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Part I. Submissions approved between November 2012 and March 2013

International labour standards

I/1. ARLAC Workshop on Implementing International Labour Standards: Strategies for enhancing minimum wage fixing machinery

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| Proposed date: | 7–11 October 2013 |
| Place: | Harare, Zimbabwe |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$17,100) |
| Geographical coverage: | Egypt, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 8 |
| (b) Employers: | 8 |
| (c) Workers: | 8 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | (i) to discuss the principles of wage determination and consider the role of the ILO in wage fixing; (ii) to discuss the dynamics of wage fixing in a developing economy, including with respect to collective bargaining agreements; and (iii) to examine extending the coverage of minimum wage agreements to vulnerable groups or sectors. |
| Resource persons: | One international consultant Two regional consultants |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Protection of Workers' Claims (Employer's Insolvency) Convention, 1992 (No. 173), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Recommendation, 1949 (No. 84), Protection of Wages Recommendation, 1949 (No. 85), Minimum Wage Fixing Recommendation, 1970 (No. 135), Protection of Workers' Claims (Employer's Insolvency) Recommendation, 1992 (No. 180) |
| Working language: | English |

Employment policy***I/2. Regional Symposium on Employment-led Post-disaster Recovery***

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|------------------------------|--|
| Proposed date: | 13–14 March 2013 |
| Place: | Iwate, Japan |
| Financing: | Government of Japan (US\$111,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 6 |
| (b) Employers: | 3 |
| (c) Workers: | 3 |
| Purpose of the Symposium: | (i) to explore a wide range of employment and livelihood recovery measures that could be applied in response to a large-scale natural disaster; (ii) to identify potential challenges to develop and implement such measures in disaster-prone countries in the Asia and the Pacific region; and (iii) to generate inputs to inform the policy development process for the post-2013 Framework of Action for Disaster Risk Reduction so as to ensure that employment and livelihood issues are incorporated in the new framework. Special attention will be given to people with specific needs. |
| Resource persons: | Five local resource persons |
| Observers: | The symposium is a public event. It is anticipated that approximately 50 persons will attend from the public as observers. |
| Working language: | English |

Governance and tripartism

I/3. ILO–ASEAN² Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region

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| Proposed date: | 27–28 February 2013 |
| Place: | Hanoi, Viet Nam |
| Financing: | Government of Japan (US\$55,300) |
| Geographical coverage: | Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 11 |
| (b) Employers: | 11 |
| (c) Workers: | 11 |
| Purpose of the Seminar: | (i) to discuss and share information on law and practice in the area of employment contracts, termination and outsourcing; (ii) to encourage a social dialogue approach in resolving issues; and (iii) to present and discuss country reports on social dialogue and labour law reform. |
| Resource persons: | Two external resource persons |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Labour Inspectorates (Non-Metropolitan Territories) Convention, 1947 (No. 85), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), 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 |

² Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I/4. Eighth Subregional Meeting of Ministers of Labour of the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean

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| Proposed date: | 2–3 July 2013 |
| Place: | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago |
| Financing: | RBTC (US\$126,800) |
| 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 as well as the following non-metropolitan territories: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Montserrat, Sint Maarten and Turks and Caicos Islands |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Governments: | 44 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to brief ministers of labour on items on the agenda of the International Labour Conference, June 2013; (ii) to discuss topics related to youth employment, the social protection floor and social dialogue; and (iii) to discuss the follow-up to the conclusions and recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of Labour Ministers (Georgetown, 2010). |
| Resource persons: | Two resource persons from other agencies |
| Observers: | <p>Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC)</p> <p>Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)</p> <p>Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)</p> |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | <p>Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), 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), Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention, 1957 (No. 107), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), 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)</p> |
| Working language: | English |

I/5. ARLAC Workshop on Social Dialogue: The Key to Achieving Decent Work Country Programmes

