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## Part I. Submissions approved between June and October 2013

### International Labour Standards

#### ***I/1. Subregional Training on International Labour Standards for African Lusophone Countries***

Proposed date:	10–13 September 2013
Place:	Lisbon, Portugal
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$35,000) Special Programme Account (US\$35,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the meeting:	To strengthen the capacity of participants to fulfil their obligations regarding international labour standards as well as the reporting and control mechanisms.
Working languages:	French and Portuguese

### Employment policy

#### ***I/2. Subregional Meeting: Training on public employment services***

Proposed date:	30 September–3 October 2013
Place:	Almaty, Kazakhstan
Financing:	Government of Finland (US\$50,000) Lukoil (US\$21,000) ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	19
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8

Purpose of the meeting:	To enhance the capacity of ministries of labour and public employment services to deliver quality services to jobseekers and employers.
Resource persons:	One international consultant
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159).
Working languages:	English and Russian

**I/3. *Regional Meeting on the Youth Employment Crisis: Priorities and avenues for action in Ibero-America***

Proposed date:	2–3 October 2013
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$64,500)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to examine and discuss the key measures being implemented in Latin America to promote productive decent work and employment for young people; (ii) to examine measures to facilitate the school-to-work transition, policies to enhance the quality of jobs for young people and improve social protection coverage for this population group, and specific measures to protect rights and to promote fundamental rights and principles and social dialogue; and (iii) to present and launch the YouthPOL platform, which includes a description of active policies which seek to reduce decent work deficits faced by young people.
Observers:	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO Conventions on fundamental principles and rights at work
Working language:	Spanish

**I/4. Regional Seminar on Implementing Decent Work for All: Towards a decent work agenda in ASEAN<sup>2</sup>**

Proposed date:	4–8 November 2013
Place:	Hanoi, Viet Nam
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$44,500)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Seminar:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to strengthen the understanding and national capacity of ASEAN member States on issues related to the decent work agenda in supporting the integration of decent work in national policies;</li> <li>(ii) to provide a platform for ASEAN member States to deliberate on decent work as a means for achieving equitable, inclusive and sustainable development;</li> <li>(iii) to contribute to the ILO's longer-term strategic engagement to mainstream the decent work agenda and tripartism in ASEAN labour activities; and</li> <li>(iv) to provide input to the mid-term review of the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme 2010-2015.</li> </ul>
Resource person:	One regional consultant
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>3</sup>
Working language:	English

<sup>2</sup> Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

<sup>3</sup> Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

**I/5. Subregional Capacity Development Training on Disaster Response for the Pacific**

Proposed date:	11–15 November 2013
Place:	Honiara, Solomon Islands
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$80,000) International Training Centre, Turin (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to explore pre-disaster recovery planning; (ii) to assess the impact of disasters on employment, livelihood and social protection; (iii) to provide training on local economic recovery; and (iv) to provide participants with an integrated risk-management approach for business continuity, protection of enterprises, households and communities.
Working language:	English

**I/6. Interregional Meeting on Measuring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work at National Level**

Proposed date:	18–19 November 2013
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
Financing:	European Union (US\$135,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brazil, Indonesia, Ukraine, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	4
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to discuss the main results of the project “Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work”, including a review of country experiences; and (ii) to present the tools and guidelines produced under the project.



Resource persons:	One worker representative One employer representative Ten experts from the European Commission
Observers:	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Eurostat United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Southern African Development Community (SADC) West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>4</sup>
Working languages:	English, Portuguese and Russian

***I/7. Subregional Training Workshop for the Drafting and Implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) for Youth Employment***

Proposed date:	18–22 November 2013
Place:	Yaoundé, Cameroon
Financing:	RBTC (US\$35,000)
Geographical coverage:	Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Gabon
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to enable the stakeholders to anticipate and fill gaps in the creation of national action plans for youth employment; and (ii) to provide a forum for sharing knowledge and competencies.
Observers:	National NGOs related to the youth employment policy-making process

<sup>4</sup> Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1947 (No. 86), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142).

Working language: French

***I/8. Regional Meeting on Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men in Sub-Saharan Africa***

Proposed date: 3–4 December 2013

Place: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Financing: MasterCard Foundation (US\$60,000)

Geographical coverage: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, United Republic of Tanzania , Togo, Uganda, Zambia

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 18

(b) Employers: 9

(c) Workers: 9

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to become aware of the characteristics of transitions of young women and men in the region and discuss common challenges facing youth as they try to secure decent job opportunities in the region;
- (ii) to explore how statistical evidence can support policy design and monitoring;
- (iii) to discuss options and exchange ideas for the design and implementation of policies and programmes addressing youth employment challenges; and
- (iv) to develop better awareness of policy options towards improved labour market transitions of young people in the region.

