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ILO to hold 9th European Regional Meeting in Oslo

The International Labour Organization will hold its 9th European Regional Meeting focused on “Jobs, growth and social justice” in Oslo on April 8-11. The meeting is organized in collaboration with the Government of the Kingdom of Norway.

The European Regional Meeting of the ILO takes place every four years.

Government, Employer and Worker representatives from the ILO’s 51 European and Central Asian member states will gather in Oslo to discuss the way forward for the region in the context of a prolonged financial, economic and social crisis. They will consider policies

and reforms that can safeguard both the European social model and the region’s future in the global economy.

Heads of State and Government will take part in a high-level panel on 8 April, followed by a high-level tripartite panel discussion with the participation of Ministers of Labour and Finance.

Representatives of international economic and financial institutions will address the issue of coherent policies for growth and jobs.

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder will make a report at the meeting, which is aimed to con-

sider the key elements of a balanced growth strategy for Europe, one that will promote stable, sustainable and job-centred recovery.

The Russian delegation to the European Regional Meeting of the ILO will be led by Labour and Social Protection Minister Maxim Topilin, and Kazakhstan’s delegation – by Labour and Social Protection Minister Serik Abdenov and Finance Minister Bolat Zhamishev.

Maxim Topilin and Bolat Zhamishev will take part in a tripartite panel discussion on “Job-rich growth and quality jobs.”

Russia introduces number of initiatives to Group of Twenty employment agenda



On February 21-22 the first Task Force on Employment Meeting was held in Moscow within the framework of Russia’s G20 Presidency.

Task Force on Employment discussions were focused on possible ways to implement the G20 Leaders’ commitment to promote growth and jobs. The issue of job creation was addressed through the lens of economic reform and in a close linkage to stimulating investments. Discussion on labour activation concentrated on creating conditions (including education and labour market regulation) to grant access to the labour market for the vulnerable social groups.

Ksenia Yudaeva, Chief of the Presidential Experts’ Directorate and the Russian G20

Sherpa, reassured that the issue of employment is crucial for Russia’s G20 presidency.

“The issue of creating high-quality jobs is something that all the G20 countries are facing, and in this sense there are big opportunities for developing and exchanging best practices,” she said.

Alexey Vovchenko, Co-Chair of the Meeting and Russian Deputy Labour and Social Protection Minister, listed the Russian initiatives in the sphere of employment, further discussed during the meeting:

“We have announced three major topics for this year. The first - is job creation in global economic understanding of this term. So far this issue hasn’t been addressed by the G20



from this perspective,” he said. “The second task refers to involving the socially vulnerable groups of population to the labour market. Primarily, we are talking about people of older working age, women with children, the disabled and youth. Finally, the third task is to start - for the first time in the G20 practice - monitoring the implementation of commitments and decisions, made in previous years. All these three initiatives were supported by our colleagues.”

Moreover, the Task Force on Employment began preparations for the Joint G20 Labour and Finance Ministers Meeting – the first one in the G20 history. The Joint Meeting is scheduled for July 2013.

Source: en.g20russia.ru



ILO and Russia's Labour Ministry discuss major cooperation aspects



On March 6 Russian Deputy Labour and Social Protection Minister Alexey Vovchenko held talks with ILO

Deputy-Director General Sandra Polaski.

The parties discussed major aspects of cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Russia and the International Labour Organization and joint work within the framework of Russia's G20 presidency in 2013.

Alexei Vovchenko recalled that within the framework of the Decent Work Conference in Moscow in December 2012 the Russian Federation and the ILO signed the Programme of Cooperation for 2013-2016.

"The implementation of this programme is very important for us. We work on a plan of actions to translate it into reality placing a focus on a very detailed plan," the deputy minister said.

He highlighted that further ratification of the ILO's conventions that have not been ratified yet is a significant issue of Russia's cooperation with the ILO.

"I want to assure that now this work proceeds very actively. We received some instructions from the prime minister concerning faster efforts to consider those conventions of the ILO that had not been ratified yet," he said.

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Sandra Polaski recalled that the International Labour Organization's peculiarity is in its tripartite structure in arrangement of work, when delegates of the government, trade unions and employers participate in sessions of the ILO bodies on equal terms.

