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## Submissions approved between June and October 2018

### Knowledge resources

#### ***I/1. International labour migration statistics: Third meeting of the working group***

Proposed date:	12–14 June 2018
Place:	Turin, Italy
Financing:	European Union (US\$55,000)
Geographical coverage:	Germany, Italy, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Tunisia, Turkey, United States
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss the final draft of the guidelines on labour migration statistics, which will then be discussed at the 20th International Conference on Labour Statisticians (ICLS) in October 2018.
Resource persons:	Eight experts in labour migration from academia and researchers
Observers:	Eurostat European Commission International Organization for Migration (IOM) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) United Nations, Population Division (UN-POP) United Nations, Statistical Division (UNSD) World Trade Organization (WTO)
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)
Working language:	English

**I/2. Regional workshop on the exchange of experience for the sustainability of cotton production in Latin America**

Proposed date:	11–14 September 2018
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	Government of Brazil (US\$83,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the workshop:	<p>(i) to identify joint actions to promote sustainable cotton production and promote decent work in participating countries;</p> <p>(ii) to discuss the sustainability of cotton production, taking into account the economic, social and environmental aspects; and</p> <p>(iii) to promote the exchange of experience with small cotton producers through South–South cooperation.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</p> <p>Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)</p> <p>Brazilian Cotton Growers Association (ABRAPA)</p> <p>Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)</p> <p>Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)</p>
Observers:	<p>Uniting Food, Farm and Hotel Workers Worldwide (IUF)</p> <p>Peruvian International Cooperation Agency (APCI)</p> <p>Brazilian Cotton Institute (IBA)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Safety and Health in Agriculture Convention, 2001 (No. 184), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)</p>
Working languages:	Spanish and Portuguese

### ***I/3. Central and Eastern European regional training course on labour and social policies for decent work***

Proposed date:	25–28 September 2018
Place:	Budapest, Hungary
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, as well as Kosovo <sup>1</sup>
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to increase awareness of ILO priority goals and programmes; (ii) to provide up-to-date evidence-based research findings on what works, emanating from ILO publications; (iii) to encourage an integrated approach to social and economic policies; and (iv) to stimulate cross-national exchange of views and experiences among policy-makers and potential policy-makers.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>2</sup> and governance Conventions <sup>3</sup>
Working language:	English

### ***I/4. South Asia regional training on evidence-based policy-making for promoting decent work***

Proposed date:	18–22 February 2019
Place:	New Delhi, India
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$50,000)

<sup>1</sup> In the context of UN Security Council Resolution 1244.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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).

Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Republic of Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to build capacities of ILO constituents using tools and instruments for evidence-based policy-making for decent work;  (ii) to establish open policy dialogues and develop a network of practitioner and policy-makers between government officials, workers' and employers' representatives, civil society, and the research community so as to promote the use of evidence in policy-making in the area of the world of work; and  (iii) to strengthen policy-makers' capacity to decide what evidence is useful, when and for what policy purpose.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>4</sup> and governance Conventions <sup>5</sup>
Working language:	English

## Future of work

### ***I/5. Subregional meeting: Selected topics for the future of work in the Caribbean***

Proposed date:	1 October 2018
Place:	Panama City, Panama
Financing:	RBTC (US\$84,700)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and 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

<sup>4</sup> 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).

<sup>5</sup> 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).

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to sensitize labour ministers to themes and topics that are critical to the decent work agenda; and</p> <p>(ii) to review work done in the region and facilitate the sharing of best practices.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)</p> <p>Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)</p> <p>Caribbean Community (CARICOM)</p> <p>Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC)</p> <p>Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)</p>
Observers:	<p>Caribbean Community (CARICOM)</p> <p>Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)</p> <p>Organization of American States (OAS)</p> <p>Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training (CINTERFOR)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113), Special Youth Schemes Recommendation, 1970 (No. 136), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205).</p>
Working language:	English