Resource persons: Two resource persons

Observers:

- African Union Commission
- African Development Bank
- UN Economic Commission for Africa
- World Bank
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- International Youth Foundation

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)

Working languages: English and French

## Sectoral activities

### ***I/9. Regional Workshop on the Impact of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis on Finance Workers in the Southern Cone Countries***

Proposed date:	8–10 October 2013
Place:	Santiago, Chile
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to provide an opportunity for participants to share national experiences of the measures aimed at stabilizing national financial systems; and (ii) to propose action to reinforce social dialogue in the development and implementation of such measures.
Resource persons:	One employer resource person One worker resource person One consultant
Observers:	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

**Governance and tripartism*****I/10. Southern African Subregional Training of Trainers Workshop for Labour Inspectors***

Proposed date:	7–11 October 2013
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$53,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	To train senior labour inspectors in theoretical and practical skills and competencies so that they can serve as trainers on labour inspection at both national and regional levels.
Resource persons:	One expert
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150)
Working language:	English

***I/11. Subregional Workshop on the Implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) on the Elimination of Child Labour***

Proposed date:	16–18 October 2013
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$53,400)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Liberia, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	16
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to equip the child labour units and national steering committees with basic information on child labour, NAPs and implementation strategies, Decent Work Country Programmes and available ILO information resources;

- (ii) to promote inter-sectoral and inter-institutional collaboration in NAP implementation in the participating countries; and
- (iii) to promote networking and information-sharing among NAP implementing institutions in the subregions.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language: English

### ***I/12. Subregional Workshop on the Implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) on the Elimination of Child Labour***

Proposed date: 29–31 October 2013

Place: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$71,800)

Geographical coverage: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger, Togo

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 14

(b) Employers: 7

(c) Workers: 7

Purpose of the Workshop:

- (i) to equip the child labour units and national steering committees with basic information on child labour, NAPs and implementation strategies, Decent Work Country Programmes and available ILO information resources;
- (ii) to promote inter-sectoral and inter-institutional collaboration in NAP implementation in the participating countries; and
- (iii) to promote networking and information-sharing among NAP implementing institutions in the subregions.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language: French

**I/13. Subregional Knowledge-sharing Meeting:  
Preventing forced labour and planning  
future action**

Proposed date:	12–14 November 2013
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Ireland (US\$10,000) ILO regular budget (US\$21,000)
Geographical coverage:	China, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to share experiences in addressing various forms of forced labour in East and South-East Asia and discuss remaining challenges; (ii) to provide a platform for sharing information on ongoing and past country level initiatives and ILO technical support on addressing forced labour; (iii) to define priority areas for possible future ILO technical cooperation on addressing forced labour in East and South-East Asia and to develop and adopt a strategy paper; and (iv) to present a beta version of the Asia-Pacific online Community of Practice on forced labour and to develop a plan for its first year of activities.
Resource persons:	Five experts on various aspects of forced labour Two experts on prison labour
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) UN Inter-Agency Programme on Human Trafficking (UNIAP) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
Working language:	English

### **I/14. Regional Conference on Forced Labour and Human Trafficking in Africa**

Proposed date:	19–20 November 2013
Place:	Lusaka, Zambia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$60,000) Government of Ireland (US\$40,000) European Union (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to assess current knowledge and data on the scope of forced labour and trafficking and assess current responses on the prevention, protection and prosecution of forced labour and trafficking; (ii) to facilitate a holistic discussion on the legal, practical and technical requirements to form an effective and coordinated strategy to prevent and combat forced labour and human trafficking in Africa; (iii) to identify priorities with regard to the implementation of regional action plans, highlighting the added value of ILO contributions; and (iv) to build a support network of governments, social partners and academia, among others, to combat forced labour and human trafficking.
Resource persons:	Three researchers on forced labour, human trafficking and slavery-like practices Two experts

Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ITUC-Africa Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Business Africa African Union Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) East African Community (EAC) Southern African Development Community (SADC) Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) International Organization for Migration (IOM) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) UN Women Representatives of civil society Representatives of donor countries
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English and French

***I/15. Subregional Workshop for New and Potential ILO Member States***

Proposed date:	27–29 November 2013
Place:	Apia, Samoa
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$60,000) RBTC (US\$33,000)
Geographical coverage:	Marshall Islands, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4



Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to ensure that new member States fully understand their obligations under the Constitution and the supervisory system and understand the principles set out in the eight ILO core Conventions;
	(ii) to promote encounters between government, employers and workers in order to discuss labour issues, based on the principles of tripartism;
	(iii) to address matters relating to accession to the 1947 Convention relating to privileges and immunities; and
	(iv) to identify possible priorities for technical assistance.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>5</sup>
Working language:	English

**I/16. AICESIS<sup>6</sup>-ESC<sup>7</sup> Spain-ILO Interregional Conference: The role and impact of economic and social councils in the response to the global financial, economic and jobs crisis**

Proposed date:	3–4 December 2013
Place:	Madrid, Spain
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$57,000) AICESIS (US\$10,000) ESC Spain (US\$7,500)
Geographical coverage:	
Composition of participants:	
Representatives of economic and social councils	Members of AICESIS from 70 countries

<sup>5</sup> Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

<sup>6</sup> International Association of Economic and Social Councils.