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| Proposed date: | 9–13 September 2013 |
| Place: | Harare, Zimbabwe |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$17,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 8 |
| (b) Employers: | 8 |
| (c) Workers: | 8 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | (i) to develop and strengthen the social dialogue skills and expertise of workers' and employers' organizations and labour ministries; (ii) to discuss the different perspectives and to develop a shared understanding of social dialogue and its benefits; (iii) to identify the preconditions for social dialogue; and (iv) to review the experience of social dialogue in the countries attending the meeting. |
| Resource persons: | One international consultant One regional consultant |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152) |
| Working language: | English |

Child labour

I/6. Subregional Meeting of the Continental Working Group for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour

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| Proposed date: | 3–4 December 2012 |
| Place: | Santiago, Chile |
| Financing: | Government of Spain (US\$15,000) RBTC (US\$1,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 16 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | (i) to strengthen and consolidate the Continental Working Group in order to plan action against child labour; (ii) to raise awareness among trade unions of child labour dynamics in the region, with a special focus on the gender perspective and linking decent work proposals, promoting their incorporation and application in Decent Work Country Programmes; and (iii) to enhance trade unions' knowledge of the worst forms of child labour, with regard to eliminating it by 2016, as set out in the roadmap developed at the Global Child Labour Conference held in The Hague in 2010. |
| Resource persons: | One expert in child labour, Argentina |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190) |
| Working language: | Spanish |

I/7. Subregional Meeting on South–South Cooperation in Combating Child Labour

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|------------------------|---|
| Proposed date: | 25–27 February 2013 |
| Place: | Jakarta, Indonesia |
| Financing: | ILO–IPEC (US\$49,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam |

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| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 12 |
| (b) Employers: | 6 |
| (c) Workers: | 6 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <p>(i) to share and reflect on achievements, challenges, experiences and needs, towards the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in the region;</p> <p>(ii) to map challenges and gaps in the implementation of work on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour, in terms of collaboration between the neighbouring South-East Asian countries; and</p> <p>(iii) to provide an opportunity for the participants to further discuss the strategies and action plans on different issues.</p> |
| Observers: | <p>Government of Indonesia</p> <p>Trade Union confederations</p> <p>Teachers' Association of the Republic of Indonesia (PGRI)</p> <p>Network of Indonesian Child Labour NGOs (JARAK)</p> <p>Indonesian Child Welfare Foundation (YKAI)</p> <p>Mitra ImaDei</p> <p>University of Indonesia</p> <p>Embassy of Netherlands, Indonesia</p> <p>Embassy of United States, Indonesia</p> <p>Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)</p> <p>United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</p> <p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p>World Bank</p> |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182) and Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) |
| Working languages: | English and Bahasa Indonesia |

**I/8. ECOWAS–ILO Symposium on the West Africa
Regional Action Plan to Eliminate Child Labour**

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| Proposed date: | 22–26 April 2013 |
| Place: | Accra, Ghana |
| Financing: | Government of United States (US\$160,000) ECOWAS (US\$90,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 30 |
| (b) Employers: | 15 |
| (c) Workers: | 15 |
| Purpose of the Symposium: | (i) to familiarize participants with the Regional Action Plan on the Elimination of Child Labour; (ii) to strengthen understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities in the implementation of actions in support of the elimination of child labour; (iii) to develop understanding of monitoring and reporting obligations at national and regional levels; and (iv) to set priorities and milestones for implementation of the Regional Action Plan. |
| Resource persons: | International Training Centre, Turin |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182) |
| Working languages: | English, French and Portuguese |

Social protection**I/9. Inter-agency Meeting on Social Protection
in Latin America and the Caribbean**

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|------------------------|--|
| Proposed date: | 6–7 May 2013 |
| Place: | Lima, Peru |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$74,900) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay |

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| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 8 |
| (b) Employers: | 8 |
| (c) Workers: | 8 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | (i) to promote the social protection floor initiative; (ii) to analyse gaps in social protection in the region, from the inter-agency perspective; and (iii) to determine priorities and mechanisms for inter-agency coordination when drawing up public policies. |
| Resource persons: | Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Andean Development Corporation (CAF) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) |
| Observers: | Representatives of ministries of health in the selected countries NGOs participating in the initiative for the social protection floor |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201) |
| Working language: | Spanish |