## ***I/6. Skills and the future of work: Strategies for inclusive growth in Asia and the Pacific***

Proposed date:	19–20 November 2018
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	<p>ILO/Korea Partnership Programme (US\$10,000)</p> <p>Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$210,153)</p>
Geographical coverage:	<p>Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam</p>
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to bring the perspective and experience from Asia and the Pacific to the current global debate on jobs and skills mismatch;  (ii) to share knowledge, experience and new analysis among the member States and development partners and highlight the areas of overlap in development assistance; and  (iii) to discuss areas or types of initiatives required for further work in future development assistance.
Resource persons:	Ten academics Six development partners as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li><li>– Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</li><li>– Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li><li>– Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC)</li><li>– German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)</li><li>– World Bank (WB)</li></ul>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)
Working language:	English

## Employment policy

### ***I/7. Regional workshop on quality apprenticeship***

Proposed date:	10–14 December 2018
Place:	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Financing:	Government of Switzerland (US\$25,000) Government of China (US\$35,000) Government of the United States (US\$20,000) Myanmar multi-donor trust fund <sup>6</sup> (US\$6,582) RBTC or RBSA (US\$8,414)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam

<sup>6</sup> Australia, Denmark, European Union, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States. From the private sector, the Mitsubishi Corporation is a donor.



Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	18
(b) Employers:	18
(c) Workers:	18
Purpose of the workshop:	<p>(i) to enhance participating countries' understanding of the prerequisites for quality apprenticeships and share country, regional and interregional experience;</p> <p>(ii) to identify key elements that constitute good practice in the development and implementation of quality apprenticeships and work experience measures; and</p> <p>(iii) to draft national and subregional quality apprenticeship development programmes.</p>
Resource persons:	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>ILC 2005 and 2012 call for action</p> <p>Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)</p>
Working language:	English

**I/8. National pilot completion workshop: TVET strategic objectives for Kyrgyzstan**

Proposed date:	15–16 November 2018
Place:	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Financing:	Government of the Russian Federation (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the workshop:	<p>(i) to share the experience of project participants from Kyrgyzstan who have undertaken a pilot on how to develop new performance indicators for their TVET and skills system that incorporate international standards and policy benchmarks; and</p> <p>(ii) to determine the data required for different indicators, develop instruments to collect data and identify and use baseline data for each of the strategic planning objectives and indicators.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>One international consultant</p> <p>Two national consultants</p>

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195)

Working languages:

English and Russian

## Social protection

### ***I/9. Training workshop on employment insurance (EI): Global, regional and Korean experience on (UN) employment insurance***

Proposed date:

15–20 October 2018

Place:

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Financing:

Government of the Republic of Korea (US\$15,000)

Geographical coverage:

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments:

3

(b) Employers

3

(c) Workers

3

Purpose of the workshop:

- (i) to identify priority needs in establishing EI in line with ILO social security Conventions, and international good practices;
- (ii) to enhance their knowledge in relation to policy design processes associated with the development of EI schemes, particularly regarding evidence-based informed tripartite dialogue; and
- (iii) to better understand possible strategies towards the development and launch of the EI scheme at country level.

Resource persons:

Experts from Korea Employment Information Service (KEIS)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:

Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)

Working language:

English

**I/10. *Joint consultation of workers and employers on the expansion of social security to workers in informal employment in ASEAN***

Proposed date:	6 December 2018
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$25,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	10
(b) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to provide comments on the preliminary results of the research paper on the expansion of social security to workers in informal employment in ASEAN; and (ii) to share experiences, views, position and priorities for the extension of social security and promote nationally-defined social protection floors in line with ILO social protection floors.
Resource persons:	ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) ASEAN Trade Union Congress (ATUC)
Observers:	ASEAN Social Security Association Social Security Office, Thailand
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English

**Governance and tripartism**

**I/11. *Subregional conference on driving competitiveness and productivity through labour law regulation and compliance***

Proposed date:	21–23 August 2018
Place:	Moscow, Russian Federation
Financing:	Government of Finland (US\$13,500) Government of the United States (US\$15,800) European Union (US\$5,600) Lukoil (US\$3,600) ILO regular budget (US\$28,500) RBTC (US\$20,400)

Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to raise awareness among policy-makers and social partners concerning the interplay between regulation/compliance and competitiveness/productivity; and</p> <p>(ii) to strengthen national capacity to develop labour market regulation and compliance frameworks that drive competitiveness and productivity.</p>
Resource persons:	One international expert
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161)
Working languages:	English, Russian and Georgian

***I/12. Seventh ASEAN labour inspection conference on strategic labour inspection for decent work, including in global supply chains***

Proposed date:	27–28 September 2018
Place:	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
Financing:	RBTC (US\$35,000) Vision Zero Fund <sup>7</sup> (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	<p>Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, as well as the following four ASEAN social partner organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– two ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)</li> <li>– one ASEAN Services Employees Trade Union Council (ASETUC)</li> <li>– one ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC)</li> </ul>

<sup>7</sup> Multi-donor trust fund: European Commission, Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and the United States.