The deputy minister said in turn that the Russian government specially set up the Tripartite Commission for the Regulation of Social and Labour Relations.

It was also noted at the talks that the first Task Force on Employment Meeting in Moscow in February within the framework of Russia's G20 presidency had decided that with the support of the ILO and other international organizations Russia will review advanced experience of G20 member-states on jobs creation and policy promoting social inclusion of vulnerable groups of population in the labour market and develop relevant recommendations.

"Beginning from the very first consultations on labour issues within the G20 framework Russia has always supported the ILO's involvement in this process," the deputy minister said.

Moreover, Vovchenko confirmed that the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Russia plans to take part in the 9th European Regional Meeting of the International Labour Organization due in Oslo on April 8-11, 2013. ■

Source: www.rosmintrud.ru

317th session of Governing Body of the ILO

The 317th session of the ILO Governing Body discussed how employment and social policies can lead to a coordinated recovery from the global crisis. The meeting that took place in Geneva on March 6-28 reviewed fundamental rights at work, social protection issues and technical cooperation approaches. Delegates also examined how to promote full and productive employment and decent work as an explicit goal of the global development agenda beyond 2015.

On 22 March Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, addressed the high-level section of the Governing Body highlighting common ground with the ILO on the need to move beyond austerity in the crisis response, on the importance of decent work and in the debate on the post-2015 development goals.

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder said that the broad support for the ILO in Europe "is extremely important to us as we face the twin challenge of defending and modernizing the European social model, at the same time as building a stronger worldwide social dimension to globalization". ■

ILO launches "WORK4YOUTH" photo contest

The International Labour Organization is organizing a photo contest to shed light on youth employment issues, the challenges young people face in the workplace as well as their power to overcome them.

The contest "WORK4YOUTH" is sponsored by The MasterCard Foundation.

The objective of the contest is to highlight the challenges young people face in the workplace, as well as innovative ideas to address them.

Photographers aged between 18 to 29 years are invited to focus specifically on working conditions, gender barriers, discrimination, informality, entrepreneurship, working poverty, migration, precarious work, and the rural economy, among others.

Winners can get money prizes from \$500 to \$1,000.

Participants are invited to submit up to a maximum of five photos per person by no later than April 15, 2013. Submissions from all around the world are welcome.

For detailed instructions on how to participate, please visit www.ilo.org/w4y. ■



ILO, Russia's Lukoil in talks to promote youth employment

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder met with Vagit Alekperov, President of Russian oil company LUKOIL, on March 28, to discuss ways of enhancing cooperation under the partnership agreement.

The agreement was signed by the International Labour Organization and LUKOIL at a joint Russian Federation and ILO International High-Level Conference on Decent Work in December 2012.

The partnership aims to develop ILO-LUKOIL collaboration on youth employment in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries. It includes a staff exchange and training components that are part of LUKOIL's commitment to corporate social responsibility and decent work. ■

ILO delegation visits Georgia



On February 20-23 the ILO mission visited Tbilisi to seek the views of all tripartite parties involved and

explore progress with amendments to the Labour Code, to identify needs and scope of future cooperation between the ILO and social partners in Georgia.

The delegation of the International Labour Organization was composed of Special Adviser to the ILO Director-General Kari Tapiola, Director of the ILO Decent Work Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Dimitrina Dimitrova and Programme Assistant Olga Mzhavanadze.

The delegation met with ILO tripartite constituents - Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia Kakhaber Sakandelidze, President of the Georgian Trade Union Confederation Irakli Petriashvili, President and Vice President of the Georgian Employers' Association Elguja Meladze and Mikheil Kordzakhia.

A separate meeting was held with Chief of Staff of the Chancellery of the Government of Georgia Maya Tskitishvili. Productive discussions were conducted with Deputy Minister of Justice Aleksandre Baramidze and Deputy Minister of Economy Irakli Matkava.



During the meeting Deputy Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia Kakhaber Sakandelidze presented the new

structure of the Department on Labour and Employment comprising three units dealing with labour relations and social partnership, employment policies, migration as well as the employment strategy of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

He focused on areas where the ILO expertise would be appreciated such as labour statistics, employment services, occupational safety and health, labour inspection and wages. The deputy minister expressed the hope for the development of long-term cooperation with the International Labour Organization.

