).

Relevant strategic objective: Social dialogue and tripartism.

Main relevant outcome/cross-cutting policy driver: Cross-cutting policy driver: social dialogue.

Policy implications: The code of practice would become ILO guidance on the matter.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: None.

Follow-up action required: The Office would be required to follow up as proposed.

Author unit: Sectoral Policies Department (SECTOR).

Related documents: GB.323/POL/4; GB.323/PV; GB.329/POL/4; GB.329/PV; GB.331/POL/3; GB.331/PV/Draft.

I. Meetings held in the second half of 2017

A. Tripartite Meeting on Issues relating to Migrant Fishers (18–22 September 2017)

1. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Body,¹ the Meeting was held in Geneva from 18 to 22 September 2017.
2. The Governing Body had designated Ms Mayte Elisa Burgos Valdés (Government, Panama), to chair the Meeting. The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Mr Haakon Storhaug (Norway) from the Government group; Ms Natalie Hofmann from the Employers' group; and Mr Fleming Smidt from the Workers' group. The spokespersons for the Employers and Workers were Mr Ment van der Zwan and Mr Johnny Hanson, respectively.
3. The Meeting was attended by 37 Government representatives, 34 Government advisers, eight Employer representatives, eight Worker representatives and ten Workers' advisers. There were seven observers from intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.
4. The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss issues relating to migrant fishers as follow-up to the resolution concerning the promotion of welfare for fishers adopted at the 96th Session (2007) of the International Labour Conference.
5. The Meeting adopted a set of conclusions,² including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members, as well as a resolution.³

B. Meeting of Experts on Safety and Health in Opencast Mines (16–20 October 2017)

6. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Body,⁴ the Meeting was held in Geneva from 16 to 20 October 2017.
7. The Meeting was chaired by Ms Elsbeth Akkerman (Netherlands). The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Mr Al Hoffman (Canada) from the Government group; Mr Wayne John Reilly from the Employers' group; and Mr Stephen Hunt from the Workers' group.
8. The Meeting was attended by eight experts from governments, seven experts nominated by the Employers' group and seven experts nominated by the Workers' group of the Governing Body. In addition, 25 governments attended the Meeting. There were also two observers from intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.
9. The purpose of the Meeting was to review and adopt a revised code of practice on safety and health in opencast mines. A draft had been prepared by the Office and served as the basis

¹ [GB.323/PV](#), para. 294; [GB.329/PV](#), para. 512.

² [TMIMF/2017/7](#).

³ [TMIMF/2017/8](#).

⁴ [GB.323/PV](#), para. 294; [GB.329/PV](#), para. 512.

for the discussions. The report ⁵ summarizes the Meeting's discussions, which were concluded with the adoption of the code of practice, which will replace the current code on this subject.

II. Upcoming meetings

A. Meetings to be held in 2018

- 10.** In light of the adoption of the programme of sectoral meetings for 2018–19 by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017), ⁶ the Office has prepared the attached list with proposals regarding dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the remaining meetings envisaged for 2018 and the first quarter of 2019. The list complements the decisions of the Governing Body at its November session regarding sectoral meetings to be held in the first half of 2018. ⁷

Draft decision

11. *The Governing Body:*

- (a) takes note of the reports of the meetings referred to in section I;*
- (b) authorizes the Director-General to communicate the final report of the Tripartite Meeting on Issues relating to Migrant Fishers to governments, requesting them to communicate the report to the employers' and workers' organizations concerned, and to the international employers' and workers' organizations and other international organizations concerned;*
- (c) requests the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work, the recommendations for future action by the ILO made by the Tripartite Meeting on Issues relating to Migrant Fishers;*
- (d) authorizes the Director-General to publish the code of practice on safety and health in opencast mines; and*
- (e) endorses the proposals contained in the appended table relating to the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the meetings listed therein.*

⁵ [MECPM/2017](#).

⁶ GB.329/PV, para. 512 and [GB.329/POL/4](#).

⁷ GB.331/PV/Draft, para. 589; [GB.331/POL/3](#).

Appendix

Programme of sectoral meetings – second half of 2018 and first quarter of 2019

Meetings as adopted by the Governing Body (GB.329/POL/4)	Proposed dates	Proposed duration	Proposed title	Proposed purpose	Proposed composition (G/E/W)
A Global Dialogue Forum on employment terms and conditions in tertiary education	18–20 September 2018	3 days	Global Dialogue Forum on Employment Terms and Conditions in Tertiary Education	The Forum will examine employment terms and conditions, professional rights and social dialogue mechanisms, including collective bargaining and collegial governance in tertiary education, with the aim of adopting points of consensus, including recommendations for future action by the International Labour Organization and its Members.	All Governments; Eight Employer participants; Eight Worker participants. IGOs and NGOs as observers.
The Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)	1–5 October 2018	5 days	13th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)	N/A	N/A IGOs and NGOs as observers.
A Global Dialogue Forum on challenges for decent and productive work arising from digitalization in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries	10–12 December 2018	3 days	Global Dialogue Forum on Challenges for Decent and Productive Work arising from Digitalization in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries	The Forum will discuss the opportunities and challenges for decent and productive work arising from digitalization and other new technologies in the chemicals and pharmaceutical industries, with the aim of adopting points of consensus, including recommendations for future action by the International Labour Organization and its Members.	All Governments; Eight Employer participants; Eight Worker participants. IGOs and NGOs as observers.
Tripartite sectoral meeting on the recruitment and retention of seafarers and the promotion of opportunities for women seafarers	25 February–1 March 2019	5 days	Sectoral Meeting on the Recruitment and Retention of Seafarers and the Promotion of Opportunities for Women Seafarers	The purpose of the Meeting is to discuss the issues raised specifically in the resolution concerning recruitment and retention of seafarers, and the resolution concerning the promotion of opportunities for women seafarers, as adopted by the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference, including in the context of the ILO Future of Work Centenary Initiative. The Meeting may adopt conclusions and resolutions.	All Governments; Eight Employer participants; Eight Worker participants. IGOs and NGOs as observers.