



## 12th African Regional Meeting

Johannesburg, South Africa, 11–14 October 2011

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### Provisional programme

**“Empowering Africa’s peoples with Decent Work”**

***Towards a new era of social justice in Africa***

#### Monday, 10 October 2011

15.00–18.00 Registration

#### Tuesday, 11 October 2011

08.00 onwards Registration

09.00–12.00 **Group meetings**  
(G group - Exhibition 2, E group - Committee Room 4,  
W group - Bill Gallagher Room)

14.00–14.30 **Plenary sitting – Exhibition 2**  
Election of the Officers; appointment of the Credentials and Drafting Committee members

14.30 **Official opening ceremony – Exhibition 2**  
- Welcome speech by the Chairperson of the 12th African Regional Meeting  
- Statement by the Chair of the ILO Governing Body  
- Statement by the Chairperson of the Bureau of the African Union  
Labour and Social Affairs Commission  
- Address by the ILO Director-General  
- Statement by the Employers’ representative  
- Statement by the Workers’ representative

15:30 **Special Address by H.E. Mr. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa – Exhibition 2**

16.30–18.30 **Special debate – Exhibition 2**  
*Efficient growth, employment and decent work in Africa: Time for a new vision*

18.30–19.00 **Session 1 of the Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting – organization of the Committee’s work – Committee Room 4**

18.30 Gala Dinner hosted by the Government of South Africa - Exhibition 1

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**Wednesday, 12 October 2011**

- 08.00–09.00      **Group meetings, as required**  
**G group – Exhibition 2**  
**E group – Committee Room 4**  
**W group - Bill Gallagher Room**
- 09.00–09.15      Coffee break – Exhibition 1
- 09.15–13.00      **Plenary discussion – Exhibition 2**  
***Introduction of the Report of the Director-General: “Empowering Africa’s peoples with decent work”***  
  
General debate of the Director-General’s Report  
***Implementing the Decent Work Agenda in Africa, 2007-15: A mid-term review***  
***Accelerating the realization of the Decent Work Agenda in Africa, 2011-15***
- 13.00–14.30      Lunch graciously offered by the Government of South Africa – Exhibition 1
- 14.30–16.15      **Special focus – Bill Gallagher Room**  
***Promoting employment and Decent Work for youth: A joint AU/ECA/AfDB/ILO initiative***
- 16:15 – 16:45      Coffee break – Exhibition 1
- 16.45-18.15      **Parallel thematic discussions**  
**(Bill Gallagher Room and Committee Room 4)**  
  
– ***Theme 1: Promoting national ownership of international labour standards***  
  
– ***Theme 2: Investing in skills and sustainable enterprises for Decent Work***
- 18.15 onwards      ***Session 2 of Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting- Committee Room 4***
- 18.30              Reception hosted by the ILO Director-General – Exhibition 1

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**Thursday, 13 October 2011**

- 08.00–09.00      **Group meetings, as required**  
**G group - Exhibition 2**  
**E group - Committee Room 4**  
**W group - Bill Gallagher Room**
- 09.00–11.00      **Plenary discussion – Exhibition 2**  
General debate of the Director-General’s Report continues  
*Accelerating the realization of the Decent Work Agenda in Africa, 2011-15*  
*(cont’d)*
- 11.00              **Special Address by H.E. Mr. Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo – Exhibition 2**
- 11.45–13.00      **Parallel thematic discussions**  
**(Bill Gallagher Room and Committee Room 4)**  
– *Theme 3: Rural employment, industrial development and structural transformation as a path to Decent Work*  
  
– *Theme 4: Moving out of informality: The role of the social economy*
- 13.00–14.30      Lunch graciously offered by the Government of South Africa – Exhibition 1
- 14.30–16.00      **Special focus - Bill Gallagher Room**  
*Achieving women’s economic and social empowerment and gender equality*
- 16.00–16.30      Coffee break – Exhibition 1
- 16.30–18.00      **Parallel thematic discussions**  
**(Bill Gallagher Room and Committee Room 4)**  
– *Theme 5: Social dialogue as a key governance mechanism to realize the Decent Work Agenda in Africa*  
  
– *Theme 6: Building a social protection floor in Africa: Follow-up to the Yaoundé Tripartite Declaration*
- 18.00 onwards    *Session 3 of Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting - Committee Room 4*

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## Friday, 14 October 2011

- 08:30 – 09:15      **Information session (Bill Gallagher Room)**  
Promoting Decent Work in global value chains: the role of the MNE Declaration
- 09.15–10.00      **Information session (Bill Gallagher Room)**  
1986 Amendment to the ILO Constitution
- 10.00–11.00      **Group meetings, as required**  
**G group - Exhibition 2**  
**E group - Committee Room 4**  
**W group - Bill Gallagher Room**
- 11.00 - 11.45      **Plenary sitting – Exhibition 2**  
Adoption of the report, conclusions and possible resolutions of the Meeting,  
noting of the report of the Credentials Committee
- 11:45 – 12:30      **Special sitting: Address by H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo,**  
**President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, current President of the**  
**African Union – Exhibition 2**
- 12:30 – 13:00      **Closing ceremony – Exhibition 2**