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Part I. Submissions approved between June and November 2010

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

International labour standards

I/1. Regional Meeting to Promote the Ratification and Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Proposed date:	27–28 October 2010
Place:	Nadi, Fiji
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000) RBTC (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu. The Marshall Islands are invited at their own cost. ²
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	14
(b) Employers:	14
(c) Workers:	14
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to raise awareness about MLC, 2006, and international labour standards; (ii) to discuss the results of the MLC, 2006, gap analyses carried out in each participating country; (iii) to promote, and provide technical assistance to support, ratification of the MLC, 2006, and provide a forum for discussion on its ratification and implementation; (iv) to contribute to the Decent Work Country Programme outcomes in the Pacific region, with regard to international labour standards and the MLC, 2006.

² The Marshall Islands has already ratified the MLC, 2006, and has been provided with technical assistance in this respect.

Resource persons:	One representative of the Pacific International Maritime Law Association
Observers:	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Secretariat of the Pacific Community – Regional Maritime Programme Tripartite constituents from Australia, New Zealand and Marshall Islands Pacific Forum Line Fiji Institute of Technology, School of Maritime Studies Kiribati Marine Training Centre Papua New Guinea Maritime College Samoa Polytechnic School of Maritime Training Solomon Islands College of Higher Education, School of Marine and Fisheries Studies Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute World Bank Asian Development Bank UNDP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.
Working language:	English

1/2. Caribbean Subregional Training for Inspectors on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Proposed date:	10–12 November 2010
Place:	Kingston, Jamaica
Financing:	Government of Sweden (US\$54,300) Government of Jamaica (US\$2,600)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	30

Purpose of the Training:	(i) to enhance the knowledge of maritime and labour inspectors, who carry out ship inspections on the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006; (ii) to build capacity for implementation of the Convention, once ratified.
Observers:	Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (CMOU)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006).
Working language:	English

Programme for the promotion of the Declaration

I/3. Regional Conference of Employers' Organizations from the Caucasus and Key Destination Countries of Migrant Workers

Proposed date:	23–24 September 2010
Place:	Batumi, Georgia
Financing:	European Union (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Republic of Moldova, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	12
Purpose of the Conference:	To contribute to the development of a coherent anti-trafficking strategy for employers' organizations in the Southern Caucasus and beyond, in order to take action against forced labour and human trafficking. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to review and learn more about international good practices; (ii) to take stock of creating innovative initiatives in the context of the Caucasus; (iii) to develop an interactive forum for cooperation between employers in the Caucasus and destination countries, as a contribution to the ILO's business alliance against forced labour and human trafficking.

Resource persons:	International Organisation of Employers Employers' representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia Ethical Trading Initiative United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) International Confederation of Private Employment Agencies (CIETT) Manpower
Relevance to international labour standards:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29).
Working languages:	English and Russian

I/4. Subregional Workshop on the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, its Follow-up Mechanism and Related ILO Instruments

Proposed date:	18–20 October 2010
Place:	Beirut, Lebanon
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$35,000) Governments of GCC ³ (US\$36,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	21 (three from each country)
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
(d) Other:	3 representatives from the GCC executive bureau
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide officials of the Ministries of Labour in GCC countries and representatives of employers' and workers' organizations with in-depth training on the core principle of the Social Justice Declaration; (ii) to explain the follow-up to the Declaration, including the process of recurrent discussions by the International Labour Conference; (iii) to promote constructive dialogue and cooperation among governments and social partners in GCC member states.

³ Gulf Cooperation Council.

Resource persons:	Representatives of Human Rights at Work
Relevance to international labour standards:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), and ILO core Conventions. ⁴
Working languages:	English and Arabic

Child labour

I/5. Subregional Meeting on Drafting Reports on ILO International Conventions, with a focus on Child Labour Conventions

Proposed date:	16–17 August 2010
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$10,000) Government of Spain (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to improve participants knowledge of international labour standards and the control system; (ii) to improve participants knowledge of the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); (iii) to inform participants of the obligations with respect to ratification Conventions, in particular the presentation of reports on how they are put into practice.

