



The International Labour Organization,
Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean
In collaboration with
The Government of Jamaica



10TH ILO MEETING OF CARIBBEAN MINISTERS OF LABOUR

REALIZING DECENT WORK UNDER THE 2030 AGENDA

Port Antonio room, Jamaica Pegasus, Kingston, Jamaica

23-24 February 2017

Agenda

DAY ONE: 23 FEBRUARY

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30

Mrs Norma Brown-Bell

Master of Ceremony

National Anthem

Prayer

Welcome and
Opening Remarks: **Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP**
Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, (MLSS), Jamaica

Greetings: **Ms Myrna Bernard**
Director, Human Development, Directorate of Human and Social
Development, CARICOM

Greetings: **Mr Guy Ryder**
Director-General
International Labour Organization

09:30 – 09:45 Start of the Meeting with the Adoption of the Agenda and establishment
of the Drafting Committee

Chairperson:

Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP
Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Jamaica

09:45 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 12:15

Session 1: **Elevating Decent Work to the national and regional policy level and the role of social partnership**

Chairperson and moderator:

Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP
Minister, MLSS, Jamaica

Introductory presentation:

Mr Rainer Pritzer
Senior Specialist, Social Dialogue and Labour Administration
ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean (ILO DWT/O-POS)

Panellists:

Hon. Shane Gibson, MP
Minister, Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, the Bahamas

Ms Arlene Martin
Director, Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC)

Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge
Hon. Minister of Home Affairs, Environment and Protected Areas,
Labour, Immigration, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Gender
Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, Anguilla

Mrs Colette Roberts-Risden
Permanent Secretary
MLSS, Jamaica

Hon. Stephenson King, MP
Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports, Energy and Labour
Saint Lucia

Ms Gillian Alleyne
General Secretary, Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)

12:15 – 13:00

Session 2: **Presentation of the 2016 ILO report on non-standard employment around the world**

Chairperson and moderator:

Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP
Minister, MLSS, Jamaica

Keynote presentation:

Ms Mariya Aleksynska
Economist, Labour Market Specialist, ILO, Geneva

Panellist:

Dr Marshall Hall
Chairman, Labour Market Reform Commission, Jamaica

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch and meeting of the Drafting Committee

14:30 – 16:00

Session 3: **Strategy for harmonization of labour laws: A discussion on options**

Chairperson and moderator:

Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP
Minister, MLSS, Jamaica

Introductory presentation:

Mr Shingo Miyake
Labour Law and International Labour Standards Specialist
ILO DWT/O-POS

Panellists:

Hon. Vance Amory
Premier of Nevis, Senior Minister and Minister
Ministry of Nevis Affairs, Labour, Social Security and Ecclesiastical Affairs,
Saint Kitts and Nevis

Senator the Hon. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus
Minister, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development (MLSED)
Trinidad and Tobago

Hon. Steadroy Benjamin, MP
Attorney General and Minister
Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, Public Safety and Labour
Antigua and Barbuda

Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, MP (TBC)
Minister, Ministry of Economic Planning, Sustainable Development,
Industry, Trade, Information and Labour
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

16:00 - 16:30

Break

16:30 – 17:30

Session 4: **Regional Initiative, Latin America and the Caribbean Free of
Child Labour**

Chairperson and moderator:

Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP
Minister, MLSS, Jamaica

Panellists:

The Bahamas
Grenada
Guyana
Jamaica
Trinidad and Tobago
Saint Lucia

DAY TWO: 24 FEBRUARY

09:00 10:30 Session 5: **A skilled workforce for sustainable growth and development**

Chairperson and moderator:

Senator the Hon. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus,
Minister, MLSED, Trinidad and Tobago

Panellists:

Senator Dr the Hon. Esther
Byer-Suckoo, Minister,
Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development
Barbados

Ms Myrna Bernard
Director, Human Development
Directorate of Human and Social Development, CARICOM

Dr Wayne Wesley
Executive Director
HEART Trust/National Training Agency, Jamaica

Hassan Ndahi
Senior Specialist, Skills and Employability
ILO DWT/O-POS

10:30 – 11:00 *Break*

11:00 – 12:00 Session 6: **Improving productivity and competitiveness: The role of labour management relations and transitioning to formality**

Chairperson and moderator:

Senator the Hon. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus
Minister, MLSED, Trinidad and Tobago

Introductory presentation:

Mr Kelvin Sergeant
Specialist, Sustainable Enterprise Development and Job Creation
ILO DWT/O-POS

Panellists:

Hon. Keith Scott
Minister within the Ministry of Social Protection
Guyana

Dr Charles Douglas
Executive Director
Jamaica Productivity Centre

12:00 – 13:00 Session 7: **Progress and outlook on labour cooperation in the Caribbean**

Chairperson and moderator:

Senator the Hon. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus,
Minister, MLSED, Trinidad and Tobago

Introductory presentation:

Ms Claudia Coenjaerts
Director, ILO DWT/O-POS

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 16:00 **Presenting and adopting the Conclusions of the Meeting and closing**

Hon. Shahine Robinson, MP
Minister, MLSS, Jamaica

Mr José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, ILO Regional
Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

TO BE FOLLOWED BY:

16:00 – 17:00 **21st Special Meeting of the CARICOM Council of Human and Social
Development (COHSOD) – Labour**