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ASEAN TRIANGLE Project

First Joint Meeting of the ASEAN Confederation of Employers and the ASEAN Trade Union Council

8-9 March 2016

**Pullman KingPower Hotel
Bangkok, Thailand**

Concept Note

Background

The ASEAN TRIANGLE Project (ATP) aims to protect and promote the rights of migrant workers in the region through increased legal and safe migration and improved labour protection. The Project promotes bilateral and regional approaches to deal with shared concerns, make regionalism more effective, and enhance the capacity of institutions in ASEAN.

The role of social partners in effective governance of labour migration is widely acknowledged within ASEAN; however, their capacity to jointly contribute to policy dialogue has been limited. The Project has therefore sought to enhance cooperation between and among workers' and employers' organizations, and developed tools and provided guidance for them to be more active in policy dialogue and in the protection of the rights of migrant workers. In doing so, the ATP has developed three year work programs with both the ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) and the ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC). However, no joint activities have been undertaken, and the interaction between ACE and ATUC has been confined to regional technical meetings supported by ATP. At present, there is minimal communication between ACE and ATUC, and as regional groupings of social partners, it is important that they have an opportunity to meet on a regular basis and better understand each other's work.

Both ACE and ATUC have acknowledged the value of holding a joint meeting between them to address emerging issues, build trust and put forward common positions to the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW) and Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM).

Objectives:

The objectives of the meeting are:

1. To promote a better understanding among ACE and ATUC of their organization's respective work plan and priorities in relation to labour migration and the protection of migrant workers
2. To identify shared priorities and themes on labour migration issues, particularly on the protection of migrant workers;
3. To discuss the modalities for the institutionalization and/or regularization of this dialogue platform
4. To identify opportunities for social dialogue in the ASEAN Region

Outputs:

1. Identification of 3 thematic areas that are of mutual concern to ACE and ATUC
2. Agreement on an action plan to institutionalise and/or regularize the ACE-ATUC joint dialogue
3. Strengthened bipartite dialogue in the ASEAN region



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Proposed dates and Venue

The 2-day meeting will be held on the 8-9 March 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand at the Pullman King Power Hotel.

Participants:

Approximately 33 participants:

1. workers' organization from each ASEAN Member State and 2 regional representatives from ATUC (12)
2. 1 employers' organization from each ASEAN Member State and 2 regional representatives from ACE (12)
3. 3 Regional ACTRAV, 3 Regional ACT/EMP (6)
4. 3 ILO ASEAN TRIANGLE project

To ensure gender balance, ATUC and ACE will be encouraged to nominate male and female representatives to their respective delegations.

Financial and logistical support

ASEAN TRIANGLE Project will provide financial support to this meeting from allocations made through ACE and ATUC work plans. The ILO ROAP will host the meeting and will organize the conference venue, flights and accommodation of delegates.