INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

19th American Regional Meeting

Panama City, Panama, 2-5 October 2018



Provisional programme

Monday, 1 October 2018

14.00–17.00 Registration

Tuesday, 2 October 2018

08.00 onwards Registration

09.00–11.00 Group meetings (Governments, Employers, Workers)

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30 ¹–12.30 **Opening session**

Election and appointments:

- Election of the Officers of the Meeting (Government Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Employer and Worker Vice-Chairpersons)
- Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
- Appointment of the members of the Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting

Opening addresses:

- Chairperson of the 19th American Regional Meeting
- Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO
- Employer representative
- Worker representative

12.30–14.00 Lunch

14.00–17.00 Plenary sitting:

Presentation of the Report of the Director-General

Discussion of the Report of the Director-General

17.00–17.30 Coffee break

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¹ Objections and complaints to the Credentials Committee are to be lodged within two hours of the scheduled time for the opening of the Meeting (see article 9 of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*).

17.30–18.00 Special plenary sitting:

- Special address by His Excellency, Juan Carlos Varela, President of

the Republic of Panama

18.00 onwards Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting

Cultural event and reception

The Government of Panama will extend a warm invitation to all Meeting participants to attend a musical on the world of work in Panama, which will

take place at the Anayansi Theatre (located in the Atlapa Centre),

followed by a reception in the theatre foyer

Wednesday, 3 October 2018

08.30–10.00 Group meetings 10.00–11.00 Plenary sitting:

Discussion of the Report of the Director-General (cont.)

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 First thematic plenary sitting:

Preparing the future of work we want: Policies for sustainable, productive development for sustained and inclusive growth, with

more and better decent jobs

13.00–14.30 Lunch

14.30–16.00 Second thematic plenary sitting:

Preparing the future of work we want: Policies to promote the transition from the informal to the formal economy and to respond to

accelerating technological change and to diverse forms of

employment

16.00–16.30 Coffee break 16.30–18.00 Plenary sitting:

Discussion of the Report of the Director-General (cont.)

18.00 onwards Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting

Reception hosted by the Director-General of the ILO

To be held at the Sheraton Grand Panama Hotel, located in front of the

entrance to the Atlapa Centre

Thursday, 4 October 2018

08.30–10.00 Group meetings

10.00–11.30 Third thematic plenary sitting:

Preparing the future of work we want: Measures and policies to strengthen and redesign institutions in the world of work, including social security, and to ensure that trade union and labour rights are

fully upheld

11.30–12.00 Coffee break

12.00–13.30 Fourth thematic plenary sitting:

Preparing the future of work we want: The digital economy and

labour skills and competencies

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13.30-14.30 Lunch 14.30-15.30 First information session: Reducing the pay gap and other gender gaps in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development With the participation of the Vice-President of the Republic of Panama and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Her Excellency, Isabel de Saint Malo de Alvarado 15.30-16.30 Second information session: Eliminating child labour in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Coffee break 16.30-17.00 17.00-18.00 Third information session: The promotion and application of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy in the Americas 18.00 onwards Drafting Committee on the conclusions of the Meeting Dinner hosted by the Government of the Republic of Panama To be held at the *Palacio Bolívar*, headquarters of the Panamanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, located in the Casco Viejo (historic quarter) of the city. For this event, transport will be organized for delegates between the Atlapa Centre and the Casco Viejo and from the Casco Viejo to the designated Regional Meeting hotels Friday, 5 October 2017 09.30-11.00 Group meetings: 11.00-11.30 Coffee break 11.30-13.00 Plenary sitting: Presentation and noting of the report of the Credentials Committee Adoption of the conclusions of the Meeting Closing ceremony Closing addresses: Government Vice-Chairperson of the Meeting Employer Vice-Chairperson of the Meeting Worker Vice-Chairperson of the Meeting Chairperson of the Meeting Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO 13:00-13.45 Lunch

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13.45-18:30

Tour of the Panama Canal locks, offered by the Government of the Republic of Panama

The host country will offer a tour of the Miraflores locks of the Panama Canal. The duration of the tour, including transport from Atlapa to Miraflores, and back to Sheraton Hotel, will be around four hours (expected return time by 18:30).

Delegates who to participate in the Canal tout must register at the Registration Desk, at the entrance of the Atlapa Center, no later than 18:00 on Wednesday, October 3.