Conditions of work and equality

Domestic workers

I/10. Regional Knowledge-sharing Forum: Realizing Decent Work for Domestic Workers

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| Proposed date: | 24–26 April 2013 |
| Place: | Bangkok, Thailand |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$65,000) |

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| Geographical coverage: | Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 9 |
| (b) Employers: | 9 |
| (c) Workers: | 9 |
| Purpose of the Forum: | To assist ILO constituents and other relevant partners to improve protection for domestic workers by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) deepening understanding of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189); (ii) sharing knowledge about policies, practical measures and alliances; identifying and assessing possible solutions and new perspectives for specific situations in each country. |
| Observers: | International Domestic Workers Network (IDWN) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ITUC, Asia and the Pacific (ITUC-AP) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Three wage specialists (from India, Indonesia and Philippines) |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201) |
| Working language: | English |

I/11. Regional Knowledge-sharing Forum on Decent Work for Domestic Workers in Africa

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|------------------------------|---|
| Proposed date: | 28–30 May 2013 |
| Place: | Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$60,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Angola, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 10 |
| (b) Employers: | 10 |
| (c) Workers: | 10 |

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| Purpose of the Forum: | (i) to enable constituents to tackle and resolve important policy issues they face regarding the promotion of decent work for domestic workers in their respective countries; |
| | (ii) to share practical knowledge and expertise among member States in addressing specific issues and promoting decent work for domestic workers; |
| | (iii) to deepen constituents' understanding of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) |
| Observers: | UN Women International Organization for Migration (IOM) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ITUC–Africa International Domestic Workers' Network (IDWN) IDWN Africa Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201) |
| Working languages: | English and French |

Migration

I/12. Regional Workshop on Human Trafficking in the Middle East

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|------------------------------|---|
| Proposed date: | 9–10 April 2013 |
| Place: | Amman, Jordan |
| Financing: | Government of Ireland (US\$95,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 17 |
| (b) Employers: | 10 |
| (c) Workers: | 10 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | (i) to present and discuss the findings of the ILO regional study on the processes of human trafficking in the Middle East; and |

- (ii) to engage ILO constituents in the possibility of technical cooperation to combat trafficking and forced labour and improving the regulatory labour migration governance structures in the Middle East.

Observers:

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat (GCC)

Arab Labour Organisation (ALO)

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

International Centre for Migration Policy Development

Qatar Foundation

Heartland Alliance

Dubai Foundation for Women and Children

Ewa'a

Caritas Lebanon Migrants Center

KAFA

Nasawiya

Dar Al Amal

Tamkeen

Jordanian Women's Union (JWU)

Relevance to international labour standards:

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)

Working languages:

English and Arabic

I/13. Regional Seminar on Protection of Labour Migrants through Cooperation among European Trade Unions

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| Proposed date: | 16–17 April 2013 |
| Place: | Chisinau, Republic of Moldova |
| Financing: | European Union (US\$41,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Greece, Italy, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 18 |
| Purpose of the Seminar: | <p>(i) to support the establishment and reinforcement of bilateral and multilateral networks among trade unions to strengthen the protection of Moldovan and Ukrainian migrants in main destination countries;</p> <p>(ii) to exchange views on important priority areas for possible cooperation, including trade union cooperation agreements on the protection of migrants.</p> |
| Resource persons: | One international consultant in employment and migration |
| Observers: | <p>European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</p> <p>European Trade Union Committee for Education (CSEE–ETUCE)</p> <p>International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)</p> |
| 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), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) |
| Working languages: | English, Moldovan and Ukrainian |

I/14. Meeting of the TRIANGLE³ Subregional Advisory Committee (SURAC)

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|------------------------------|---|
| Proposed date: | 29–30 April 2013 |
| Place: | Bangkok, Thailand |
| Financing: | Government of Australia (US\$20,000) CIDA ⁴ (US\$20,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 16 |
| (b) Employers: | 9 |
| (c) Workers: | 9 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | (i) to strengthen national, bilateral and multilateral cooperation between tripartite constituents working with the TRIANGLE projects; (ii) to consider the findings of the mid-term evaluation of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) TRIANGLE project among the partners and to create a strategy to respond to the findings; and (iii) to create a strategy for implementing the 2013 and 2014 project workplans. |
| Resource persons: | Representatives from the ASEAN ⁵ secretariat, research partners, NGO partners and recruitment agency associations Mid-term evaluator of the GMS TRIANGLE project |
| Observers: | Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) UN Women United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking (UNIAP) International Organization for Migration (IOM) |

³ Tripartite Action to Protect Migrants within and from the Greater Mekong Subregion from Labour Exploitation.