<sup>7</sup> Economic and Social Council.

Purpose of the meeting:	To exchange experiences and good practices on the role of ESCs and similar institutions in the shaping of country responses to the challenges posed to national economies and societies by the worldwide global economic and jobs crisis.
Resource persons:	Experts from economic and social councils and finance Employers' and workers' resource persons
Observers:	Government of Spain Representatives of Spanish workers' and employers' organizations Economic and Social Council (ESC) of Spain Spanish academic institutions and industrial relations practitioners
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113), Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152), Global Jobs Pact 2009
Working languages:	English, French, Spanish and Russian

## Conditions of work and equality

### ***I/17. Subregional Consultation: Towards a Mutual Recognition of Skills in ASEAN***

Proposed date:	30 September 2013
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$25,200) ILO regular budget (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	1
(c) Workers:	1
Purpose of the consultation:	(i) to review the recommendation of the scoping and assessment exercise on the free flow of skilled labour in ASEAN countries; and (ii) to assess the current situation and discuss ways to achieve the goals.

Resource persons:	Two experts from the ASEAN secretariat One expert in technical vocational education and training
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) and Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization (97th Session of the ILC, 2008)
Working language:	English

**I/18. Tripartite Workshop on Wage Policies for the Pacific Island Countries**

Proposed date:	28–31 October 2013
Place:	Port Vila, Vanuatu
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$66,800) RBTC (US\$11,000)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to exchange experiences and discuss the principles of wage setting; (ii) to explore how key principles of collective bargaining and minimum wage setting can be combined in effective wage policies in the Pacific context; and (iii) to initiate a tripartite discussion on how these measures can be implemented at the country level.
Resource persons:	Two employer experts Two worker experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)
Working language:	English

### **I/19. Regional Workshop on ASEAN 2015: Managing integration for shared prosperity**

Proposed date:	5–6 November 2013
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$70,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	23
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>(i) to examine and discuss the first draft of the thematic chapters of the study on the socio-economic impact of regional integration through evidence-based analysis and projections; and</p> <p>(ii) to discuss the opportunities and challenges that the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) poses for women and men in the region and the policies that should be adopted.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Two representatives of the ASEAN secretariat</p> <p>Three academics, specializing in labour markets and migration</p> <p>One expert in skills/skills gaps</p> <p>Four experts from the Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Four experts in regional integration</p>
Observers:	<p>ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)</p> <p>ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC)</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)</p>
Working language:	English

**I/20. Regional Workshop on the Economic and Social Benefits of Maternity Protection and Work–Family Policies**

Proposed date:	4–5 December 2013
Place:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Financing:	ILO RBSA (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>(i) to raise awareness of maternity protection and social care services as part of national social protection floors;</p> <p>(ii) to discuss the economic, social and developmental advantages and benefits of implementing maternity protection and social care services for workers from the formal and the informal sector; and</p> <p>(iii) to mobilize tripartite constituents and other partners to adopt and implement laws, policies and actions in relation to maternity protection and social care services as part of national social protection floors in the subregion and beyond.</p>
Resource persons:	Representatives of academia, civil society and the informal sector
Observers:	<p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)</p> <p>International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)</p> <p>United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</p> <p>United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p>UN Women</p> <p>Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)</p> <p>World Health Organization (WHO)</p> <p>Southern African Development Community (SADC)</p> <p>New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)</p> <p>Government of Ghana</p>

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Maternity Protection Convention (Revised), 1952 (No. 103), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 1952 (No. 95), Maternity Protection Recommendation, 2000 (No. 191), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working languages:	English and Portuguese

**I/21. Regional Knowledge-sharing Forum: Social security protection for domestic workers**

Proposed date:	4–6 December 2013
Place:	Santiago, Chile
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Dominican Republic, El Salvador
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	5
(c) Workers:	5
Purpose of the Forum:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to deepen constituents understanding of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) with a focus on social security;</li> <li>(ii) to share practical knowledge, good practices and expertise among member States;</li> <li>(iii) to strengthen partnerships within and between countries to promote decent work for domestic workers with a focus on social security; and</li> <li>(iv) to develop a regional strategy among tripartite constituents to promote decent work and social security for domestic workers.</li> </ul>
Observers:	<p>UN Women</p> <p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)</p> <p>International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)</p> <p>ITUC-Latin America</p> <p>Latin American and Caribbean Confederation of Domestic Workers (CONLACTRAHO)</p> <p>Social security experts</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201)