The atmosphere of the meetings with social partners was positive and constructive with clear expectations from the ILO to assist further on the implementation of the Labour Code through technical advice and capacity building of all parties and continuous support for the establishment of mediation services.

Furthermore, the ILO will assist in occupational safety and health, re-establishment of the labour inspection service and promotion of gender equality. ■

International Women's Day A promise is a promise. Stop violence against women at work.



the International Women's Day. "Workplace violence including sexual harassment also represents a significant barrier to women's access and equitable treatment and opportunities in the labour market."

"Gender-based violence is clearly at odds with the meaning of decent work: full and productive employment for women and men in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity," he said.

Guy Ryder: «Gender-based violence is clearly at odds with the meaning of decent work».

The ILO Director-General recalled in his statement that "several international labour standards – including the 2011 Convention on Domestic Workers which covers these highly-vulnerable and predominantly female workers – require ratifying member-states along with trade unions and employers' organizations to take action against any form of violence, abuse and harassment at work." ■



This year's theme of the International Women's Day is "A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women. Stop violence against women at work."

"Workplace violence assumes many forms and women are often particularly vulnerable, especially in the informal economy. Such violence is wrong and is a violation of the most basic human rights," ILO Director-General Guy Ryder said in his statement on the occasion of

Decent work programme moves to Russian regions



On January 25 the Republic of Bashkortostan signed the Decent Work Programme based on the principles of

the ILO Decent Work concept.

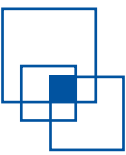
Signatures under the document were put by the republic's First Deputy Prime Minister, Rauf Nugumanov, chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions of the Republic of Bashkortostan, Amirkhan Samirkhanov, and president of the republic's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Yuri Pustovgarov.

The programme is aimed at reducing income differences and poverty in the republic and developing the targeted social assistance system.

The republic's Deputy Prime Minister, Lilia Gumerova, said the document developed in Bashkortostan became the first regional programme for the implementation and promotion of decent work principles.

"Our task is to implement coordinated measures to improve the situation in the social and labour sector," she said. "I hope that active joint efforts of the government, trade unions and employers in this direction will be one more step towards resolving the task of raising living standards." ■

Source: www.bash-rogwu.ru



ILO launches new programme in cooperation with Russia

The ILO launched its new programme Applying the G20 Training Strategy in cooperation with Russia that is presiding over the G20 group of nations this year.

During the Decent Work Conference in Moscow in December the ILO and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation signed an agreement, which applies the G20 Training Strategy in three countries of the CIS - Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as well as in Jordan and Vietnam.

In May 2012, the State Duma, the lower house of Russian parliament, approved US\$ 8 million for the project, which is expected to run for three years.

It is the Russian government's first technical project with the International Labour Organization.

In preparing this strategy the ILO worked closely with employers and workers, consulted other international organizations, and drew on the Conclusions on skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development adopted by the International Labour Conference in June 2008.

In Seoul, in November 2010, leaders pledged to support developing countries in imple-

menting national strategies on skills for employment, building on the G20 Training Strategy.

The partnership between the Russian Federation and the International Labour Organization in applying the G20 Training Strategy will deliver an innovative skills development programme in selected countries that aims to bridge education and training to export growth, economic diversification, and the creation of more and better jobs.

The assistance provided will improve the quality and relevance of vocational training and education and entrepreneurship in order to better meet the labour market needs of today but moreover to prepare the workforce and enterprises for new market and trade opportunities.

The project envisions a substantial knowledge-sharing component, through events both inside the CIS region and beyond, which would expand opportunities for Russian experts to build professional networks with experts from other countries and international organizations.

Key aspects of the Strategy will be implemented by the Moscow School of Management, Skolkovo, in partnership with the ILO. ■

April 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work

Prevention of occupational diseases



The theme of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work in 2013 is "The prevention of occupational diseases".

Worldwide, occupational diseases continue to be the leading cause of work-related deaths. According to ILO estimates, out of 2.34 million occupational fatalities every year, only 321,000 are due to accidents. The remaining 2.02 million deaths are caused by various types of work-related diseases, which correspond to a daily average of more than 5,500 deaths. This is an unacceptable Decent Work deficit.