⁴ Canadian International Development Agency.

⁵ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

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| 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), Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), and the Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration |
| Working language: | English |

Skills

I/15. Regional Workshop and Study Programme on Improving Skills and Employability of Youth for Youth Employment

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| Proposed date: | 5–8 March 2013 |
| Place: | Sendai, Japan |
| Financing: | Government of Japan (US\$38,500) |
| Geographical coverage: | Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 6 |
| (b) Employers: | 6 |
| (c) Workers: | 6 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | To explore practical workplace learning schemes, internships, workplace learning and on-the-job schemes that can assist young people to make the transition from school to employment |
| Resource persons: | Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Japan) |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Conclusions of the 94th Session of the ILC, 2005, resolution and conclusions of the 101st Session of the ILC, 2012 |
| Working language: | English |

I/16. Workshop for the Final Validation of the Catalogue of Management Indicators for Decision-making of Vocational Training Institutes in Central America and the Dominican Republic

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| Proposed date: | 16–18 May 2013 |
| Place: | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| Financing: | Government of Spain (US\$36,400) |
| Geographical coverage: | Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 8 |
| (b) Employers: | 4 |
| (c) Workers: | 4 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | To continue the workplan of regular technical meetings of the Network of Vocational Training Institutes for strengthening the institutional framework for social and labour matters in the region, that have been taking place since 2006, to create harmonized results at a regional level, with the specific aim of improving the catalogue of key indicators for decision-making and broadening the methodology used |
| Resource persons: | One consultant specializing in impact indicators |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Vocational Training Recommendation, 1962 (No. 117), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 1975 (No. 150), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) |
| Working language: | Spanish |

I/17. Meeting of the Programme and Budget Committee of CINTERFOR⁶

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| Proposed date: | 7 July 2013 |
| Place: | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$5,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Barbados, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Uruguay |

⁶ Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training.

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| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 14 |
| (b) Employers: | 7 |
| (c) Workers: | 7 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | To guide the management of CINTERFOR and to follow up decisions of the CINTERFOR Technical Committee and of the Governing Body |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) |
| Working languages: | English, Spanish and Portuguese |

I/18. 41st Meeting of the Technical Committee of CINTERFOR

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| Proposed date: | 8–10 July 2013 |
| Place: | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago |
| Financing: | HEART ⁷ Trust (US\$100,000) CINTERFOR/IFP ⁸ network (US\$80,000) ILO regular budget (US\$54,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 37 |
| (b) Employers: | 7 |
| (c) Workers: | 7 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | (i) to consolidate the CINTERFOR network of professional training institutions by validating and promoting key methodologies for professional training; |

⁷ Human Employment and Resource Training, Jamaica.

⁸ CINTERFOR network of professional training institutions.

(ii) to identify action to be taken such as coordination of education and training systems;

(iii) to promote South–South cooperation and to facilitate the exchange of experiences between the network’s professional training institutions.

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| Observers: | Inter-American Development Bank World Bank Organization of Ibero-American States for Education United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195). |
| Working languages: | English, Spanish and Portuguese |

I/19. ARLAC Workshop on Investing in Skills Development and Sustainable Enterprise for Decent Work

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| Proposed date: | 29 July–2 August 2013 |
| Place: | Harare, Zimbabwe |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) RBTC (US\$22,100) |
| Geographical coverage: | Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe |
| Composition of participants: | |
| (a) Governments: | 8 |
| (b) Employers: | 8 |
| (c) Workers: | 8 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | (i) to promote education, vocational training and lifelong learning as central pillars of employability for workers and sustainability for enterprises, within the Decent Work Agenda; (ii) to assist member countries to use skills development to maximize opportunities and to mitigate the negative impact of change; (iii) to integrate skills development into national and sectoral development strategies; and |

