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### EIGHTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

### Nineteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 2–11 October 2013)

#### Revised composition

1. Further to the composition formula approved by the Governing Body in March 2012,<sup>1</sup> it is proposed to increase from three to six the number of experts from the social partners, and invite six experts nominated by the Employers' group of the Governing Body and six nominated by the Workers' group of the Governing Body. The experts nominated should have adequate knowledge to enable them to participate actively in the Conference.
2. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above revised composition formula.*

### Tripartite Technical Meeting on Labour Migration (Geneva, 4–8 November 2013)

#### Composition

3. Further to consultations with the Regional Coordinators and in order to obtain the government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of: Algeria, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Panama, Philippines, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates and United States. Other Government, Employers' and Workers' delegates will also attend the meeting as observers, at their own cost. It is also proposed that this Meeting be chaired by an independent chairperson.

<sup>1</sup> GB.313/INS/14.

## **Workers' Symposium on Income Inequality, Labour Market Institutions and Workers' Power**

(Geneva, 19–22 November 2013)

4. The Programme and Budget for 2012–13 includes a provision for a Workers' Symposium on Income Inequality, Labour Market Institutions and Workers' Power. It is proposed that the Symposium be held in Geneva, from 19 to 22 November 2013.

### **Composition**

5. As foreseen in the programme and budget, the Symposium would be attended by 35 trade union representatives, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body and coming from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab region. Efforts will be made to ensure that at least 30 per cent of the participants selected are women, in compliance with the Workers' group's policy on gender equality.
6. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

### **Agenda**

7. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
  - Inform trade union leaders about global trends in wage and income inequality and the concepts that are relevant when discussing and measuring income inequality.
  - Discuss the various causes of widening income inequality including globalization, technological change and the weakening of labour market institutions.
  - Develop policy proposals to promote the relevant international labour standards and strengthen labour market institutions such as collective bargaining systems and minimum wages.
  - Review and expand upon policies designed to tackle precarious work and raise incomes.
  - Consider strategies to expand union membership and strengthen the ability of workers and their organizations to influence the political decision-making process.
8. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for trade union leaders and legal experts to develop strategies to strengthen the capacity of trade unions to influence socio-economic policies and promote policy initiatives at national, regional and international levels.
9. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

## Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

10. The Director-General proposes to invite the following non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers:
  - Building and Woodworkers International (BWI);
  - Education International (EI);
  - European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC);
  - IndustriALL Global Union;
  - International Federation of Journalists (IFJ);
  - International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF);
  - International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers Associations (IUF);
  - Public Services International (PSI);
  - Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC);
  - Union Network International (UNI);
  - Union Syndicale des Travailleurs du Maghreb.
11. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers.*

## Employers' Symposium on the Future of Work: The impact of globalization, technology, demographics and climate change on how people earn livelihoods (Geneva, 5–6 December 2013)

### Composition

12. It is proposed that the meeting be attended by 20 representatives of employers' organizations from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab region, nominated after consultation with the Employers' group of the Governing Body.
13. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

## Agenda

**14.** The Director-General proposes the following agenda:

- The polarization of the labour market: Causes, trends and implications.
- The future of employment relationships and labour market regulations.
- The role of work in access to livelihoods and social mobility: Are there alternatives?
- Preparing for the future.

**15.** *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*