Working language: Spanish

## Employers' activities

### ***I/22. Employers' Preparatory Meeting for the 6th ASEAN Forum on Labour Migration***

Proposed date: 1 October 2013

Place: Bangkok, Thailand

Financing: Government of Canada (US\$22,000)

Geographical coverage: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

Composition of participants:

Employers: 20

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to discuss the status of the ASEAN TRIANGLE project with regard to employers' activities and identify strategies for their implementation;
- (ii) to discuss the main topic on the agenda of the 6th ASEAN Forum on Labour Migration and define a common employers' position; and
- (iii) to appoint an ACE representative to the Forum.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Protection of Migrant Workers (Underdeveloped Countries) Recommendation, 1955 (No. 100), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151)

Working language: English

### ***I/23. Third Meeting of the Social Forum of Employers from Maghreb***

Proposed date: 1–2 October 2013

Place: Tunis, Tunisia

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$9,500)

Geographical coverage: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia

Composition of participants:

Employers: 9

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to exchange experiences and best practices in social security systems in order to propose reforms at the national level; and  (ii) to examine the implementation of social protection floors following recent political changes.
Resource persons:	One employer expert
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	French

**I/24. Subregional Workshop for Employers on the Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises**

Proposed date:	3–4 October 2013
Place:	Budva, Montenegro
Financing:	RBTC (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	14
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss the current state of the business environment in the Western Balkans and identify common business constraints;  (ii) to discuss the effectiveness of the ILO-EESE toolkit and associated work that has recently been conducted in the region; and  (iii) to explore the most effective policy options, including better synergies for advocacy work among employers' organizations in the region.
Resource persons:	Secretary-General of the IOE
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189)
Working languages:	English and Montenegrin



**I/25. Ibero-American Meeting of Employers**

Proposed date:	6–8 October 2013
Place:	Panama City, Panama
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	To develop a joint agenda, whose central elements will be communicated to the Heads of State and Government of the Ibero-American Community at the Panama summit on 18–19 October. Topics which are expected to be placed on the agenda include those linked to the formalization of the informal economy, the challenges for a global company in Latin America and the experiences of business organizations in facilitating the activity of companies operating in international environments.
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Old-Age Insurance (Industry, etc.) Convention, 1933 (No. 35), Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention (Revised), 1948 (No. 90), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection Recommendation, 1947 (No. 81), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Recommendation, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122), Employment Policy (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1984 (No. 169), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working languages:	English and Portuguese

**I/26. Employers' Regional Workshop on Skills: Matching and mobility**

Proposed date:	6 November 2013
Place:	Bali, Indonesia
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$23,700)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	

Employers:	10
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to examine the preparedness of companies for the ASEAN<sup>8</sup> Economic Community (AEC) 2015 and what employers' organizations should do to raise awareness of their members and ASEAN professionals;</li> <li>(ii) to explore possible consequences of a free-flow of skilled labour within ASEAN in terms of loss of skills in sending countries and discuss how employers can retain migrant workers who have trained and developed valuable skills;</li> <li>(iii) to discuss the issue of overseas skills certification, in order to identify mechanisms to better match skills and labour market needs; and</li> <li>(iv) to define a common regional employers' strategy and position on the issue of skills and mobility in the ASEAN region.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Four resource persons from academia, an international organization, an employers' organization and a regional company.
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Migration for Employment Recommendation (Revised), 1949 (No. 86), Protection of Migrant Workers (Underdeveloped Countries) Recommendation, 1955 (No. 100), Migrant Workers Recommendation, 1975 (No. 151)
Working language:	English

**I/27. Subregional Meeting on Changing Workplace and Employment Patterns: Challenges and opportunities for ASEAN<sup>9</sup> employers**

Proposed date:	7–8 November 2013
Place:	Bali, Indonesia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$53,200)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

<sup>8</sup> Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

<sup>9</sup> Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Composition of participants:	
Employers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to share information on changes in labour markets in the ASEAN region;</p> <p>(ii) to provide recommendations for employers' organizations to help them participate in both national and regional policy debates;</p> <p>(iii) to provide input towards ACT/EMP's wider technical and research work in the region; and</p> <p>(iv) to develop a network of partners for future work.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Three academics</p> <p>Four international experts and practitioners</p> <p>Three experts from regional companies</p> <p>Three experts from regional recruitment agencies</p>
Observers:	<p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)</p> <p>ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)</p> <p>Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181)
Working language:	English

***I/28. Regional Meeting on Developing a Job Creation Strategy for African Countries***

Proposed date:	25–26 November 2013
Place:	Casablanca, Morocco
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$100,000)
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	24