The inadequate prevention of occupational diseases has profound negative effects not

only on workers and their families but also on society at large due to the tremendous costs that it generates; particularly, in terms of loss of productivity and burdening of social security systems.

Prevention is more effective and less costly than treatment and rehabilitation. All countries can take concrete steps now to improve their capacity for preventing occupational diseases.

We invite you to join us in promoting this important date. ■

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Appointments



Wolfgang Schwegler-Rohmeis has been appointed as Chief Technical Adviser of the ILO Project Applying the G20 Training Strategy.

He studied political science and education, which he finished with

a master's degree.

Wolfgang Schwegler-Rohmeis had experience of over 17 years in the field of cooperation development with a focus on employment, labor market aspects and vocational training.

He has worked for a wide range of international development agencies, including the ILO, and has strong experience specifically in the CIS.

He has worked at the German Agency for International Cooperation GIZ (former GTZ) for many years.

He has spent many professional years in China and Central Asia and had some work experience in the Middle East and Africa.

His native tongue is German. He is fluent in English. ■

Russia to ratify ILO Safety and Health in Mines Convention



Russia plans to ratify the ILO Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176).

On January 29 the law making activity commission of the Russian government supported a draft federal law on ratification of the Convention submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

The Convention specifies generally recognized requirements with regard to safety and health of workers engaged in mining operations.

The goal of Russia's ratification of the Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176) is to apply international regulations and requirements relating to safety and health of miners at the national level.

The ratification will also help the Russian Federation to strengthen its positions concerning occupational safety and health on the international scene.

Russia's legislation in this sphere fully meets the main provisions and requirements of the ILO Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No.176). ■

Source: www.government.ru

Strengthening employers' role in prevention of HIV/AIDS at workplace



On February 15 Dushanbe hosted a seminar on strengthening the role of Tajik employers in prevention of HIV/AIDS at the workplace.

The seminar was organized at the initiative of the Union of Employers of the Republic of Tajikistan with technical support of the ILO and financial support of the International Organization for Migration within the framework of the project "Improving migrant workers access to health services in Tajikistan".

This event was timed to coincide with the first anniversary of the signing of the strategy on prevention of HIV/AIDS in the world of work by tripartite partners.

The seminar saw a presentation of a draft version of the publication on the role of Tajik employers in prevention of HIV/AIDS at the workplace. This guidebook was developed by the Union of Employers of the Republic of Tajikistan with technical support of the ILO while promoting decent work principles,

reducing stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.

Tajikistan's First Deputy Labour and Social Protection Minister Emin Sanginov stressed



in his opening remarks importance of employers' participation in implementing the strategy at the enterprise level to ensure non-discrimination at the workplace and equal opportunities for employment of people living with HIV.

The chairman of the Union of Employers of the Republic of Tajikistan, Azizbek Sharipov, noted that the guidebook lays the groundwork

for employer organizations' further actions. He expressed the hope for stronger cooperation with national partners and representatives of the civil society in prevention of HIV/AIDS and for support of international organizations in raising employers' awareness.

Representatives of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Tajikistan noted that with support of the International Labour Organization Tajikistan takes efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS at the workplace on the basis of the principles of social dialogue and the ILO Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work.

ILO Moscow Focal Point for HIV/AIDS and the World of Work for Tajikistan Takhmina Mahmud noted that the signing of the strategy helps to effectively implement the ILO Recommendation concerning HIV and AIDS and the World of Work, 2010 (No. 200).

Participants in the seminar also discussed promotion of social dialogue among the government, employers, trade unions and civil society on prevention of HIV/AIDS among workers, including labour migrants. ■

Trade unions expanding information space

On February 14-15 a subregional seminar on information campaigns for labour rights organized by the Pan-European Regional Council of the International Trade Union Confederation (PERC- ITUC) took place in the town of Moskovsky.

The forum brought together trade unions' information officers from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Ukraine and experts from PERC-ITUC, the International Labour Organization, the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia, the Confederation of Labour of Russia, the Solidarity newspaper and Equal Times web portal.