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| | (iv) to connect basic education, vocational training, labour market entry and lifelong learning and to promote access to education and training for disadvantaged persons. |
| Resource persons: | One international consultant One regional consultant |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Paid Educational Leave Convention, 1974 (No. 140), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) |
| Working language: | English |

Employers' activities

I/20. ILO-ACE⁹ Meeting on Key Labour and Social Challenges and Opportunities and the Way Forward for Successful 2015 ASEAN¹⁰ Integration

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| Proposed date: | 11 January 2013 |
| Place: | Singapore |
| Financing: | Government of Norway (US\$28,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 20 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | To develop effective advocacy and lobbying strategies, both regionally and internationally, for ACE's position paper <i>Key labour and social challenges and opportunities and the way forward for a successful 2015 ASEAN integration</i> |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144) |
| Working language: | English |

⁹ ASEAN Confederation of Employers.

¹⁰ Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I/21. Interregional Meeting on Stepping Up Progress and Securing Future Talent: Women in Business and Management

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| Proposed date: | 24 January 2013 |
| Place: | London, United Kingdom |
| Financing: | Government of Norway (US\$42,000) RBTC (US\$15,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Croatia, France, Germany, Honduras, Jamaica, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United States |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 14 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | (i) to establish a resource network of employer organizations, business representatives and gender experts to deliberate on key workplace diversity issues and to chart directions for research, policy and actions; (ii) to exchange ideas and information on good business practices across regions, strengthen a community of knowledge and practice on the added value of gender equality in the business environment and to increase the ILO's knowledge base on workplace realities; and (iii) to share and discuss the preliminary findings of research on Women in Business and Management, coordinated by the Bureau for Employers' Activities. |
| Observers: | International Organisation of Employers (IOE) |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952 (No. 101), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183) |
| Working language: | English |

I/22. Seminar to Present the Regional Report on Sustainable Enterprises

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| Proposed date: | 15 February 2013 |
| Place: | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$44,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay |

Composition of participants:

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| Employers: | 9 |
| Purpose of the Seminar: | <p>(i) to make the official presentation of the Regional Report on Sustainable Enterprises, highlighting a series of guidelines and points for reflection for the debate on policies to improve the environment for sustainable enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean;</p> <p>(ii) to define a joint work agenda with the ILO, based on results and plans for the biennium's programme, and taking into account the priorities, as identified with the employers' representatives, which will guide the work of the Office in the immediate future.</p> |
| Resource persons: | Secretary-General of the IOE ¹¹ Regional Adviser for Latin America, IOE |
| Observers: | Representatives of local employers' organizations |
| Working language: | Spanish |

I/23. Regional Meeting on Women in Business and Management

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| Proposed date: | 5–6 March 2013 |
| Place: | Bangkok, Thailand |
| Financing: | Government of Norway (US\$30,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 12 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <p>(i) to analyse and discuss the trends in women's role in business and management in Asia;</p> <p>(ii) to identify good practices in terms of policies and strategies of employers' organizations and at company level in advancing women in business and management;</p> <p>(iii) to propose strategies and the way forward for employers' organizations and businesses to work together to increase the proportion of women in business management at all levels;</p> |

¹¹ International Organisation of Employers.

- (iv) to contribute to networking among employers' organizations, enterprises and experts so as to strengthen a community of knowledge and practice on gender equality in the business environment, within and across regions.

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| Resource persons: | One researcher |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952 (No. 101), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183) |
| Working language: | English |

I/24. Subregional Meeting of the Social Forum of Employers from Maghreb: Second Meeting

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| Proposed date: | 10–11 April 2013 |
| Place: | Algiers, Algeria |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$13,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 9 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <p>(i) to discuss the improvement of vocational training in the Maghreb countries, with respect to the involvement of employers' organizations in both the management and in the identification of companies' needs in terms of skills and qualifications; and</p> <p>(ii) to exchange best practices and experience in order to make reform proposals in their own countries.</p> |
| Resource persons: | International Organisation of Employers (IOE) |
| Observers: | European Training Foundation Employers' organizations from other countries |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) |
| Working language: | French |

