



Launch of the International Journal of Labour Research
COVID-19 and Recovery: The Role of Trade Unions in Building Forward Better

24th June 2021, 11h-12h45 (CET)

Opening and Session 1	
10:50-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entry into the Webinar by registered participants
11:00-11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mamadou Souare, Coordinator, International Journal of Labour Research, Bureau for Workers’ Activities
11:05-11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maria Helena André, Director, Bureau for Worker’s Activities
11:15-11:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Session 1: Trade Unions in Transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trade union membership dynamics amidst COVID-19 Mohammed Mwamadzingo, Senior Economist, ACTRAV (5mn) ▪ Southeast Asian Unions Respond to the Pressure of COVID-19 Michele Ford, Professor, University of Sydney (5 min) ○ <u>Discussants</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Union’s perspective: Roger Bjørnstad, Chief Economist, the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (5 mn) ▪ ILO’s perspective: Vera Perdigao, Director of the Governance and Tripartism Department, ILO (5 mn) ○ Questions and Answers (participants- through Chat) 3mn ○ Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ariel Castro, Desk Officer Asia and Pacific , Bureau for Workers’ Activities
Session 2	
11:40-12:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Session 2: Unions policies against COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workers’ rights and human rights – resolving historical tensions through a multi-tiered social security agenda

	<p>Shea McClanahan, Senior Social Policy Specialist, Development Pathways (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work-related injuries, diseases and Covid-19 Dr Jukka Takala , President of the International Commission on Occupational Health (5 mn) ▪ Gender inequality during the pandemic: Perspectives of women workers in Latin America and the Caribbean Maria Bastidas Aliaga , Student, PhD Programme in Social Sciences, <i>Pablo de Olavide University</i> of Seville (5 mn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Discussants</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Union’s perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amal el Amri, Deputy General Secretary, Union Marocaine du Travail, (5 mn) - Felix Antony , General Secretary, Fiji Trades Union Congress, (5mn) ▪ ILO’s perspective: Christina Behrendt, Head of Social Policy Unit, ILO (5mn) ○ Questions and Answers (participants- through Chat) 5mn ○ Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ursula Kulke, Bureau for Workers’ Activities
<p>Session 3</p>	
<p>12:10-12:40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Session 3: Strategies towards recovery from COVID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Macroeconomic policies for a job-led growth and recovery following Covid-19 pandemic with emphasis in sub-Saharan Africa Michael U. Akuupa, Director, Labour Resources and Research Institute, Namibia (5 mn) ▪ Towards a just transition for all: Lessons from the pandemic Dimitris Stevis, Professor, Colorado State University, USA (5 mn) ▪ Digitalize, Adapt and Innovate: Challenges and opportunities for trade unions amidst COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery period Sylvester Kisonzo, Chief ICT technical officer, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya) 5 mn ○ <u>Discussants</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Union’s perspective: Rafael Freire, General Secretary, Trade Union Confederations of Americas (5 mn) ▪ ILO’s perspective: Sukti Dasgupta, Chief, Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch (5 mn)

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- **Questions and Answers (participants- through Chat) 5mn**

- Moderator

- Anna Biondi

Conclusions

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