The seminar was organized within the framework of activities carried out by the PERC information officers network. It is the follow-up of events in Brussels in October 2011 and Turin in December 2012.

These seminars are targeted at ensuring further consolidation of trade union information flows in the Russian-speaking field.

In his opening remarks Senior Specialist in Workers' Activities of the ILO Decent Work

Technical Support Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Sergeyus Glovackas highlighted successes of trade unions in conducting information campaigns, but also drew attention to existing problems.

"Trade union members' awareness of what is going on in the region and joint information support for their colleagues in many countries are still too weak. Moreover, trade unions partially lose out the information space to non-governmental organizations that are very active in the Internet," he said.

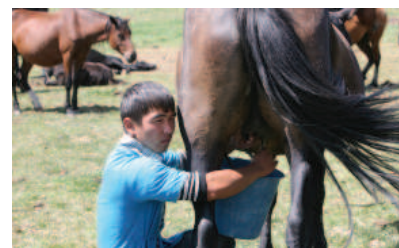
PERC-ITUC advisor Anton Lepik told about the development of information cooperation and assistance in the region of the New Independent States that share common history and language.

ITUC Campaign Officer Kristin Blom briefed on the organization's The 12 by 12 campaign targeted at promoting ratification of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No.189) and the implementation of the Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No.201). ■

Source: www.fnpr.ru



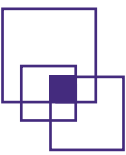
June 12 - World Day Against Child Labour



This year's slogan of the World Day Against Child Labour is «No child labour in domestic work».

The ILO estimates that 15.5 million children are engaged in paid or unpaid domestic work in the home of a third party or employer. These children can be particularly vulnerable to exploitation. Their work is often hidden from the public eye, they may be isolated, and they may be working far away from their family home.

In the run up to this day the ILO calls for legislative and policy reforms to ensure the elimination of child labour in domestic work and the provision of decent work conditions and appropriate protection to children who have reached the legal working age. The ILO also calls on its member states to ratify Convention No. 189 concerning decent work for domestic workers and to take action to build the worldwide movement against child labour and to build the capacity of domestic workers organisations to address child labour. ■



Baku improving system for rehabilitation of disabled people



On January 21 Baku hosted a presentation of the project on improving the system for socio-medical rehabilitation of disabled persons. The project is implemented by the non-governmental

organization Social Services Initiative with the financial support of Azerbaijan's Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

The event focused on the report to analyzing the situation in rehabilitation centres for persons with disabilities published with the support of the International Labour Organization.

Taking part in the event were the director of the Labour Ministry's department for social protection of disabled persons, Vugar Gasanov, the chairman of Social Services Initiative Ramiz Bekhbudov and others.

The report's author and expert of the European Platform for Rehabilitation Donal McAnaney briefed on main provisions of the report.

Participants stressed importance of implementing new programmes aimed at improving activities of rehabilitation centres for persons with disabilities in 2013.

On January 22-23 a seminar for top managers of rehabilitation centres for people with disabilities was organized within the framework of the project. ILO expert Barbara Murray made a report on the International Labour Organization's role in strengthening social and medical rehabilitation system for people with disabilities. ■

Source: www.1news.az



Hollywood puts ILO green programme into frame

Hundreds of Hollywood celebrities and movie industry insiders attended an event to raise awareness of the ILO's Green Jobs Programme on February 21.

The party, entitled "Una Notte Verde" (a green night), was hosted by the film composer, Hans Zimmer, and movie director, Ron Howard – both Academy Award Winners. It was organized by the entertainment magazine, Vanity Fair.

"I am honoured to host this event for the ILO. What you do is real work, real work that makes a difference in the lives of so many," said Zimmer.

Actors Adrien Brody, Alyssa Milano and Josh Hartnett and filmmaker Michael Moore, were among 300 guests at an Italian restaurant in West Hollywood, where the focus was on the green economy and the need for a sustainable future for the next generation.

"I am thrilled to see this kind of turnout for this event," said ILO Director of Communication and Public Information, Marcia Poole.

"It is reassuring to see the commitment here in Hollywood, to the challenge of ensuring that future generations of youth have the appropriate education, skills and 'know-

how' to take advantage of the opportunities presented by a greener economy."