⁴ Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190).
Working language:	Spanish

I/6. Training Session on Social Dialogue and Child Labour for Lusophone Countries

Proposed date:	25–29 October 2010
Place:	Maputo, Mozambique
Financing:	Government of Brazil (US\$44,000) Government of Ireland (US\$36,200) Government of Norway (US\$20,000) Government of Spain (US\$18,000) European Union (US\$8,700)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor-Leste
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Training Session:	(i) to finalize a project document, further to the action plan adopted by the Ministers of Labour of CPLP; ⁵ (ii) to be trained on the child labour reporting system.
Resource persons:	Tripartite delegation from Brazil (at own cost) Tripartite delegation from Portugal (at own cost)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190).
Working language:	Portuguese

⁵ Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries.

Employment Sector

Labour markets analysis

I/7. Regional Workshop on Statistical Design of Household Panel Surveys for the Labour Market Study

Proposed date:	9–13 August 2010
Place:	Panamá, Panama
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$24,400)
Geographical coverage:	Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	1 (local)
(c) Workers:	1 (local)
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>(i) to allow the specialists of national institutes of statistics to update their competences regarding the sampling design of continuous employment surveys;</p> <p>(ii) to enable statistics offices to generate business indicators (monthly or quarterly) for the labour market in support of diagnostic and policy tasks.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Experts working on the Labour Analysis and Information System in Latin America and the Caribbean (SIALC)</p> <p>Sampling designers responsible for the employment surveys of the participating countries</p> <p>A consultant specializing in employment measurement</p> <p>A sampling specialist from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)/Santiago</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160).
Working language:	Spanish

I/8. Addressing the Effects of the Global Economic Crisis on Labour Markets in the Caribbean and Sustainable Post-crisis Recovery: The role of the Global Jobs Pact

Proposed date:	25–26 January 2011
Place:	Bridgetown, Barbados
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,800) RBTC (US\$62,300) Caribbean Development Bank (US\$97,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	44
(b) Employers:	22
(c) Workers:	22
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to provide an opportunity for the ILO's tripartite constituents, development partners and other stakeholders, for dialogue on the macroeconomic, social and labour policies in order to emerge from the economic crisis in a sustainable way; (ii) to discuss means of applying the Global Jobs Pact and the Declaration on Social Justice to shape and implement the agreed measures.
Resource persons:	One resource person from each of the following: World Bank Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC) Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL) Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
Observers:	Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) University of the West Indies (UWI) United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Regional Director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Relevance to international labour standards:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), and ILO core Conventions. ⁶
Working language:	English

Skills and employability

I/9. Meeting of the Programme and Budget Committee of CINTERFOR⁷

Proposed date:	21 July 2010
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	The half-day meeting is scheduled immediately before the CINTERFOR First Regional Technical Meeting, to which all participants are invited, and therefore no additional cost is incurred.
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Barbados, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Spain, Uruguay
Composition of participants: ⁸	
(a) Governments/training institutions:	13
(b) Employers:	3 (Argentina, Colombia, Mexico)
(c) Workers:	3 (Argentina, Colombia, Barbados)

⁶ Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

⁷ The Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training.

⁸ Members of CINTERFOR.

Purpose of the Meeting:	To analyse the ILO–CINTERFOR management report for October 2009 to June 2010 and review the prospects for 2010–11.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working languages:	Spanish and English

I/10. First Regional Technical Meeting: On-the-job Training – Impact and Operational Measures to Promote Quality

Proposed date:	21–23 July 2010
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$19,600) RBTC (US\$21,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
(d) Other:	35 representatives of professional training institutions
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to evaluate the impact of professional training in the region; (ii) to design a guide, on evaluating and improving the quality of professional training programmes.
Resource persons:	One external consultant
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working languages:	English and Spanish

**I/11. ILO/SKILLS-AP/Korea – Regional Training
Workshop on Skills Assessment of Returning
Migrant Workers**

Proposed date:	15–16 September 2010
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$30,400) ILO regular budget (US\$16,300)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to share experiences on how the sending countries organize and manage the skills recognition of returning workers; (ii) to discuss and share draft guidelines and information resources for assessment of the skills recognition of returning workers.
Resource persons:	One international resource person One expert from the Republic of Korea
Observers:	Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Working Group (APEC HRDWG) Asian Development Bank (ADB) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working language:	English

I/12. Second Regional Technical Meeting: On-the-job Training – Impact and Operational Measures to Promote Quality

Proposed date:	23–25 November 2010
Place:	Madrid, Spain
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$19,600) RBTC (US\$34,200)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
(d) Other:	35 representatives of professional training institutions
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to check the contents of a guide, which has been produced by the work of the virtual community, on evaluating and improving the quality of professional training programmes; (ii) to discuss plans for producing the final version of the guide and its distribution.
Resource persons:	One external consultant
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working languages:	English and Spanish

