



HIGHLIGHTS

Global Employment Trends 2012: World faces a 600 million jobs challenge, warns ILO



The world faces the “urgent challenge” of creating 600 million productive jobs over the next decade in order to generate sustainable growth and maintain social cohesion, according to the annual report on global employment by the International Labour Organization (ILO). “After three years of continuous crisis conditions in global labour markets and against the prospect of a further deterioration of economic activity, there is a backlog of global unemployment of 200 million,” says the ILO in

its annual report titled “Global Employment Trends 2012: Preventing a deeper jobs crisis”.

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INTERVIEW

Tim Lyons, Assistant Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions



Tim Lyons, who was the Workers' group spokesperson at the 15th ILO Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting, talks about the situation of workers in Fiji, the promotion of ILO Conventions in Australia, and what the Australian Council of Trade Unions expects from the ILO...

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FOCUS

Questions and answers on food security



Recent food price shocks threaten some 1 billion people with hunger. Meanwhile, there is growing evidence that climate change, along with rampant commodity speculation and lack of social protection are contributing to widespread food insecurity, resulting in hunger, poverty and even increased child labour. [Read more...](#)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

Indonesia: Sub-regional Seminar on Strengthening Union Capacity Overcoming Multiplicity of Unions in South East Asia



From 12 to 14 December 2011, the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) organized a regional seminar in Jakarta on Strengthening Union Capacity Overcoming Multiplicity of Unions in South East Asia. The participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand, exchanged their experiences during this seminar, the main objective of which was to build union solidarity in the region. [Read more...](#)

15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting: “We hope that all the participants will contribute to the implementation of these conclusions ...” said Ms Sulistri from KSBSI



At the end of the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) held in Kyoto from 4-7 December 2011, the General-Secretary of the Confederation of Indonesia Prosperity Trade Union (KSBSI), Ms Sulistri Afrileston hoped that the Conclusions adopted during the meeting would be implemented. [Read more...](#)

Beijing: Seminar on Precarious Work



The Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), together with the All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU) and the ILO County Office for China and Mongolia in Beijing, held a joint seminar on precarious work in Beijing from 9 to 10 December 2011. The main objective of this seminar was to focus on understanding the growing global trend of precarious work, and the ACFTU' response to precarious work in China. [Read more...](#)

Bangkok: Trade Union Training for the Federation of Trade Unions of Burma (FTUB) on Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining



The Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), together with the International Training Centre of the ILO (Turin) held a joint seminar in Bangkok on “Trade Union Training for Federation of Trade Unions of Burma (FTUB) on Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining”, from 12 to 16 December 2011.

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AFRICA

Libreville: Sub-regional workshop on the evaluation and consolidation of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) training programmes for Workers' Organizations in Francophone Africa



The ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) and the Programme on Safety and Health at Work and the Environment (SafeWork) have held a sub-regional workshop on the evaluation and consolidation of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) training programmes for workers' organizations in francophone Africa. [Read more...](#)

AMERICAS

ILO's 2011 Labour Overview: Unemployment continues to fall in Latin America and the Caribbean



The urban unemployment rate in Latin America and the Caribbean continued to fall in 2011, reaching a historic low of 6.8 per cent, announced the International Labour Organization (ILO) today, as it presented the latest version of its annual report, Labour Overview, in which it also warns of the need to address the challenges of improving job quality. [Read more...](#)

Barbados: Workshop on Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises



The Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) took part in a workshop held in Bridgetown (Barbados) on 16 and 17 January 2012 on Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises. [Read more...](#)

Gender: Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)' Training for Worker Facilitators on the ILO Participatory Gender Audit(PGA)



The Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), together with the Bureau for Gender Equality of ILO and TUCA, held a joint Americas Regional Training for Worker Facilitators on the ILO Participatory Gender Audit(PGA), in San José (Costa Rica), from 12 to 16 December 2011. [Read more...](#)

ARAB STATES

How the ILO supports change in the Arab world



The world has been transfixed in admiration at the courage of the women and men who have taken to the streets across the Arab States over the past year. Farah Dakhlallah, ILO Regional Outreach and Advocacy Officer in Beirut, reports from Yemen and Lebanon where the ILO assists in preparing a better future for workers in the region. [Read more...](#)

Arab Spring demands new development model, say workers, employers and the UN



Unemployment, inequality and glaring social dialogue deficits must be tackled through a coordinated and coherent response by all development players, according to some 60 representatives of five UN agencies and employers' and workers' organizations from over eight Arab countries gathering in Beirut from 13-14 December. [Read more...](#)

EUROPE

ILO releases report on the High Level Mission to Greece of September 2011



The Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations concluded its 82nd Session on 9 December 2011. The Committee had the occasion to consider the report of the High-level Mission to Greece with respect to the application of a number of Conventions. [Read more...](#)

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