

Programme

Organising in export-processing zones

33, Rue de Trèves, Brussels, Belgium
21-23 February 2011

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Monday, 21st February:

9:30 **Opening Ceremony:**
Ms Sharan Burrow
General Secretary of ITUC

Mr Dan Cunnie
Director of ILO/ACTRAV

10:00	Coffee Break
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10:30 ***Overview on the state of knowledge and trends on EPZ development today:***

The state of ILO knowledge on EPZs
Claude Akpokavie, ILO

IMF experience of work in EPZs
Jenny Holdcroft, IMF

Gender and EPZs
Claire Courteille, ITUC

Plenary discussion

12:30 Lunch

14:00 ***The contribution of EPZs to socio-economic development***

Mr Raul Torres
Perspective of the WTO

Mr. Gokhan Akinci
Perspective of the IFC

Discussant: Yorgos Altintzis, ITUC

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 ***Obstacles and opportunities for Organising in EPZs***

Precarious employment relationships,
Jim Baker, Council of Global Unions

International leverages to help organising
Dwight Justice, ITUC

Plenary discussion

18:00 Concluding Remarks

Tuesday, 22nd February:

9:00 ***Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in Export processing Zones***

Presentation of Regional/GUFs action plan on EPZs

Interactive discussion of national experiences:

- *Working conditions in EPZs*
- *Organising and collective bargaining in EPZs: challenges and lessons learnt*

11:00 Coffee break

11.30 Continuation of the Interactive discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Workshops
Organising strategies and lessons learnt

15:30 Coffee break

16:00-18:00 Continuation of Workshops

Wednesday, 23rd February:

9:00 *Presentation of workshop reports on Organising Strategies and Lessons learnt*
Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in EPZs

Stephen Benedict, ITUC/HTUR

Plenary discussion on organising

10:30

Coffee break

11:00

The Way Forward: priorities of action

Presentation of the Congress Priorities regarding EPZs
ITUC, IMF, ITGLWF

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Regional Workshops: future priorities of action

15:30

Plenary Discussion

17:30-18:00

Closing session

Jaap Wienen, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC
Claude Akpokavie, ILO/ACTRAV