Job creation and enterprise development

I/13. Regional Assessment Meeting on Entrepreneurship Education and KAB⁹

Proposed date:	21–23 September 2010
Place:	Jakarta, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of Switzerland (US\$35,000) Government of the Netherlands (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	China, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Sri Lanka
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	1
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
(d) Others:	40 (representatives of institutions in charge of implementing KAB at the national level)
Purpose of the Meeting:	To develop a set of recommendations for the design and implementation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a methodology to evaluate the impact of youth entrepreneurship education programmes in the region; (ii) a framework for quality control mechanisms for an entrepreneurship education programme (KAB).
Resource persons:	Two workshop facilitators Four research team leaders from regional KAB impact studies Two specialists in impact assessments and quality control of education and training programmes
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189).
Working language:	English

⁹ Know about Business.

I/14. Subregional Meeting on Emerging Good Practices in Enabling Environment Research and Policy Development in Women's Entrepreneurship Development

Proposed date:	1–2 November 2010
Place:	Maputo, Mozambique
Financing:	NORAD ¹⁰ (US\$21,000) Government of Belgium (US\$15,000) Mozambique One UN Fund (US\$17,000)
Geographical coverage:	Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8 (two per country)
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to develop an increased understanding and capacity for development and implementation of policy level strategies for women's entrepreneurship development (WED); (ii) to encourage increased inter-country collaboration and dialogue on policy level support for WED among the NORAD funded WEDGE-SA ¹¹ and Flemish funded WED project countries (Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa).
Relevance to international labour standards:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189).
Working languages:	English and Portuguese

I/15. Subregional Knowledge-Sharing Workshop on Cooperatives in the Arab States

Proposed date:	23–26 November 2010
Place:	Beirut, Lebanon
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)

¹⁰ Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation.

¹¹ Women's Entrepreneurship Development and Gender Equality – Southern Africa Project.

Geographical coverage:	Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen as well as the Palestinian Authority
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>(i) to provide an overview of the cooperatives movement in the Arab States;</p> <p>(ii) to create awareness among the social partners about the role of cooperatives, their achievements and shortcomings;</p> <p>(iii) to agree on ways of promoting and strengthening collaboration between cooperatives and social partners;</p> <p>(iv) to make recommendations for a participatory action plan for cooperative development in the Arab States.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>18 presidents of cooperative unions from across the region</p> <p>One representative of employers' organizations</p> <p>One representative of workers' organizations</p> <p>One expert on cooperatives</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193).
Working languages:	English and Arabic

I/16. Asia–Pacific Community of Practice on Green Jobs: Challenges and Opportunities for Knowledge Networking

Proposed date:	14–15 December 2010
Place:	Jakarta, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$33,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8

Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to form a shared understanding of the nature and concept of communities of practice;(ii) to identify the purpose and focus of the Green Jobs Community of Practice;(iii) to specify the tools and mechanisms necessary for optimal sharing and communication;(iv) to develop a roadmap of actions, identifying tasks, roles and responsibilities.
Resource persons:	Five experts from the region (practitioners, representatives of academic institutions)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Cancer Convention, 1974 (No. 139), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Chemicals Convention, 1990 (No. 170), Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Convention, 1993 (No. 174), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Occupational Cancer Recommendation, 1974 (No. 147), Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 1981 (No. 164), Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1985 (No. 171), Chemicals Recommendation, 1990 (No. 177), Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Recommendation, 1993 (No. 181), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197), and the ILO Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems (ILO-OSH) 2001.
Working language:	English

Social Protection Sector

Labour protection

I/17. Regional Meeting on Inequalities in the World of Work: The effects of the crisis

Proposed date:	20–21 January 2011
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
Financing:	European Union (US\$384,000) ILO regular budget (US\$96,000)
Geographical coverage:	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	30
(c) Workers:	30
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to make an assessment of the evolution, extent and implications of inequalities brought about by the crisis within European Union Member States; (ii) to provide an overview of inequalities in the crisis; (iii) to identify concrete policy solutions at the local level to address the inequalities.
Resource persons:	12 national experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions. ¹²
Working languages:	English and French

¹² Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

International migration

I/18. ASEAN¹³–ILO–IOM¹⁴ Migrant Labour Forum

Proposed date:	15–16 July 2010
Place:	Hanoi, Viet Nam
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$21,000) IOM (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	18
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Forum:	(i) to deepen understanding of the shared interests and stakes in the growing cross-border movements of workers from, to and within the ASEAN region; (ii) to further implement the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers; (iii) to discuss sharing the emerging good practices on labour migration in the field of recruitment regulation, protection of domestic workers and development of return and reintegration programs; (iv) to promote networking and bi- and multilateral cooperation as a tool for the beneficial sharing of human resources through migration.
Resource persons:	ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181) and the ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration.
Working language:	English

¹³ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

¹⁴ International Organization for Migration.