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to contribute to senior ASEAN labour inspection officials' understanding of the advantages of strategic compliance planning, as distinct from traditional enforcement models;</li> <li>(ii) to share good international practices as well as recent innovations and tools developed by the ILO on strategic compliance planning; and</li> <li>(iii) to strengthen tripartite social dialogue in ASEAN on the issue of workplace compliance and labour inspection, including in global supply chains.</li> </ul>
Observers:	Government of Viet Nam
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129)
Working language:	English

***I/13. Tripartite study tour to Uruguay on national social dialogue and mainstreaming OSH into technical and vocational education and training***

Proposed date:	13–16 November 2018
Place:	Montevideo, Uruguay
Financing:	Government of the United States (US\$18,500) ILO regular budget (US\$2,500)
Geographical coverage:	Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	4
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to increase knowledge on the set-up, functioning and benefits of national tripartite OSH councils as well as on the methods of mainstreaming OSH into education;</li> <li>(ii) to increase knowledge on sectoral level tripartite OSH experiences in construction and agriculture; and</li> <li>(iii) to provide a useful framework to participants involved in the decision-making process for the improvement and development of OSH.</li> </ul>

Resource persons:	<p>Representatives of the National Tripartite OSH Council of Uruguay (CONASSAT) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Seven Government representatives of CONASSAT</li><li>– Three Employers' representatives of CONASSAT (CIU and CNCS)</li><li>– Three Workers' representatives of CONASSAT (PIT–CNT)</li></ul> <p>National Technical Vocational Education and Training institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Two Government representatives (UTU and INEFOP)</li><li>– One Employer representative (INEFOP)</li><li>– One Worker representative (INEFOP)</li></ul> <p>One education institution from Viet Nam One education institution from Myanmar Three interpreters (English/Myanmar/Vietnamese to Spanish)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187)
Working language:	English, interpretation into English, Vietnamese and Myanmar languages and vice versa will be provided

#### ***I/14. SADC High-level conference on social dialogue and tripartism***

Proposed date:	14–16 November 2018
Place:	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$90,000) Government of Zimbabwe (US\$41,000) SADC (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	15
(c) Workers:	15

Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to reaffirm the role of social dialogue and tripartism as instruments for promoting inclusive growth, economical and social development in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the occasion of the ILO Centenary;</li> <li>(ii) to discuss the follow-up to the 107th International Labour Conference resolution on social dialogue and tripartism; and</li> <li>(iii) to adopt a high-level tripartite declaration.</li> </ul>
Observers:	<p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)  International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)  SADC Private Sector Forum (SPSF)  Southern African Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>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 Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113)</p>
Working languages:	English, French and Portuguese

## Conditions of work and equality

### ***I/15. Meeting on Convention No. 169: Building capacities and promoting alliances***

Proposed date:	18–19 September 2018
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	RBTC (US\$28,000)
Geographical coverage:	Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to accelerate the strengthening of state institutions responsible for applying Convention No. 169;</li> <li>(ii) to provide space for exchange of experience among government bodies responsible with development partners and promote interaction with workers' and employers' representatives; and</li> </ul>

- (iii) to hold this meeting in Geneva particularly to promote partnerships and alliances to enhance Convention No. 169 through South–South and triangular cooperation and enable participants to contribute to the 2018 one-day discussion on indigenous peoples at the 39th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Resource persons:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Development cooperation agencies, possibly from Spain, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Luxembourg and the European Union
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

***I/16. 11th ASEAN forum on migrant labour:  
Digitalisation to improve decent work conditions  
for migrant workers in ASEAN***