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to identify successful sector-based job strategies in Africa; (ii) to develop a collaboration model for a sector-based jobs plan between governments and employers' organizations; (iii) to launch the African Employers' Task force on Employment and Employability; and (iv) to contribute to employers' inputs to the <i>Ouagadougou plus 10</i> events schedule for 2014 to mark the African Heads of State and Government Declaration on Employment and Poverty Alleviation.
Resource persons:	Regional representatives of business and finance
Observers:	Government of Morocco Moroccan unions
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Vocational Training Recommendation, 1962 (No. 117), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
Working languages:	English and French

## Workers' activities

### ***I/29. Subregional Seminar on Trade Union Cooperation on Migrant Workers***

Proposed date:	16–18 July 2013
Place:	Hanoi, Viet Nam
Financing:	Government of Canada (US\$32,900)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	28
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to examine existing trade union cooperation between sending and receiving countries and strengthen a trade union network for safe migration; (ii) to share information and experiences of safe migration and to measure how trade unions can contribute to the protection of migrant workers; and (iii) to improve the role of trade unions in developing migration policy, protection for the rights of migrant workers and trade union strategies for safe migration.

Resource persons:	Five experts from regional workers' organizations
Observers:	International Organization for Migration (IOM) Two local media representatives
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97) and Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working languages:	English and Vietnamese

**I/30. Regional Meeting on the Continental Campaign for Freedom of Association, Collective Bargaining and Trade Union Self-Reform**

Proposed date:	7–8 August 2013
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$68,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to present and analyse the campaign, its objectives and strategies; (ii) to analyse national realities and define strategies in the prioritized countries; and (iii) to develop a workplan with national offices and to define campaign responsibilities.
Resource persons:	Representatives of regional workers' organizations
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/31. Subregional Meeting on the Rationale and Role of International Labour Standards on Economic and Social Development**

Proposed date:	19–23 August 2013
Place:	Kampala, Uganda
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$33,100)
Geographical coverage:	Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	30
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to sensitize national trade union leadership to ILS on freedom of association, so as to upgrade their capacity to defend and promote the rights and interests of workers;</li> <li>(ii) to identify the main challenges to freedom of association with the countries of Eastern Africa and how to address those challenges;</li> <li>(iii) to determine the common linkages between the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and</li> <li>(iv) to provide a network for cooperation among the various trade union national centres in the application of FOA standards in their respective countries.</li> </ul>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions <sup>10</sup> and governance Conventions <sup>11</sup>
Working language:	English

<sup>10</sup> Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

<sup>11</sup> Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144).

**I/32. Regional Seminar for Workers on Mine Safety**

Proposed date:	27–29 August 2013
Place:	Ulan Bataar, Mongolia
Financing:	Government of China (US\$60,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	20
Purpose of the Seminar:	(i) to discuss a background paper on occupational safety and health (OSH) in the mining industry; (ii) to identify follow-up action with respect to the role of governments and of the ILO; and (iii) to explore how trade union action could improve working conditions in terms of OSH.
Observers:	IndustriALL Confederation of Mongolian Trade Unions (CMTU)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187)
Working language:	English

**I/33. Subregional Seminar for the Consolidation and Strengthening of the Continental Working Group for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour**

Proposed date:	28–29 August 2013
Place:	Panama City, Panama
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$22,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	25

Purpose of the Seminar:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to strengthen and consolidate the Continental Working Group to plan action against child labour, including at the level of collective agreements, in national commissions for the eradication of child labour and in national lists of dangerous work;</li> <li>(ii) to sensitize trade union organizations to the dynamics of child labour in the region, paying special attention to the gender perspective and making links to decent work proposals, promoting its incorporation and implementation in national decent work programmes; and</li> <li>(iii) to provide expertise on the worst forms of child labour as the basis for its elimination by 2016, according to the roadmap prepared by the Global Child Labour Conference in The Hague, 2010.</li> </ul>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

#### ***I/34. Regional Meeting on Sustainable Development and Labour Migration***

Proposed date:	3–4 September 2013
Place:	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	23
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to analyse and develop proposal for migration policies under a rights-based approach, supported by the Decent Work Agenda;</li> <li>(ii) to promote regional, subregional and national campaigns for the ratification of ILO Conventions Nos 97, 143, and 189 and the UN Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights (1990); and</li> <li>(iii) to strengthen the course of trade union action in terms of achieving higher levels of organization among migrant and domestic workers.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	A representative of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)



Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143) Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) and the United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (1990)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/35. Regional Symposium for Asia and the Pacific:  
Following up the ratification campaign and  
implementation of ILO Conventions Nos 87 and 98**

Proposed date:	10–12 September 2013
Place:	New Delhi, India
Financing:	RBTC (US\$85,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the Symposium:	(i) to review the ratification campaign since 2009 and examine the developments in those countries where the campaign has been active; (ii) to share experiences and learn about the ratification strategy; and (iii) to develop a strategy for the campaign for the next two years and develop a timeline for ratification of fundamental Conventions.
Resource persons:	One external consultant
Observers:	Five representatives of Indian workers' organizations Global Union Federations
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions, especially Nos 87 and 98
Working language:	English

