

TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE ILO

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As you will be aware, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the holding of the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference in 2020. In April 2020, the Governing Body decided to defer the 109th Session to June 2021 ([decision of 3 April 2020](#)) and adjusted its agenda accordingly ([decision of 22 October 2020](#)).

In the prevailing circumstances, it will not be possible to hold the 109th Session of the Conference in normal conditions. Nevertheless, it is essential, as confirmed in recent tripartite consultations, for the 109th Session to be convened in 2021, subject to any adjustments required to ensure the effective participation, remotely if necessary, of the tripartite delegations of all Member States. Extensive consultations will be undertaken in the coming weeks, with a view to enabling the Governing Body to decide, at its 341st Session (March 2021), the **format, programme and participation modalities** to be adopted for this session of the Conference.

Consequently, while it is not possible to provide the exact dates of the session at this stage, it is my pleasure to invite you to tentatively save the dates initially foreseen for the 109th Session of the Conference, namely 7 to 18 June 2021.

The final dates and modalities for the 109th Session, along with details on the process for the submission of **credentials**, will be communicated to Member States and posted on the [Conference Website](#) as soon as they are finalised by the Governing Body. In the meantime, I invite you to consult the reports to the International Labour Conference as they become available on the same Website. The Official Meetings, Documentation and Relations Department (tel.: +41 22 799 7732, email: reloff@ilo.org) will gladly provide any information at its disposal throughout the ongoing consultation process.

The International Labour Office counts on your active participation to ensure that the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference responds effectively to the challenges of a world of work profoundly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and to the goal of Member States to achieve a human-centred recovery.

I would be grateful if you could share this letter with the most representative organizations of employers and workers with which you will be holding consultations in determining the composition of the tripartite delegation of your country to the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Ryder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Guy Ryder
Director-General