**I/19. OSCE¹⁵ – CE¹⁶ – UNIFEM¹⁷ – IOM¹⁸ – ILO
Subregional Meeting on Gender-sensitive
Labour Migration Policies: Awareness Raising
and Training**

Proposed date:	14–15 September 2010
Place:	Astana, Kazakhstan
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$27,200) OSCE (US\$49,100) IOM (US\$4,900)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Meeting:	(i) to raise political awareness at a senior policy-making level of the importance of gender-sensitive measures in labour migration policies and in bi- and multilateral agreements; (ii) to build stronger institutional capacity through training government officials, social partners and others.
Resource persons:	International Organization for Migration Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe United Nations Development Fund for Women
Relevance to international labour standards:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181).
Working languages:	English and Russian

¹⁵ Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

¹⁶ Council of Europe.

¹⁷ United Nations Development Fund for Women.

¹⁸ International Organization for Migration.

I/20. Visioning Event for an Asia–Pacific Community of Practice on Labour Migration

Proposed date:	26–27 October 2010
Place:	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$15,000) Government of Australia (US\$16,000) European Union (US\$4,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to determine the purpose and focus of the Community of Practice on Labour Migration; (ii) to identify tools and mechanisms for optimal sharing and effective communication; (iii) to develop a plan of action with identified tasks, roles and responsibilities.
Resource persons:	Ten experts in the thematic issues of the community of practice, i.e. return and reintegration, domestic work, trafficking and skilled migration.
Observers:	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) International Organization for Migration (IOM) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration.
Working language:	English

I/21. Subregional Training Course on International Labour Migration

Proposed date:	15–19 November 2010
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$73,100)
Geographical coverage:	Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	22
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the Training Course:	<p>(i) to follow up the conclusions and recommendations of the first Subregional Training Course on International Labour Migration, held in Quito, Ecuador on 7–11 December 2009;</p> <p>(ii) to strengthen the management of labour migration, by means of tripartism and social dialogue;</p> <p>(iii) to encourage exchange between participants with the aim of improving mechanisms for labour migration administration.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Six academics</p> <p>Eight representatives of public administrations</p> <p>Organization of American States (OAS)</p> <p>Andean Community</p> <p>American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO)</p> <p>Coordinator of Andean Trade Union Confederations (CCSA)</p> <p>Trade Union Institute for Cooperation in Development (ISCOD)</p> <p>One independent external collaborator</p>
Observers:	<p>One parliamentarian (Peru)</p> <p>Intersectoral Committee on Migration Management</p> <p>Two students of the Diplomatic Academy (Peru)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	<p>Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105),</p>

Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Migration for Employment Recommendation, 1939 (No. 61), Migration for Employment (Co-operation between States) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 62), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Protection of Migrant Workers (Underdeveloped Countries) Recommendation, 1955 (No. 100), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151), Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158).

Working language: Spanish

Social Dialogue Sector

Employers' activities

I/22. Workshop for Employers of the UEMOA:¹⁹ Development strategies and perspectives for the private sector in West Africa, 50 years after independence

Proposed date: 3–4 August 2010

Place: Bamako, Mali

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$75,000)

Geographical coverage: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

Composition of participants:

Employers: 8

Purpose of the Workshop:

- (i) to consider appropriate actions and means of ensuring the competitiveness of businesses in West Africa with respect to: sustainable growth, the world economy and creating decent work;
- (ii) to evaluate the role of employers' organizations in the development of national economies for sustainable growth, the creation of jobs and the reduction of poverty.

¹⁹ West African Economic and Monetary Union.