**I/36. Regional Meeting on Participatory Gender Audits: Tools for strengthening the trade union movement in the framework of trade union self-reform in the Americas**

Proposed date:	18–20 September 2013
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	21
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to reinforce concepts and knowledge about participatory gender audits in trade union self-reform processes; and (ii) to present the trade union handbook on participatory gender audits and trade union self-reform processes.
Resource persons:	A representative of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Maternity Protection Convention, 1919 (No. 3), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Maternity Protection Convention (Revised), 1952 (No. 103), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183) and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/37. Subregional Trade Union Workshop: Fundamental concepts for the construction of decent work and social security indicators**

Proposed date:	23–27 September 2013
Place:	San José, Costa Rica
Financing:	Government of Spain (US\$39,500)
Geographical coverage:	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	28

Purpose of the Workshop:	To strengthen subregional trade union organizations with respect to labour market and social security indications in line with objective 2 and outcome 2.3 of the OLACD <sup>12</sup> project.
Resource persons:	One external collaborator
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	Spanish

***I/38. Regional Workers' Meeting on the Continental Campaign for Freedom of Association, Collective Bargaining and Trade Union Self-reform***

Proposed date:	2–4 October 2013
Place:	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$60,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	40
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to present the campaign and how it fits with the strategy of trade union self-reform; (ii) to present and analyse the campaign workplan and its implementation at the national level, in coordination with other campaigns and related programmes; and (iii) to deepen the involvement of the Continental Legal Team with the campaign and its national and international strategies.
Resource persons:	One worker expert

<sup>12</sup> Observado Laboral de Centroamérica y la República Dominicana.

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Collective Agreements Recommendation, 1951 (No. 91), Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92), Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/39. Regional Preparatory Meeting for the III Global Conference on Child Labour**

Proposed date:	8–10 October 2013
Place:	Brasilia, Brazil
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$15,400) Government of Ireland (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to plan participation in the III Global Conference on Child Labour, in order to have an impact; (ii) to deepen the presence and impact of trade union action in the Americas and empower organizations affiliated to the CSA <sup>13</sup> in their approach to the problem of child labour from the perspective of decent work; and (iii) follow-up to the main conclusions and commitments set out in subregional meetings during 2013, at the level of the trade union agenda, in relation to the strengthening of the regional trade union network for the eradication of child labour.
Resource persons:	One worker expert
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working language:	Spanish

<sup>13</sup> Trade Union Confederation of the Americas.

#### **I/40. Regional Trade Union Seminar on the Informal Economy and Decent Work**

Proposed date:	14–16 October 2013
Place:	Panama City, Panama
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$35,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	12
Purpose of the Seminar:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to give continuity to progress made by trade union projects, so as to give depth to aspects related to decent work deficits and opportunities to close the gaps between formal and informal work;</li> <li>(ii) to validate products and to discuss inputs produced by the ILO-ACTRAV FORLAC<sup>14</sup> programme, jointly with the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA); and</li> <li>(iii) to identify decent work deficits that converge in precarious work and the informal economy to address an integrated strategy and courses of action for trade unions to be incorporated in the FORLAC programme and in the CSA's PLADA.<sup>15</sup></li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Four experts in workers' issues
Observers:	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), and Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187).
Working language:	Spanish

<sup>14</sup> Regional Programme for the Promotion of Formalization in Latin America and the Caribbean.

<sup>15</sup> Development Platform for the Americas.

**I/41. Subregional training seminar for auto-industry trade unions on the ILO's MNE Declaration** <sup>16</sup>

Proposed date:	16–18 October 2013
Place:	Arandjelovac, Republic of Serbia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$60,000) International Training Centre, Turin (US\$5,000)
Geographical coverage:	Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	21
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to enhance trade unions' capacity to use the MNE Declaration and the ACTRAV guide on the Declaration with a focus on protecting workers' fundamental rights with respect to MNEs; (ii) to strengthen negotiating skills in the area of deregulation of working relations and increasing flexibility; and (iii) to build knowledge on the specific challenges of the auto-industry in the region and to establish a knowledge-sharing network within the industry.
Resource persons:	One expert
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) IndustriALL
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) and the MNE Declaration.
Working languages:	English, Serbian and Czech/Slovakian

<sup>16</sup> Tripartite Declaration of Principles Concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy.