I/25. Regional Workshop on the Role of Employers' Organizations in Skills Development, Policies and Systems

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| Proposed date: | 25–26 April 2013 |
| Place: | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$160,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Employers: | 34 |
| Purpose of the Workshop: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to discuss skills development policies and systems as well as the role of employers' organizations in leveraging their inputs to influence industrial skill requirements; (ii) to share knowledge of good practices for skills development leading to employment and to underpin enterprise competitiveness; (iii) to explore the role of skills development in the creation of decent work; and (iv) to discuss the role of social dialogue in policy advocacy on skills development. |
| Resource persons: | One expert in skills development from the IOE |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) |
| Working languages: | English and French |

Workers' activities**I/26. Workers' Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration**

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| Proposed date: | 26–27 March 2013 |
| Place: | Santiago, Chile |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$8,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Argentina, Chile |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 15 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to analyse and formulate migration policy proposals, taking a rights-based approach and in keeping with the Decent Work Agenda;(ii) to promote regional/subregional/national campaigns for the ratification of ILO Conventions Nos 97, 143 and 189, and of the 1990 United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; and(iii) to strengthen trade union action to achieve higher levels of organization of migrant workers and domestic workers, and to establish mechanisms at the trade union organization level to ensure that the concerns of migrant workers are addressed and their rights respected in the context of the trade union reform process. |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), and the 1990 United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. |
| Working language: | Spanish |

I/27. ITUC¹²–ILO Interregional Meeting to Train Labour Lawyers on the use of International Labour Standards before National Courts

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| Proposed date: | 12–14 April 2013 |
| Place: | Bangkok, Thailand |
| Financing: | RBSA (US\$45,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey as well as Hong Kong, China and the Occupied Palestinian Territory |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 30 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | To equip participants with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to use international labour law sources in their submissions regarding domestic labour disputes |
| Resource persons: | Three lawyers with expertise in trade union issues |
| Observers: | Global Union federations (GUFs) International Trade Union Confederation – Asia and Pacific (ITUC–AP) |
| 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) |
| Working language: | English |

I/28. Regional Trade Union Seminar on Wages

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| Proposed date: | 15–19 April 2013 |
| Place: | Bali, Indonesia |
| Financing: | All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU) (US\$80,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Republic of Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 30 |

¹² International Trade Union Confederation.

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| Purpose of the Seminar: | To discuss trends in wages policies in the region and their implication on collective bargaining. |
| Resource person: | One academic from China |
| Observers: | Global Union federations (GUFs) ITUC, Asia and the Pacific (ITUC-AP) Indonesian trade unions |
| Relevance to international labour standards: | Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention, 1928 (No. 26), 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), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131) |
| Working language: | English |

I/29. Workers' Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration

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| Proposed date: | 22–23 April 2013 |
| Place: | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$7,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Dominican Republic, Haiti |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 15 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to analyse and formulate migration policy proposals, taking a rights-based approach and in keeping with the Decent Work Agenda; (ii) to promote regional/subregional/national campaigns for the ratification of ILO Conventions Nos 97, 143 and 189, and of the 1990 United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; (iii) to strengthen trade union action to achieve higher levels of organization of migrant workers and domestic workers, and to establish mechanisms at the trade union organization level to ensure that the concerns of migrant workers are addressed and their rights respected in the context of the trade union reform process. |

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) and the 1990 United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Working language: Spanish

I/30. Subregional Workshop for Workers on Freedom of Association, the Right to Strike and Central American Legislation

Proposed date: 24–26 April 2013

Place: San José, Costa Rica

Financing: Government of United States (US\$23,800)
ILO regular budget (US\$5,700)

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

Composition of participants:

Workers: 26

Purpose of the Workshop:

- (i) to assess, update and raise awareness of the situation of freedom of association, collective bargaining and, in particular, the right to strike in Central America and the Dominican Republic;
- (ii) to define actions to support national decent work plans which have freedom of association and collective bargaining as key components; and
- (iii) to develop strategies and actions that will have an impact on the application of, and respect for, freedom of association, collective bargaining and the right to strike.

