

## World of Work Summit 2022

### PANEL SEGMENT

*Tackling multiple global crises:*

*Promoting human-centred recovery and resilience*

#### Date, time and venue

Friday 10 June (10.00 – 11.30), Room XX, Palais des Nations

#### Objective

The objective of the event is:

***To discuss the urgent action that can be taken by the ILO and its Member States to tackle the labour and social consequences of the multiple crises in the world through human-centred approaches for peace, resilience, and inclusive development, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable.***

#### Background

We stand on the brink of a social precipice.

Longstanding challenges such as climate change, demographic realities, and unequal technological progress have been compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Global fallout from the aggression against Ukraine is generating food, energy and financial crises.

All of this is putting further pressure on labour markets around the world many of which were already facing the challenges of tenacious inequalities, high unemployment for certain groups, high levels of informality, increasing working poverty, and lack of social protection, social dialogue and respect for labour rights.

The situation is taking its toll on working people and on enterprises.

Once more, the most vulnerable suffer disproportionately as they have always done in times of crisis, and they benefit less from recovery where and when it takes place. They are the least able to cope with increasing food and energy prices, and often fall outside the coverage of social protection systems.

This does not augur well for peace and stability. The words of the ILO's Constitution resonate: poverty anywhere constitutes a threat to prosperity everywhere. Present conditions more than ever compel the ILO to carry on the war against want with unrelenting vigour.

The hardest-hit groups include women, young people and the growing number of refugees and displaced persons. Workers and employers in micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) also face greater challenges, especially those in the informal economy.

A major renewed effort to create decent work opportunities especially for these vulnerable groups is imperative and must be at the centre of strategies to build resilience against future crises and to help get on course for sustainable development.

This goal is not new but the challenges today are acute. Many international instruments, guidelines and tools relevant to these objectives exist, yet the gap between intent and results is great. Building on the *ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work* (2019) and the *Global Call to Action for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 crisis that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient* (2021), it is time to scale up action dramatically and to review what must be done differently. Such action must be supported by and supportive of action elsewhere to reach these goals. An integrated approach that responds to the reality of people's lives is needed which, in terms of the ILO's mandate must tackle jobs, incomes, livelihoods, social protection, rights and the environment together, in line with the UN Secretary-General's report *Our Common Agenda*.

The World of Work Summit needs to identify areas for urgent action with respect to crisis response and recovery. It provides an opportunity to reinforce the ILO's role in catalysing effective responses to the social and labour crisis and helping to build a sturdy foundation for peace, resilience, and inclusive development.

## Format

Panel discussion moderated by an external professional, Ms Sharanjit Leyl.

The event will focus on the following specific questions (*NB – these are not necessarily the final questions the moderator will put to the panel*):

- What can Member States do to overcome existing and widening inequalities?
- What do Member States need from the ILO and the multilateral system to overcome the multiple crises the world is faced with?
- What are the key world of work challenges now emerging around the globe?
- How can the ILO strengthen its role to maximize policy coherence and integrated human-centred approaches in order to promote decent work as a cornerstone for peace and resilience?

To address these questions, the event will bring together panellists from governments, social partners, international organizations, and development partners.

## Scenario

- Welcoming remarks: Mr Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General.
- A moderated panel discussion with a high-level interactive debate on this theme. A list of questions will be prepared to assist the debate.
- The event will be concluded by short remarks by the Director-General, offering key takeaway messages for the ILO.

## Target audience

The in-person event will attract the representatives of Governments, Employers and Workers attending the International Labour Conference (ILC) and bring together the officials of the missions in Geneva, and other ILC participants as well as colleagues from the UN system, academia and NGOs. The global public will be able to follow the event in real time through the ILO website ([ilo.org/live](https://ilo.org/live)).

## Expected outcomes

The event will emphasize the importance of the ILO's integrated human-centred approach in responding to the current global crises, and the central role of employment and decent work in recovery processes in building peace and resilience and in delivering inclusive and sustainable development.

Specifically, the event will contribute to:

- Bringing ILO perspectives and approaches to the centre of the global efforts to tackle the crises
- Reaffirming the importance of tripartism and social dialogue in developing and implementing response measures
- Further translating the ILO Centenary Declaration and the Global Call to Action into concrete interventions and partnerships
- Reaffirming the role of international labour standards as instruments that provide agreed tripartite guidance on recovery, inclusive structural transformation and sustainable development processes.