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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

► Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Appointment of members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

1. The Committee of Experts is composed of 20 members, in accordance with the decision adopted by the Governing Body in 1979. The members of the Committee of Experts are outstanding legal experts at the national and international levels, who are appointed by the Governing Body on the recommendation of its Officers, upon the proposal of the Director-General. Appointments are made in a personal capacity from among completely impartial persons of competence and independent standing drawn from all regions of the world, in order to enable the Committee to have at its disposal first-hand experience of different legal, economic and social systems.
2. The appointments are made for renewable periods of three years. In 2002, with a view to the renewal of its membership, the Committee decided that there would be a limit of 15 years' service for all members, representing a maximum of four renewals after the first three-year appointment.
3. Three vacancies resulted from the end of the mandates of Judge A. Koroma (Sierra Leone) and Judge L. Bentes (Brazil), and the resignation of Judge V. Muntarbhorn (Thailand) in 2021. Of the current 17 members of the Committee of Experts, nine are women.

4. Following the adjustments to the procedure for the appointment of members of the CEACR adopted by the Governing Body at its 343rd Session (October–November 2021), the three vacancies were given wide publicity through a call for expression of interest on ILO's global and regional public website posted on 18 December 2021 and were further publicized in the ILO global weekly newsletter on 22 December 2021 as well as on ILO LinkedIn.
5. Further outreach to relevant judiciary institutions and academic networks was undertaken by the Office, at both headquarters and field Offices levels in January 2022. Sixty-eight expressions of interest were received in total: 17 in respect of the West Africa vacancy, 15 in respect of the South-East Asia vacancy and 36 in respect of the South American position. After a first screening of the candidates, 31 candidates were retained as meeting the conditions set out in the call for expression of interest: seven in respect of the West Africa vacancy, five in respect of the South-East Asia vacancy and 19 in respect of the South American position.
6. These candidates were thereafter invited to provide a written submission and to participate in a one-hour interview. The same set of questions were asked to all candidates both for the written submission and for the interview.
7. All candidates were assessed against the following eight criteria: high academic and legal/judicial standing, well-established expertise in labour law, human rights, international law, drafting and analytical skills (written submission), ILO knowledge and awareness, sensitivity and openness to ILO constituents, personal qualities to operate within the CEACR and excellent command of one of the three official ILO languages to contribute within different economic and cultural contexts.
8. Bearing in mind the importance of ensuring gender balance, the Officers recommend to the Governing Body that it appoint the following new members of the Committee of Experts:

- **Judge Benedict Kanyip (Nigeria)**

Since 2019, he has been President of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria (NICN), which he joined as Member in 2000 and thereafter as Judge in 2006. He referred to international best practices in labour as well as to ILO Conventions in a number of judgments. He holds an LLB Degree in Law, a Masters (LLM) Degree in Commercial Law with a thesis in company taxation, and a PhD in law with specialization in consumer protection law. Fellow of a number of institutes, including the Nigerian Institute of Legal Studies and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. Judge Kanyip has taught law of contract, commercial law, law of tort, tax law and consumer protection in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Benue State University, Makurdi, all in Nigeria. He was a Senior Researcher Fellow at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) in Lagos and rose to the position of Associate Research Professor of Law before joining the NICN in 2000. His research and publication straddled the areas of consumer protection, commercial law, tax law and labour law. In 2006 and 2010, he participated in the processes that led to the promulgation of the National Industrial Court Act 2006 and the Third Alteration to the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria as well as in the comprehensive reform of labour laws still ongoing and in the context of which he worked with the ILO. In 2017, he served as a member of the Committee of Experts that reviewed the Draft Report of the Study on Harmonization of Labour Laws in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

- **Dato Ambiga Sreenevasan (Malaysia)**

She holds an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Exeter (2011) having graduated with a Bachelor of Laws in 1979. She was President of the Malaysian Bar Council from 2007 to

2009 and Chairperson of the Bar Council's Committee on Orang Asli ¹ Rights between 2010 and 2012. She is currently a member of the International Commission of Jurists. Ms Sreenevasan has received several awards, including the *Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur* (France) and the International Women of Courage Award (United States of America), for her work on women's rights and religious freedom, testifying to her meeting the requirements of high legal standing and high moral character and integrity.

- **Professor José Herrera Vergara (Colombia)**

He holds a Masters Degree in Labour Law and Social Security from the University Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario in Bogota and a Diploma in Community Health and Social Security from the Centre for Cooperative and Labour Studies for Latin America in Jerusalem. He has written on labour law reform. Professor Vergara was Vice-President of the Iberoamerican Academy for Labour Law and Social Security from 2019 to 2022. From 1994 to 2002 he served as judge on the Colombian Supreme Court including as President (1996) and President of the Labour Chamber (1999 and 2002). He served as Conjuez of the Constitutional Court from 2014 to 2019 and of the Supreme Court from 2003 to 2022.