Resource persons: Three experts from the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)

Relevance to international labour standards: Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Workers' Representatives' Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Rural Workers' Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)

Working language: Spanish

I/31. Workers' Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration

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| Proposed date: | 23–24 May 2013 |
| Place: | Panama City, Panama |
| Financing: | ILO regular budget (US\$8,000) |
| Geographical coverage: | Colombia, Panama |
| Composition of participants: | |
| Workers: | 15 |
| Purpose of the Meeting: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to analyse and formulate migration policy proposals, taking a rights-based approach and in keeping with the Decent Work Agenda;(ii) to promote regional/subregional/national campaigns for the ratification of ILO Conventions Nos 97, 143 and 189, and of the 1990 United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;(iii) to strengthen trade union action to achieve higher levels of organization of migrant workers and domestic workers, and to establish mechanisms at the trade union organization level to ensure that the concerns of migrant workers are addressed and their rights respected in the context of the trade union reform process. |
| Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: | Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) and the 1990 United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families |
| Working language: | Spanish |

Part II. Additional information

Social Protection Sector

II/1. Study Visit on Labour Migration Policies and Programmes¹³

Original date: 11–15 November 2012

New date: 3–6 December 2012

Social Dialogue Sector

II/2. Regional Meeting for Trade Union Educators on Strengthening Trade Unions through Trade Union Education¹⁴

Original date: 5–12 December 2012

New date: 6–13 December 2012

Original venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

New venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Geneva, 19 March 2013

¹³ GB.316/Inf.2, I/8.

¹⁴ GB.316/Inf.2, I/29.

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Title of meeting</i> | <i>Place</i> |
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| AFRICA | | |
| 2013 | | |
| 10–11 April | Subregional Meeting of the Social Forum of Employers from Maghreb: Second Meeting | Algiers, Algeria |
| 22–26 April | ECOWAS–ILO Symposium on the West Africa Regional Action Plan to Eliminate Child Labour | Accra, Ghana |
| 25–26 April | Regional Workshop on the Role of Employers' Organizations in Skills Development, Policies and Systems | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| 29 July–2 August | ARLAC Workshop on Investing in Skills Development and Sustainable Enterprise for Decent Work | Harare, Zimbabwe |
| ASIA AND THE PACIFIC | | |
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| 13–14 March | Regional Symposium on Employment-led Post-disaster Recovery | Iwate, Japan |
| 12–14 April | ITUC ¹ –ILO Interregional Meeting to Train Labour Lawyers on the use of International Labour Standards before National Courts | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 15–19 April | Regional Trade Union Seminar on Wages | Bali, Indonesia |
| 24–26 April | Regional Knowledge-sharing Forum: Realizing Decent Work for Domestic Workers | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 29–30 April | Meeting of the TRIANGLE ² Subregional Advisory Committee (SURAC) | Bangkok, Thailand |
| LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN | | |
| 2013 | | |
| 26–27 March | Workers' Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration | Santiago, Chile |
| 22–23 April | Workers' Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| 24–26 April | Subregional Workshop for Workers on Freedom of Association, the Right to Strike and Central American Legislation | San José, Costa Rica |
| 23–24 May | Workers' Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration | Panama City, Panama |
| 2–3 July | Eighth Subregional Meeting of Ministers of Labour of the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago |
| 7 July | Meeting of the Programme and Budget Committee of CINTERFOR ³ | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago |
| 8–10 July | 41st Meeting of the Technical Committee of CINTERFOR | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago |

¹ International Trade Union Confederation.

² Tripartite Action to Protect Migrants within and from the Greater Mekong Subregion from Labour Exploitation.

³ Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Title of meeting</i> | <i>Place</i> |
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| | EUROPE | |
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| 16–17 April | Regional Seminar on Protection of Labour Migrants through Cooperation among European Trade Unions | Chisinau, Republic of Moldova |
| | INTERREGIONAL | |
| | 2013 | |
| 9–10 April | Regional Workshop on Human Trafficking in the Middle East | Amman, Jordan |