



ILO Regional Office for the Arab States

Regional Tripartite Conference on ILO Convention No. 189: Raising Awareness and Sharing Knowledge on Decent Work for Domestic Workers Cairo-Egypt

22-24 October 2012

AGENDA

October 22, 2012	
08:30 - 09:00	Welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:15	Opening ceremony Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, ILO Regional Director for the Arab States
09:15 - 10:30	1st session: Introduction to Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 201 and ILO's Global Strategy on Decent Work for Domestic Workers <i>Objective I:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rationale and objectives of the Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 201• Overview of key provisions of the Convention with focus on migrant domestic workers <p>Presentation by Ms. Manuela Tomei, ILO Director of the Labour Protection Department</p> <p>Q & A session</p> <i>Objective II:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of ILO Global Strategy on promoting decent work for domestic workers• ILO efforts to support action across regions• Promotion of ratification and implementation of the Convention No.189 <p>Presentation by Mr. Philippe Marcadent, Chief of Working Conditions Branch</p> <p>Q & A session</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 13:30	2nd session: A panel discussion to share national and international experiences <i>Objective I:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the initiatives undertaken by Governments in the region to protect domestic workers' rights and identification of current gaps and challenges

	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Majed Husni Salman Jazee, Ministry of Labour, Jordan • Ms. Iman Khazaal, Ministry of Labour, Lebanon • Mr. Hadi Mohammad Ojeil Al Anzi, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Kuwait • Mr. Nedhal Salman Al Banna, Labour Market Regulatory Authority Bahrain • Mr. Humain bin Deemas, Ministry of Labour, United Arab Emirates <p>Plenary discussion moderated by Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, ILO Regional Director for the Arab States</p> <p><i>Objective II:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of experiences of Uruguay in ratifying and implementing the Convention No. 189, including a discussion of lessons learned <p>Presentation by Vice-Minister Nelson Loustaunau, Ministry of Labour of Uruguay</p> <p>Followed by Q&A moderated by Ms. Manuela Tomei, ILO Director of the Labour Protection Department</p>
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	<p>3rd session: ILO initiatives in the region on promoting decent work for migrant workers followed by discussion</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the reality facing domestic workers in the region • Briefly summarize ILO strategy on labour migration in the Arab States, and provide an overview of ongoing and planned projects <p>Presentation by Mr. Azfar Khan, Regional Office for Arab States, Senior Migration Specialist</p> <p>Followed by a plenary discussion moderated by Mr. Akil Ahmad Jassem, Council of Ministers of Labour in the GCC States</p>
19:00 - 21:00	Evening reception hosted by the ILO

October 23, 2012

08:30 - 09:00	Welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:45	<p>1st session: Sharing of international experiences</p> <p><i>Objective:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of experiences of the Philippines in ratifying and implementing the Convention No. 189, including a discussion of lessons learned <p>Presentation by Undersecretary Rebecca Chato, Department of Labour and Employment of the Philippines</p> <p>Followed by a plenary discussion moderated by Ms. Manuela Tomei, ILO Director of the Labour Protection Department</p>
09:45 - 10:30	<p>2nd session: Extending labour laws to domestic workers followed by discussion</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarizing of key legislative actions on domestic work in the region • Discussion of the current legal protection gap, the role of labour law in protecting domestic worker's rights, possible regulatory approaches (main C.189 principles on working conditions with a focus on working time and remuneration; selected examples labour law provisions for domestic workers across regions)

	<p>Presentation by Mr. Martin Oelz, Working Conditions Branch followed by a plenary discussion</p> <p>Speech by Mr. Khalifa Mattar, International Organization of Employers</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>3rd session: Improving the regulation of private employment agencies</p> <p><i>Objective:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock taking of developments in participating countries regarding the regulation and monitoring of private employment agencies <p>Presentation by Ms. Beate Andrees, Special Action Programme-Forced Labour</p> <p>Followed by a plenary discussion moderated by Mr. Azfar Khan, Regional Office for Arab States</p>
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>4th session: Enhancing compliance and enforcement of national laws to protect domestic workers</p> <p><i>Objective:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising among participants of options for strengthening compliance and enforcement of laws and regulations protecting domestic works through a combination of means, and to facilitate exchange on current experiences and practice in the region <p>Presentations by Mr. Martin Oelz, Working Conditions Branch and Mr. Amin Al-Wreidat, Regional Office for Arab States followed by a plenary discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Break out sessions</p> <p>4 thematic working groups for other participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working time and remuneration (Facilitator: Martin Oelz) • Recruitment and Private Employment Agencies (Facilitators: Beate Andrees and Azfar Khan) • Labour administration (Facilitator: Amin Al-Wreidat) • Living conditions and Occupational Safety and Health (Facilitator: Maria Gallotti)
14:30 - 15:30	<i>Lunch</i>
15:30 – 16:30	<p>5th session: Working groups reporting back on the discussions</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Regional Director for Arab States</p>

October 24, 2012

08:30 - 09:00	Welcome coffee
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Panel discussion on fundamental principles and rights at work for migrant workers</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of experience on organising domestic workers and representing their interests • Discussion of challenges of organising workers, including migrant workers, in the Arab States • Sharing of ways employer organizations can protect domestic workers <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nadia Shabana, ITUC Coordinator of the Arab Women Network • Ms. Myrtle Witbooi, South Africa's Domestic Workers' Union • Mr. Alfred Masupha, Employers Federation in Zambia <p>Followed by a plenary discussion moderated by Mr. Mustapha Said, Regional Office for Arab States Workers' Specialist, and Mr. Mohamed Trabelsi, ILO Bureau of Workers' activities</p>

11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Panel discussion on building partnerships to better protect domestic workers</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i> Discuss ways of building partnerships between the workers’s organizations, employers’ organizations, civil society and governments to better protect migrant workers, including domestic workers</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Faleh Lafi Al-Azami, Kuwait Trade Union Federation • Ms. Linda Al-Kalash, Director of Tamkeen for Legal Aid and Human Rights, Jordan • Ms. Najla Chahda, Director of Caritas Migrant Center of Lebanon • Ms. Marietta Dias Migrant Workers Protection Society of Bahrain <p>Followed by a plenary discussion moderated by Mr. William Gois, Director of Migrant Forum Asia</p>
13:30 - 14:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, ILO Regional Director of the Arab States</p>
14:00 -15:00	Lunch