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**ILO TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE TO COMBAT FORCED LABOUR, HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AND SLAVERY IN AFRICA**

LUSAKA/ADDIS ABABA/GENEVA (ILO News) – The First Regional Tripartite Conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) aimed at combatting Forced Labour, Human Trafficking and Slavery-like practices in Africa will be held from 19 – 20 November 2013, at the Southern Sun Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia.

The Conference will bring together representatives of African Governments, Workers' and Employers' organizations, researchers, observers from regional and international institutions, civil society and development partners to share policies and experiences in the fight against forced labour and human trafficking in Africa.

The Lusaka Conference will take place while 3.7 million in Africa continue to work under coercion, largely in the informal and illegal economy and at least 4 in every 1000 people in Africa are in forced labour on any given day.

The regional meeting – organized by the ILO's Special Action Programme on Forced Labour (SAP-FL) and its International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) – will be an opportunity to assess the state of knowledge on forced labour (FL), human trafficking (THB) and slavery in Africa, and to discuss ways and means to accelerate national and continental efforts against these scourges.

On Monday 18 November 2013, the ILO will host a Media Breakfast Meeting on the main themes of the conference from 07:30 to 09:30 GMT at the Southern Sun Hotel. Journalists are invited to confirm their attendance with Ms. Zila Milupi on Tel: +260-1-252666/252779, Mobile: +260968903865, or Email: lun2visitor@ilo.org

A Press Conference with high level participants is scheduled for 19 November 2013 just after the opening ceremony to highlight the importance of a thorough discussion on the legal, practical and technical modalities needed to form an effective and coordinated strategy to prevent and combat forced labour and human trafficking in Africa.

Press materials and a package of photo and audio-visual materials will be available to the media. For more information or interview requests, please contact ILO Country Office in Lusaka and/or the Regional office for Africa, Tel: +251 911 21 81 15, guebray@ilo.org, the ILO Department of Communications (communication@ilo.org Tel: +4122/799-7912). For detailed queries regarding the Conference and Forced Labour, please contact Mr Jean-Marie Kagabo, Special Action Programme to combat Forced Labour (SAP-FL), Tel. + 41 22 799 73 08 / E-mail: kagabo@ilo.org