### **I/42. Subregional Conference on the Establishment of a Caspian Sea Youth Trade Union Network**

Proposed date:	16–18 October 2013
Place:	Astrakhan, Russian Federation
Financing:	Lukoil (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	38
Purpose of the Conference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to set up the Caspian Sea Youth Trade Union Network as a forum for trade union issues related to the Caspian Sea Region;</li> <li>(ii) to present the project: <i>Partnership for youth employment in selected CIS countries</i> as well as country reports on youth employment trends, challenges and initiatives, including an exchange of best practices; and</li> <li>(iii) to discuss workplans for future cooperation at subregional, national and subnational levels.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	One academic
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122).
Working language:	Russian

### **I/43. Regional Meeting on Inclusive Financing for Workers**

Proposed date:	28 October–1 November 2013
Place:	Dakar, Senegal
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$36,600)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	11

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to explore why inclusive financing is important for workers, covering the benefits and obstacles, supported by examples of trade union action;
	(ii) to better understand the market, the regulatory framework and financial products available to workers and offer protection for their financial decisions; and
	(iii) to help the participants understand how institutional distribution mechanisms operate and how to communicate well so that stakeholders are included.
Resource persons:	ITUC-Africa Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)
Working language:	French

#### **I/44. Regional Meeting for Workers on Political Economy, Decent Work and Informality**

Proposed date:	4–8 November 2013
Place:	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Financing:	International Training Centre, Turin (US\$12,500) ILO regular budget (US\$5,000) Government of Norway (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	16
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to analyse macroeconomic and employment policies for the promotion of decent work and the formalization of the economy with a rights-based approach;
	(ii) to identify trade union courses of action for the implementation of the conclusions on employment, social protection, green jobs adopted at the ILO Conference, related to the reduction of labour informality; and
	(iii) to strengthen the regional network of academic and trade union labour economists in the subject matter.
Resource persons:	Seven academics (six regional and one from Spain)
Observers:	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)



Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/45. Subregional Trade Union Workshop on Promotion of Youth Activities and Organizing Campaigns for the Pacific Island Countries**

Proposed date:	18–21 November 2013
Place:	Brisbane, Australia
Financing:	RBTC (US\$26,000) Government of Norway (US\$14,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to provide young union members with practical training in developing youth activities, as well as in organizing and collective bargaining; (ii) to provide senior union leaders with guidance on the development and implementation of Decent Work Country Programmes; (iii) to discuss ILO core standards, particularly in relation to Conventions Nos 87 and 98; and (iv) to discuss ways and means to strengthen union capacity and regional cooperation in order to achieve decent work for their members.
Resource persons:	Two regional trade union experts
Observers:	International Trade Union Confederation-Asia Pacific (ITUC-AP) Global Union Federations
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions
Working language:	English

**I/46. Regional Meeting on Vocational Training,  
Decent Work and Reducing Informal  
and Precarious Work**

Proposed date:	18–21 November 2013
Place:	Lima, Peru
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$10,000) Government of Norway (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Spain
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	13
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to strengthen the capacities of trainers of professional and trade union training on content related to the dimension of decent work;  (ii) to share experiences and build a roadmap to develop lifelong learning strategies that facilitate the incorporation of groups excluded from the system towards the formalization of labour and the assessment of their competencies; and  (iii) to formulate a regional proposal consolidated from the roadmaps proposed for youth and workers in the informal economy.
Resource persons:	Two resource persons
Observers:	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA) UNI Global Union IndustriALL International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Internacional de Trabajadores de la Construcción y la Madera (ICM)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Paid Educational Leave Convention, 1974 (No. 140), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189)
Working language:	Spanish

### **I/47. Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Trade Unions through Trade Union Education**

Proposed date:	25–29 November 2013
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	RBTC (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	24
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to create a pool of trade union educators, who have appropriate skills and knowledge in education and training in the subregion;</li> <li>(ii) to assist in strengthening union education in the subregion and reinforce the importance of education within the unions; and</li> <li>(iii) to explore how to use the Trade Union Manual, which emphasizes the use of active learning methods.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Two experts
Observers:	ITUC-AP <sup>17</sup> Global Union Federations
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Paid Educational Leave Convention, 1974 (No. 140)
Working language:	English

<sup>17</sup> International Trade Union Confederation-Asia Pacific.

## Part II. Additional information

### **II/1. *Interregional Conference on Reforming Labour Governance in the Changing MENA Region***<sup>18</sup>

Original date: 7–9 May 2013  
New date: 24–26 September 2013  
Original venue: Marrakesh, Morocco  
New venue: Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt

### **II/2. *ARLAC Workshop on Investing in Skills Development and Sustainable Enterprise for Decent Work***<sup>19</sup>

Original date: 29 July–2 August 2013  
New date: 23–27 September 2013

### **II/3. *Subregional Gender Equality Workshop for Judges of the Caribbean***<sup>20</sup>

Original date: 16–20 September 2013  
New date: 9–13 September 2013

Geneva, xxx October 2013

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<sup>18</sup> GB.318/Inf.2, I/3.

<sup>19</sup> GB.317/Inf.2, I/19.

<sup>20</sup> GB.318/Inf.2, I/13.

## Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>		
<b>2013</b>		
1–2 October	Third Meeting of the Social Forum of Employers from Maghreb	Tunis, Tunisia
7–11 October	Southern African Subregional Training of Trainers Workshop for Labour Inspectors	Johannesburg, South Africa
16–18 October	Subregional Workshop on the Implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) on the Elimination of Child Labour	Johannesburg, South Africa
28 October–1 November	Regional Meeting on Inclusive Financing for Workers	Dakar, Senegal
29–31 October	Subregional Workshop on the Implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) on the Elimination of Child Labour	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
4–8 November	Regional Workshop on Strengthening Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Systems for the Excluded	Harare, Zimbabwe
18–22 November	Subregional Training Workshop for the Drafting and Implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) for Youth Employment	Yaoundé, Cameroon
19–20 November	Regional Conference on Forced Labour and Human Trafficking in Africa	Lusaka, Zambia
25–26 November	Regional Meeting on Developing a Job Creation Strategy for African Countries	Casablanca, Morocco
3–4 December	Regional Meeting on Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men in Sub-Saharan Africa	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4–5 December	Regional Workshop on the Economic and Social Benefits of Maternity Protection and Work–Family Policies	Johannesburg, South Africa
<b>ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>		
<b>2013</b>		
1 October	Employers' Preparatory Meeting for the 6th ASEAN <sup>21</sup> Forum on Labour Migration	Bangkok, Thailand
28–31 October	Tripartite Workshop on Wage Policies for the Pacific Island Countries	Port Vila, Vanuatu
4–8 November	Regional Seminar on Implementing Decent Work for All: Towards a Decent Work Agenda in ASEAN	Hanoi, Viet Nam
5–6 November	Regional Workshop on ASEAN 2015: Managing integration for shared prosperity	Bangkok, Thailand
6 November	Employers' Regional Workshop on Skills: Matching and Mobility	Bali, Indonesia
7–8 November	Subregional Meeting on Changing Workplace and Employment Patterns: Challenges and opportunities for ASEAN employers	Bali, Indonesia
11–15 November	Subregional Capacity Development Training on Disaster Response for the Pacific	Honiara, Solomon Islands
12–14 November	Subregional Knowledge-sharing Meeting: Preventing forced labour and planning future action	Bangkok, Thailand
18–21 November	Subregional Trade Union Workshop on Promotion of Youth Activities and Organizing Campaigns for the Pacific Island Countries	Brisbane, Australia

<sup>21</sup> Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
25–29 November	Subregional Meeting on Strengthening Trade Unions through Trade Union Education	Bangkok, Thailand
27–29 November	Subregional Workshop for New and Potential ILO Member States	Apia, Samoa
<b>LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN</b>		
<b>2013</b>		
2–3 October	Regional Meeting on the Youth Employment Crisis: Priorities and avenues for action in Ibero-America	Lima, Peru
2–4 October	Regional Workers' Meeting on the Continental Campaign for Freedom of Association, Collective Bargaining and Trade Union Self-reform	Sao Paulo, Brazil
6–8 October	Ibero-American Meeting of Employers	Panama City, Panama
8–10 October	Regional Preparatory Meeting for the III Global Conference on Child Labour	Brasilia, Brazil
8–10 October	Regional Workshop on the Impact of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis on Finance Workers in the Southern Cone Countries	Santiago, Chile
14–16 October	Regional Trade Union Seminar on the Informal Economy and Decent Work	Panama City, Panama
4–8 November	Regional Meeting for Workers on Political Economy, Decent Work and Informality	Sao Paulo, Brazil
18–21 November	Regional Meeting on Vocational Training, Decent Work and Reducing Informal and Precarious Work	Lima, Peru
4–6 December	Regional Knowledge-sharing Forum: Social security protection for domestic workers	Santiago, Chile
<b>EUROPE</b>		
<b>2013</b>		
30 September–3 October	Subregional Meeting: Training on public employment services	Almaty, Kazakhstan
3–4 October	Subregional Workshop for Employers on the Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprise	Budva, Montenegro
16–18 October	Subregional training seminar for auto-industry trade unions on the ILO's MNE Declaration	Arandjelovac, Republic of Serbia
16–18 October	Subregional Conference on the Establishment of a Caspian Sea Youth Trade Union Network	Astrakhan, Russian Federation
<b>INTERREGIONAL</b>		
<b>2013</b>		
18–19 November	Interregional Meeting on Measuring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work at National Level	Brussels, Belgium
3–4 December	AICESIS <sup>22</sup> -ESC <sup>23</sup> Spain-ILO Interregional Conference: The role and impact of Economic and Social Councils in the response to the global financial, economic and jobs crisis	Madrid, Spain

<sup>22</sup> International Association of Economic and Social Councils.

<sup>23</sup> Economic and Social Council.