



Americas regional event

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Productive Recovery and Decent Work in the Americas

GMT hours

15:00 – 15:15	Opening session Message from ILO Director-General Guy Ryder Introduction to the event, Vinicius Pinheiro, Director of ILO Americas
Thematic Sessions	
15:15 – 16:15	Panel 1: Impact of COVID-19 on the labour situation of the Americas and policy responses Repercussions of the pandemic on the world of work and the productive fabric. Impact on sectors. Overview of policy responses. Cost of informality and inequality. Analysis of socioeconomic and political risks. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Gabriela Frias, journalist, CNN• Pablo Mieres, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Uruguay• Colin Jordan, Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations, Barbados• Claudio Omar Moroni, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Argentina• Geannina Dinarte Romero, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Costa Rica• Sr. Rafael Freire Neto, Secretary General, Trade Union Confederation of the Americas TUCA/CSA• Alexandre Furlan, International Organisation of Employers, Vice President for Latin America

16:15 – 17:15**Panel 2: Stemming the spread of transmission to employment through promotion of enterprises, employment and income**

Policy responses for stimulating the economy and employment. Financial and fiscal support to enterprises. Policies that create an enabling environment for sustainable enterprises. Policies for employment retention, paid leave and expansion of unemployment insurance. Extension of social protection. The future of teleworking. Reinforcement of occupational safety and health. Social dialogue and international labour standards during the reactivation. The situation of essential workers. Informal employment. Policies for vulnerable groups (older adults, youth, indigenous populations, migrants). Gender.

- Moderator: Silvia Stang, journalist, La Nación, Buenos Aires
- Sylvia Cáceres, Minister of Labour and Employment Promotion, Perú
- Bruno Dalcolmo, Secretary of Labour, Brazil
- Doris Zapata Avecedo, Minister of Labour, Panamá
- L. Michael Henry, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Jamaica
- Wayne Chen, President of the Caribbean Employers' Confederation
- Marie Clarke Walker, Canadian Labor Congress - CLC

17:15 – 18:15**Panel 3: Bases for the recovery of labour markets in the medium and long term and construction of a better normal**

The role of the ILO Centenary Declaration and the Panama Declaration. Just transitions and green jobs. Productive transformation and sector diversification, productivity. Digitalization and platform economies. Capacity building and vocational and professional training for the future of work. Strengthening of institutions and processes of labour relations, collective bargaining and social dialogue. Promotion of international labour standards. Building of capacities and resilience of employers' and workers' organizations. Formalization of employment and universalization of sustainable social protection. Support to sectors and value chains.

- Moderator: Silvia Stang, journalist, La Nación, Buenos Aires
- María José Zaldívar, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Chile
- Angel Custodio Cabrera Báez, Minister of Labour, Colombia
- Carla Bacigalupo, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Paraguay
- Jonathan Wolfson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, United States Department of Labour
- Antonio Lisboa, CUT (Unified Workers Central), Brasil
- Gabriella Rigg Herzog, Vice President, Labor Affairs and Corporate Responsibility, USCIB

18:15 – 18:30

Conclusion

Messages from the Americas for the Global Summit

- Moderator: Vinícius Pinheiro, Director Regional para América Latina y el Caribe de la OIT
- Ambassador Chad Blackman, Barbados, GRULAC coordinator
- Alberto Echavarría, Vice-President ANDI, National Business Association of Colombia
- Gerardo Martínez, CGT, General Confederation of Labour, Argentina

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