Resource persons:	Two international consultants International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Observers:	Commission of the African Union United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC) Southern African Development Community (SADC) East African Community (EAC) Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) World Bank African Development Bank French Development Agency (AFD) Movement of French Enterprises (MEDEF)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195).
Working language:	French

I/23. Subregional Workshop for Employers: Designing and managing projects for employers' organizations in the Andean subregion

Proposed date:	11–15 October 2010
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	RBTC (US\$15,600) International Training Centre, Turin (US\$10,000) ILO regular budget (US\$5,000)
Geographical coverage:	Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	15 (three for each country)

Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to design effective, coherent project proposals of good quality and with clear objectives, which are attractive to potential donors; (ii) to apply project management principles, such as implementation planning, monitoring and evaluation; (iii) to strengthen the participants' capacity to build a network of colleagues for the exchange of information and ideas on possible projects and approaches.
Working language:	Spanish

Workers' activities

I/24. Subregional Seminar for Closing and Evaluating the Project for Strengthening Social Partnerships in the Western Balkans

Proposed date:	10–11 June 2010
Place:	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$29,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	28
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to evaluate the achievements of the Project for Strengthening Social Partnerships in the Western Balkans; (ii) to exchange information and establish a trade union network for the support of migrant workers in the region.
Resource persons:	Two experts from Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) European Construction Mobility Information Net Council of Trade Unions (CTU), Ireland International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949

(No. 98), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161).

Working languages: English, Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian, Macedonian and Albanian

I/25. Subregional Workshop for Central American Workers: Trade Unions and Subcontracting – Social Dialogue Project Capacity-Building Programme

Proposed date: 12–13 August 2010

Place: San Salvador, El Salvador

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$4,000)
Government of United States (US\$30,000)

Geographical coverage: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

Composition of participants:

Workers: 22

Purpose of the Workshop:

- (i) to analyse, from a trade union standpoint, the impact of outsourcing, subcontracting and recruitment through employment agencies in Central American and Caribbean countries, focusing on the impact on the labour market, the legislation in force in those countries and the living and working conditions of the workers;
- (ii) to harmonize criteria for trade union action in order to formulate a national and subregional level strategy to respond to the abovementioned processes;
- (iii) to strengthen trade union proposals to improve national legislation and practices, as well as the exercise of freedom of association and collective bargaining.

Resource persons: One outsourcing expert
One expert from the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)

Observers: Coordinating Body of Central American and Caribbean Trade Unions (CSACC)
Central American Confederation of Workers (CCT)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), and the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy.
Working language:	Spanish

I/26. ILO-RENGO²⁰ Regional Seminar on Strengthening the Capacity of Workers' Organizations for Collective Bargaining, Social Protection and Productivity in the Context of the Global Jobs Pact

Proposed date:	21–25 November 2010
Place:	Algiers, Algeria
Financing:	RENGO (US\$45,400) ILO regular budget (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	14 (one from each country, plus ITUC ²¹ -Africa and OATUU) ²²
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to strengthen the ability of workers' organizations in Africa to help implement the ILO's Global Jobs Pact at the national level; (ii) to promote and strengthen collective bargaining, social protection and productivity.
Resource persons:	Three experts from RENGO
Observers:	Government of Algeria One employers' representative from Algeria

²⁰ Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

²¹ International Trade Union Confederation.

²² Organization of African Trade Union Unity.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Global Jobs Pact, ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization.
Working languages:	English and French

I/27. Subregional Seminar on the Assessment and Strengthening of Workers' Education Programmes for Safety and Health at Work in Francophone African Countries

Proposed date:	13–16 December 2010
Place:	Cotonou, Benin
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$31,000) RBTC (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Gabon, Niger, Senegal, Togo
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	18
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to prepare a workers' education manual on safety and health at work; (ii) to build networks in the subregion between experts in safety and health at work and trade unionists.
Resource persons:	Seven experts in safety and health at work
Relevance to international labour standards:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155).
Working language:	French

Social dialogue

I/28. ILO–ASEAN²³ Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region

Proposed date:	25–26 November 2010
Place:	Manila, Philippines
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$55,200)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to discuss and share industrial relations practices among ASEAN member States; (ii) to present country reports on the national legal framework and practices for dispute and settlement.
Observers:	Government of China Government of the Republic of Korea
Relevance to international labour standards	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154).
Working language:	English

²³ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I/29. Interregional Conference on Social Dialogue in the Arab States