The International Labour Organization together with the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Organization of



From right to left: Lara Lieto, Adrien Brody and Marcia Poole

Employers and the International Trade Union Confederation implement the Green Jobs Initiative.

The Initiative supports concerted efforts by governments, employers and trade unions to promote, in a climate-challenged world, environmentally sustainable and coherent policies, and effective programmes that are also aimed at generating green jobs and decent work for all. ■

Appointments



On March 2 Aliyasbek Alymkulov was appointed Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Labour, Migration and Youth.

He graduated from the faculty of law of Kyrgyz National University named after Yusuf

Balasaghuni and completed a master degree programme in international relations and political science at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In 2004-2007 he was the deputy head of the marketing department of the state-run company Buuday.

In 2007-2010 he served as an official representative of Trading House of Pipeline Metallurgy Company in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan and as director-general of Russian-Kyrgyz Pipeline Company.

In 2008-2010 he was the chairman of the board of directors of El Gaz KDZH.

From May 19, 2010, he served as the Minister of Youth under the decree of the interim government.

From December 2011 he was the Minister of Youth, Labour and Employment. ■

Source: www.gov.kg



On January 28 the Federation of Trade Unions of the Republic of Kazakhstan held a meeting of the General Council, where Abelgazi Kussainov was unanimously elected as its new chair.

He graduated from Karaganda Polytechnic Institute as mechanical engineer and from Russian Academy of Management (now Russian Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation) as political scientist.

In different years Kussainov occupied different positions – chair of the Karaganda region pricing and antimonopoly policy committee, MP of the upper house of Kazakh parliament, deputy minister of transport and communications, economy and trade, industry and trade, chair of the Industry and Trade Ministry's standardization, metrology and certification committee.

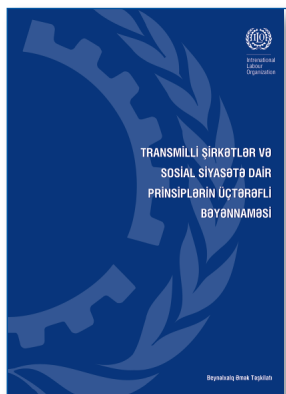
From March 3, 2009 to April 12, 2011 he served as Transport and Communications Minister.

From January 20, 2012, he was the Karaganda region governor. ■

Source: www.biografia.kz

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Tripartite declaration of principles concerning multinational enterprises and social policy

In Azerbaijani language

This publication is translation of the ILO Geneva publication into the Azerbaijani language.

The principles laid down in this universal instrument offer guidelines to MNEs, governments, and employers' and workers' organizations in such areas as employment, training, conditions of work and life, and industrial relations. Its provisions are reinforced by certain international labour Conventions and Recommendations which the social partners are urged to bear in mind and apply, to the greatest extent possible. The adoption of the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up in 1998 highlighted the importance of the fundamental Conventions in realizing the objectives of the ILO, and consequently, the MNE Declaration takes into account the objectives of the 1998 Declaration.

Today, the prominent role of MNEs in the process of social and economic globalization renders the application of the principles of the MNE Declaration as timely and necessary as they were at the time of adoption.



Work and family responsibilities: the Republic of Kazakhstan

In Russian and English languages

This is one of a series of the ILO publications focusing on work and family responsibilities in countries of our region.

The booklet was prepared and published with the financial support of the Finnish government.

It provides a review on the situation on the labour market of Kazakhstan and its gender aspects. In an easy and plain language it describes Kazakhstan's legislation on maternity protection and persons with family responsibilities, the country's child preschool facilities and ratification of important ILO conventions on gender equality and maternity protection.

In particular, Kazakhstan ratified Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No.100); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No.111); Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No.183); and Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156).



Manual on collective bargaining and dispute resolution in the Public Service

In Russian language

This manual was commissioned by the Sectoral Activities and Industrial and Employment Relations Departments as one of the follow-up activities to this Action Programme approved in March 2005 by the ILO's Governing Body, and incorporates practical examples as well as the input from the constituents and experts.