Tripartite Meetings of Experts in Labour Statistics on the Revision of the Standards for Statistics on Informality (Geneva, 7–10 February 2023)

9. At its 345th Session (June 2022), the Governing Body approved the date and agenda of the meeting. It also decided that the Meeting would be attended by 12 government experts, nominated after consultation with Governments, six Employer experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and six Worker experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. ²
10. After having consulted the Government group, the Director-General proposes to invite the following countries to nominate persons who are experts in labour statistics and familiar with the current framework of statistics on informality and shall serve in their personal capacity and act and speak in their expert capacity: Chile, China, Colombia, India, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, South Africa and Uganda. In the event that one of those countries is unable to provide an expert, a replacement will be selected from the reserve list composed of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Gambia, Ghana, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Tunisia and Viet Nam.
11. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body endorse the list of Member States whose governments are invited to nominate experts to the meeting.

¹ Orang Asli refers to the indigenous peoples of Malaysia.

² GB.345/PV, para. 196(c) and GB.345/INS/7.

► Part II. Programme of ILO official meetings for the remainder of 2022 and programme of official meetings for 2023 (subject to further Governing Body decisions)

Date	Title of meeting	Place
2022		
27–28 October	Meeting of the Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO (Turin Centre)	Geneva
27–29 October	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
31 October–10 November	346th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
28 November–2 December	Technical meeting on the future of work in the oil and gas industry	Geneva
28 November–10 December ¹	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
6–9 December	17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting	Singapore
13–15 December	First Meeting of the Joint ILO–IMO Tripartite Working Group to identify and address seafarers' issues and the human element	Geneva
2023		
18–20 January	Sectoral Advisory Bodies	Geneva
7–10 February	Tripartite Meeting of Experts in Labour Statistics on the Revision of the Standards for Statistics on Informality	Geneva
13–17 February	Technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector	Geneva
8–10 March	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
13–23 March	347th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
17–21 April	Technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector	Geneva
8–12 May ²	Meeting of experts on decent work in agro-food: An essential part of sustainable food systems	Geneva
1–2 June	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
5–16 June	111th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
17 June	348th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
11–16 September	Eighth meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
25–29 September ²	Technical meeting on digitalization in the retail sector as an engine for economic recovery and decent work	Geneva
11–20 October	21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians	Geneva

Date	Title of meeting	Place
25–27 October	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
30 October–9 November	349th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
20–24 November ²	Technical meeting on decent and sustainable work in the inland waterways sector	Geneva
22 November–9 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva

¹. Further to the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 344th Session (GB.344/LILS/4). ² Further to the [decision](#) taken by the Governing Body at its 346th Session (GB.346/POL/3).

- 12.** The Officers of the Governing Body approved the programme of meetings for the remainder of 2022 and for 2023.

► Draft decision

13. The Governing Body, upon the recommendation of its Officers:

- (a) **appointed for a period of three years, three new members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations:**
 - (i) Judge Benedict Kanyip (Nigeria);
 - (ii) Dato Ambiga Sreenevasan (Malaysia); and
 - (iii) Professor José Herrera Vergara (Colombia);
- (b) **endorsed the list of Member States to be invited to nominate experts to participate in the Tripartite Meeting of Experts in Labour Statistics on the Revision of the Standards for Statistics on Informality;**
- (c) **endorsed the proposals made in relation to the invitation of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations as observers to the official meetings listed in the appendix to document GB.346/INS/19; and**
- (d) **took note of the programme of meetings contained in Part II of document GB.346/INS/19.**

Proposed invitations of observers to official meetings

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (Singapore, 6–9 December 2022) ¹		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES)
Technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector (Geneva, 13–17 February 2023) ²	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) 	
Meeting of Experts on decent work in agro-food: an essential part of sustainable food systems (Geneva, 8–12 May 2023)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) International Trade Centre (ITC) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) World Bank Group World Food Programme (WFP) World Trade Organization (WTO) Other organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 	NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF) CARE International Sustainable Food Alliance

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical meeting on digitalization in the retail sector as an engine for economic recovery and decent work (Geneva, 25–29 September 2023)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Trade Centre (ITC) • International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • UN Environment Programme (UNEP) • Universal Postal Union (UPU) • World Bank Group • World Trade Organization (WTO) Other organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 	NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) • International Organization of Employers (IOE) • International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) • Business Africa • World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre for Trade and Economic Integration • Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) • EuroCommerce • Eurofound • UNI Global Union • World Customs Organization (WCO) • World Economic Forum (WEF)
Technical meeting on decent and sustainable work in the inland waterways sector (Geneva, 20–24 November 2023)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Maritime Organization (IMO) • United Nations Regional Commissions • Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) • Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) • Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) • Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) • Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Other organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) • Mekong River Commission (MRC) 	NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) • International Organization of Employers (IOE) • International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) • Business Africa • World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Barge Union (EBU) • European Skippers Organisation (ESO) • European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) • International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) • International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) • World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC)

¹ The list of observers was submitted and approved at the 338th Session (March 2020) of the Governing Body (GB.338/INS/17(Rev.1) and Minutes(Rev.5), para. 31(b)). ² The list of observers was submitted and approved at the 345th Session (June 2022) of the Governing Body (GB.345/INS/7 and GB.345/PV, para. 196).