Proposed date:	14–16 December 2010
Place:	Casablanca, Morocco
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$220,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen, as well as the Palestinian Authority
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	22
(b) Employers:	22
(c) Workers:	22
Purpose of the Conference:	<p>(i) to establish commitment among the social partners to the principles of tripartism and modalities of work toward the institutionalization of social dialogue mechanisms in the Arab States;</p> <p>(ii) to survey regional and global experiences in promoting social dialogue in order to identify best practice and lessons learned;</p> <p>(iii) to develop a participatory action plan for social dialogue in the Arab States.</p>
Resource persons:	Ten resource persons from regional and international economic and social councils, social protection institutions and academia.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Right of Association (Non-Metropolitan Territories) Convention, 1947 (No. 84), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Rural Workers' Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Workers' Representatives Recommendation, 1971 (No. 143), Rural Workers' Organisations Recommendation, 1975 (No. 149), Labour Relations (Public Service) Recommendation, 1978 (No. 159), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163).
Working languages:	English, French and Arabic

Policy integration**I/30. *Regional Seminar for Workers' and Employers' Organizations in the Americas: Working with the United Nations***

Proposed date:	4–6 August 2010
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	European Union (US\$83,900)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	9
(b) Workers:	9
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to assist workers' and employers' organizations to develop a strategy for effective participation in UN reform processes, programs and policies; (ii) to give participants a better understanding of the ILO's participation in UN reform; (iii) to enable participants to promote decent work in their own countries.
Resource persons:	United Nations Resident Coordinator for Peru
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers and International Trade Union Confederation
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions ²⁴ and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
Working languages:	English and Spanish

²⁴ Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

Part II. Additional information

Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

International labour standards

II/1. Subregional Seminar on Achieving Rapid and Widespread Ratification and Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006, and Promoting the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)

Original date: 26–29 April 2010

New date: 12–15 July 2010

Child labour

II/2. Subregional Meeting for an ASEAN²⁵ Roadmap for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016: Tripartite consultative review

Original date: 26–27 May 2010

New date: 28–29 June 2010

Social Dialogue Sector

Labour administration

II/3. ARLAC²⁶ Workshop on Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour: Understanding the dimensions and interventions

Original date: 4–8 October 2010

New date: 2011 (date to be determined)

Geneva, 11 November 2010

Submitted for information

²⁵ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

²⁶ African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
AFRICA 2010		
1–2 November	Subregional Meeting on Emerging Good Practices in Enabling Environment Research and Policy Development in Women's Entrepreneurship Development	Maputo, Mozambique
21–25 November	ILO-RENGO ¹ Regional Seminar on Strengthening the Capacity of Workers' Organizations for Collective Bargaining, Social Protection and Productivity in the Context of the Global Jobs Pact	Algiers, Algeria
1–3 December	Subregional High-level Seminar on Improving the Partnership between Labour Administrations and Employers' and Workers' Organizations for the Implementation of the Ouagadougou Roadmap	Cotonou, Benin
13–16 December	Subregional Seminar on the Assessment and Strengthening of Workers' Education Programmes for Safety and Health at Work in Francophone African Countries	Cotonou, Benin
2011		
To be determined	ARLAC ² Workshop on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour: Understanding the Dimensions and Interventions	Harare, Zimbabwe
ARAB STATES 2010		
18–20 October	Subregional Workshop on the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, its Follow-up Mechanism and Related ILO Instruments	Beirut, Lebanon
23–26 November	Subregional Knowledge-Sharing Workshop on Cooperatives in the Arab States	Beirut, Lebanon
14–16 December	Interregional Conference on Social Dialogue in the Arab States	Casablanca, Morocco
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2010		
25–26 November	ILO-ASEAN ³ Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region	Manila, Philippines
14–15 December	Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Green Jobs: Challenges and Opportunities for Knowledge Networking	Jakarta, Indonesia
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2010		
10–12 November	Caribbean Subregional Training for Inspectors on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006	Kingston, Jamaica
15–19 November	Subregional Training Course on International Labour Migration	Lima, Peru
23–25 November	Second Regional Technical Meeting: On-the-job Training – Impact and Operational Measures to Promote Quality	Madrid, Spain

¹ Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

² African Regional Labour Administration Centre.

³ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Date	Title of meeting	Place
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2011		
25–26 January	Addressing the Effects of the Global Economic Crisis on Labour Markets in the Caribbean and Sustainable Post-crisis Recovery: The role of the Global Jobs Pact	Bridgetown, Barbados
EUROPE 2011		
20–21 January	Regional Meeting on Inequalities in the World of Work: The effects of the crisis	Brussels, Belgium