Proposed date:	29–30 October 2018
Place:	Singapore
Financing:	Governments of Australia and Canada (US\$35,000) RBTC (US\$6,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	14
(c) Workers:	14
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to share stakeholder experiences, challenges and good practices in the implementation of recommendations from previous ASEAN forums on migrant labour (AFLM); (ii) to discuss the digitalisation towards educational outreach and ensure safety and health towards migrant workers; and (iii) to draft and adopt recommendations on the two thematic areas and submit them for consideration to the ASEAN committee on the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers.
Resource persons:	Four international experts on social aspects of digitalisation and mobile services



Observers:	ASEAN secretariat International Organization for Migration (IOM) UN Women Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers (TFAMW) Regional and national civil society organizations Government of Australia Government of Canada
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working language:	English

## Sectoral activities

### ***I/17. Decent work for young women and men in the rural economy in SADC countries***

Proposed date:	21–23 August 2018
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$65,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	32
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to share knowledge and build capacity on policies and strategies to promote decent work for youth in the rural economy using a multisectoral approach with a focus on women's economic empowerment, productive transformation and economic diversification; and  (ii) to produce a set of conclusions supporting the tripartite constituents in putting into operation the SADC Youth Employment Policy Framework at the national and subregional level, with a focus on rural youth.
Resource persons:	Three resource persons from SADC secretariat

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 11), Rural Workers' Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141)
Working language:	English

**I/18. Workshops on South-East Asia Conference on regional coordination and action to combat trafficking and labour exploitation in fisheries**

Proposed date:	26–29 November 2018
Place:	Bali, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of the United States (US\$40,000) Government of Indonesia (US\$85,000) approximately ILO regular budget (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	44
(b) Employers:	14
(c) Workers:	14
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to promote an integrated approach to addressing issues of human trafficking and labour exploitation in fisheries by addressing both issues specifically related to trafficking for forced labour and underlying issues of the labour conditions of those who work in fishing;  (ii) to facilitate an exchange of experiences in combating trafficking for labour exploitation and the protection of fishers nationally, regionally and internationally, including through the discussion of bilateral and multilateral agreements concerning migrant fishers; and  (iii) to finalize the design proposal and workplan of the Regional Coordination Body and provide opportunity for South-East Asia to discuss, promote, ratify and effectively implement the ILO Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)
Resource persons:	Five representatives from buyers' organizations Five NGO representatives each from KIARA (Indonesia), Tambuyan (Philippines), Oxfam and Environmental Justice Foundation One representative from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) One representative from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

	One representative from the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)
	One representative from Bali Process
	One representative from the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting – Transnational Crime
	One representative from Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
	One representative from International Maritime Organization (IMO)
Observers:	Representatives from the donor (USDOS Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons) and its evaluation team (EnCompass)
	Representatives of market States: European Union, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand
	German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
	ILO fundamental Conventions
	ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration
Working language:	English

## Workers' activities

### ***I/19. Regional seminar on employment and decent work for peace and resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean***

Proposed date:	1–3 August 2018
Place:	San Jose, Costa Rica
Financing:	RBTC (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, plus Aruba and Sint Maarten
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	22
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to explain the relevance of ILO Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205);</li> <li>(ii) to define a trade union policy position and roadmap informed by the tenets of Recommendation No. 205 as pathways for building peace and resilience in the region; and</li> <li>(iii) to develop an action plan to roll out the trade union roadmap for peace and resilience in the region.</li> </ul>

Resource persons:	Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205)
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

**I/20. *Regional seminar on employment and decent work for peace and resilience: The role of trade unions in Asia and the Pacific***

Proposed date:	21–23 August 2018
Place:	Manila, Philippines
Financing:	RBTC (US\$43,500)
Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the seminar:	(i) to explain the relevance of ILO Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205); (ii) to define a trade union policy position and roadmap informed by the tenets of Recommendation No. 205 as pathways for building peace and resilience in the region; and (iii) to develop an action plan to roll out the trade union roadmap for peace and resilience in the region.
Resource persons:	Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205)
Working language:	English

**I/21. *Subregional trade union workshop: Employment and decent work for peace and resilience: The role of trade unions, in the Arab States***