This manual seeks to build on the work done in these publications by offering a compilation of good practices in dispute prevention and dispute resolution in public services. The intention is to showcase an array of mechanisms, mostly interconnected, that governments and social partners around the world have developed to minimize and resolve disputes – and especially interest disputes in collective bargaining – in the public services.

Specifically, the manual aims to identify approaches and practices around the world which have enabled unions and public sector employers to engage in negotiations regarding wages and conditions of work on a fair footing and with minimal disruption to public services.



Glossary of terms and main notions on child labour

In Russian and Kyrgyz languages

This glossary was made as the International Labour Organization had been implementing its project to create an information and resource centre on child labour under Kyrgyzstan's Ministry of Social Protection.

The glossary serves as a practical tool and includes most often used terms and their definitions sorted alphabetically. It contains two similar sections in Russian and Kyrgyz.

The glossary of terms and main notions on child labour is designed for social workers, social teaching staff, students, parents and children as well as for all specialists of the social sphere studying child labour issues.

ILO Chief: Less austerity needed to tackle youth jobs crisis

Failing to act on the youth jobs crisis would sow the seeds of social unrest and destroy hopes for sustainable growth. That is a cost the world cannot afford, ILO Director-General Guy Ryder said at a conference on youth employment in Budapest last January.

Ryder stressed that measures promoting youth employment should be shielded from austerity policies and that spending on such programmes should be increased.

Apprenticeships and other work-training programmes, government incentives for employers who hire young people, entrepreneurship, social enterprises and cooperatives, as well as public employment programmes can be part of the solution, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization said.

More than 52 million domestic workers worldwide

At least 52 million people around the world – mainly women – are employed as domestic workers, according to the first research of its kind conducted by the International Labour Organization.

They account for 7.5 percent of women's wage employment worldwide and a far greater share in some regions, particularly Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Between the mid-1990s and 2010, there was an increase of more than 19 million domestic workers worldwide. Many migrate to other countries to find work.

It is likely that the figures contained in the report underestimate the true numbers of domestic workers worldwide, which may in reality be tens of millions more.

ILO Director-General discusses development agenda with UN Secretary-General

In his first official visit to the United Nations on February 7, ILO Director-General Guy Ryder met UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and his senior staff to discuss the role of the Decent Work Agenda in the post-2015 development framework.

The meeting came at a time when wide-ranging discussions are taking place at the United Nations and around the world on the post-2015 development agenda.

Last November, the ILO's Governing Body called for placing decent job creation and social protection floors at the core of the sustainable development discussions.

ILO publishes its annual report on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations 2013

The Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, whose work constitutes the cornerstone of the ILO's supervisory system on international labour standards, published its annual reports on February 25.

The Committee's annual report consists of three parts. A General Report, which includes comments about member states' respect for their Constitutional obligations and highlights from the Committee's observations; and a part which contains the observations on the application of international labour standards, and a General Survey.

Sattar Mehbolliyev re-elected as chair of Azerbaijan Trade Union Confederation

On February 5 Sattar Mehbolliyev was re-elected as chair of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Azerbaijan at the confederation's fourth congress.

The congress brought together representatives of international organizations, including experts of the International Labour Organization, the International Trade Union Confederation, trade unions from Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and other countries.

At the opening ceremony the head of the presidential administration, Ramiz Mekhtiyev, read out a message by Azerbaijani President Ilkham Aliyev.

Source: www.trend.az

Tajikistan, Russia ink new migration agreement

On February 8 Russia and Tajikistan signed an agreement on conditions of stay of Tajik citizens on the territory of Russia.

The heads of the two countries' migration services - Safiallo Devonayev and Konstantin Romodanovskiy - put their signatures under the document.

In line with the document, Tajik citizens who arrive in Russia on a temporary visit will be exempt for fifteen days from registration at a place of stay at relevant agencies in Russia. Now they should undergo registration procedures during seven days.

Source: www.news.tj

For decent work, decent wage

Constructive steps to prevent and resolve labour disputes were high on the agenda of the international roundtable meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on March 12.

Kazakh Labour and Social Protection Minister Serik Abdenov noted that in social modernization it is important to create effective models of social and labour relations.

While developing these models the government adheres to provisions of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the minister said.

ILO experts participating in the meeting shared experience in explaining legislation norms and preventing labour disputes.

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