Proposed date:	28–30 August 2018
Place:	Tunis, Tunisia
Financing:	RBTC (US\$47,900)

Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Yemen, as well as the Occupied Palestinian Territory
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	22
Purpose of the workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to explain the relevance of the ILO Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205);</li> <li>(ii) to define a trade union policy position and roadmap informed by the tenets of Recommendation No. 205; and</li> <li>(iii) to develop an action plan to roll out the trade union roadmap for peace and resilience in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)
Observers:	Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205)
Working languages:	English and Arabic

**I/22. Subregional meeting on workers' perspectives in Central Africa and lusophone countries in Africa**

Proposed date:	25–26 September 2018
Place:	Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$32,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	21
Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss how unions in Central Africa and African lusophone countries can contribute to the ILO Centenary Future of Work Initiative, with regard to the protection of their rights and interests.
Resource persons:	Two academics
Observers:	Central Africa Workers' Organisation (OSTAC)
Working languages:	English, French and Portuguese

***I/23. Addressing deficits of decent work and respect towards labour rights in the informal economy – the ways to formalization***

Proposed date:	3–5 October 2018
Place:	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Financing:	Government of Finland (US\$4,950) Government of the Russian Federation (US\$10,320) RBTC (US\$9,260)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	39
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to discuss trade unions' role in lowering the level of informality in the country and in the region; (ii) to discuss the recommendations for trade unions to promote formalization of informal sector and draw up trade union strategies to address informality; and (iii) to discuss the role of trade unions in promoting vocational education and training skills development to facilitate decent work.
Resource persons:	The Pan-European Regional Council of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC–PERC)
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), Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204) International labour standards on vocational guidance and training
Working language:	English

***I/24. Regional planning meeting for promoting ASEAN women migrant workers' rights through organizing***

Proposed date:	11–12 October 2018
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	European Union (US\$31,579)

Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	17
Purpose of the workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to identify key challenges for women migrant workers in joining trade unions to protect their rights, in terms of legal frameworks, union institutional capacity and migrant workers' competencies;</li> <li>(ii) to put forward good practices and share experiences of trade unions, migrant associations, and informal sector labour organizations, so as to improve opportunities for women migrants to organize at the regional, national and local levels, and to increase their membership and representation in decision-making positions; and</li> <li>(iii) to develop an action plan for implementation by trade unions, migrant associations and informal sector workers' organizations as well as to promote ILO Conventions relevant to women migrant workers.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	<p>Asian Trade Union Council (ATUC)</p> <p>International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF)</p> <p>Migrant Workers' Union of Korea</p> <p>Civil society organizations</p>
Observers:	<p>Officials of UN Women</p> <p>A representative of the European Union</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>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), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)</p>
Working language:	English

***I/25. SARTUC–ILO strategic planning for developing a SARTUC policy and action to promote decent work for youths***

Proposed date:	7–8 November 2018
Place:	Kathmandu, Nepal
Financing:	RBTC (US\$27,475)
Geographical coverage:	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

## Composition of participants:

Workers:	18
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) to share experiences by 20 youth leaders from 19 SARTUC-affiliated national trade unions on youth-related activities and draft SARTUC policy and action plan for youths in South Asia, and submit to the SAARC as reference of its policy;</li><li>(ii) to implement the resolution and conclusions of the 101st Session of the International Labour Conference (2012) concerning <i>The youth employment crisis: A call for action</i>; and</li><li>(iii) to contribute to SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth) and to Programme and budget outcome 1: More and better jobs for inclusive growth and improved youth employment prospects.</li></ul>
Resource persons:	International Trade Union Confederation for Asia and the Pacific (ITUC-AP) South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC) Government of Nepal South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI)
Observers:	South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working language:	English

**I/26. Regional workshop on effective communication skills for unions in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**

Proposed date:	19–21 December 2018
Place:	Tbilisi, Georgia
Financing:	RBTC (US\$42,000)



Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	30
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to develop and upgrade communication skills and techniques of unions' communication officers/focal points;</p> <p>(ii) to improve the communication function within workers' organizations as a key instrument to strengthen their influence and membership; and</p> <p>(iii) to reinforce the engagement of workers' organizations in the promotion and implementation of the ILO's objectives, in particular the Future of Work Initiative, the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and international labour standards.</p>
Resource persons:	The Pan-European Regional Council of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC–PERC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), 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)
Working languages:	English and Russian

***I/27. Training for trade union lawyers and leaders on the use of international labour standards and its supervisory machinery***

Proposed date:	26–28 November 2018
Place:	Budapest, Hungary
Financing:	RBTC (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	28

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to help trade unions to adopt better procedures from regular and non-regular reporting to the ILO supervisory machinery; and  (ii) to promote the use of the supervisory machinery pertaining to all Conventions in force.
Resource persons:	International Trade Union Confederation/Pan-European Regional Council (ITUC–PERC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), 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 languages:	English, Serbo-Croat and Serbian/Bosnian/Croatian

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## Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>		
<b>2018</b>		
21–23 August	Decent work for young women and men in the rural economy in SADC countries	Harare, Zimbabwe
25–26 September	Subregional meeting on workers' perspectives in Central Africa and lusophone countries in Africa	Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe
14–16 November	SADC High-level conference on social dialogue and tripartism	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
<b>ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>		
<b>2018</b>		
21–23 August	Regional seminar on employment and decent work for peace and resilience: The role of trade unions in Asia and the Pacific	Manila, Philippines
27–28 September	Seventh ASEAN labour inspection conference on strategic labour inspection for decent work, including in global supply chains	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
11–12 October	Regional planning meeting for promoting ASEAN women migrant workers' rights through organizing	Bangkok, Thailand
15–20 October	Training workshop on employment insurance (EI): Global, regional and Korean experience on (UN) employment insurance	Seoul, Republic of Korea
29–30 October	11th ASEAN forum on migrant labour: Digitalisation to improve decent work conditions for migrant workers in ASEAN	Singapore
7–8 November	SARTUC–ILO strategic planning for developing a SARTUC policy and action to promote decent work for youths	Kathmandu, Nepal
19–20 November	Skills and the future of work: Strategies for inclusive growth in Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
26–29 November	Workshops on South-East Asia Conference on regional coordination and action to combat trafficking and labour exploitation in fisheries	Bali, Indonesia
6 December	Joint consultation of workers and employers on the expansion of social security to workers in informal employment in ASEAN	Bangkok, Thailand
10–14 December	Regional workshop on quality apprenticeship	Siem Reap, Cambodia
<b>EUROPE</b>		
<b>2018</b>		
12–14 June	International labour migration statistics: Third meeting of the working group	Turin, Italy
21–23 August	Subregional conference on driving competitiveness and productivity through labour law regulation and compliance	Moscow, Russian Federation
25–28 September	Central and Eastern European regional training course on labour and social policies for decent work	Budapest, Hungary
3–5 October	Addressing deficits of decent work and respect towards labour rights in the informal economy – the ways to formalization	Dushanbe, Tajikistan

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
15–16 November	National pilot completion workshop: TVET strategic objectives for Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
26–28 November	Training for trade union lawyers and leaders on the use of international labour standards and its supervisory machinery	Budapest, Hungary
19–21 December	Regional workshop on effective communication skills for unions in Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Tbilisi, Georgia

#### **LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

##### **2018**

1–3 August	Regional seminar on employment and decent work for peace and resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean	San Jose, Costa Rica
11–14 September	Regional workshop on the exchange of experience for the sustainability of cotton production in Latin America	Lima, Peru
1 October	Subregional meeting: Selected topics for the future of work in the Caribbean	Panama City, Panama
13–16 November	Tripartite study tour to Uruguay on national social dialogue and mainstreaming OSH into technical and vocational education and training	Montevideo, Uruguay

#### **INTERREGIONAL**

##### **2018**

28–30 August	Subregional trade union workshop: Employment and decent work for peace and resilience: The role of trade unions, in the Arab States	Tunis, Tunisia
18–19 September	Meeting on Convention No. 169: Building capacities and promoting alliances	Geneva, Switzerland

#### **ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

##### **2019**

18–22 February	South Asia regional training on evidence-based policy-making for promoting decent work	New Delhi, India
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