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## Submissions approved between November 2016 and March 2017

### Knowledge resources

#### **I/1. *Regional Workshop of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians***

Proposed date:	28 February–2 March 2017
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	19
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to discuss and obtain feedback on the technical feasibility of proposals developed by the ILO Working Group for the Revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93);</li> <li>(ii) to prepare draft guidelines for data collection; and</li> <li>(iii) to discuss opportunities for field testing of proposed question modules in the region.</li> </ul>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170), Part-Time Work Recommendation, 1994 (No. 182), Private Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1997 (No. 188), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Domestic Workers Recommendation, 2011 (No. 201), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

### Future of work

#### **I/2. *Interregional Tripartite Arab Meeting for the Future of Work***

Proposed date:	3 April 2017
Place:	Beirut, Lebanon
Financing:	RBTC (US\$170,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	26
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to gain a shared understanding of the forces and drivers that are transforming the world of work in the region; and (ii) to discuss and identify policy options and programmes which will help governments, employers' and workers' organizations of the region to advance national dialogue on the future of work, while working towards achieving decent work and the protection of workers' rights.
Resource persons:	Four regional presenters Six regional facilitators
Observers:	United Nations League of Arab States (LAS) Arab Labour Organization (ALO) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Global Union Federations Representatives of multinational private sector companies Civil society Representatives of academic institutions in the field of economics, sociology, law and politics
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions, <sup>1</sup> ILO governance Conventions, <sup>2</sup> Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143) as well as the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, 2008 and the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
Working languages:	English and Arabic

## Employment policy

### ***1/3. Regional Meeting on Rethinking Strategies for Employment Creation and Mitigating Job Losses***

Proposed date:	11–15 September 2017
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$10,000)

<sup>1</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>2</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).

Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the meeting:	To create greater opportunities for women and men, focusing on youth employment, to secure decent employment and income.
Resource persons:	Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Older Workers Recommendation, 1980 (No. 162), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193)
Working language:	English

#### **I/4. Regional Workshop on Sectoral Approaches to Skills for Green Jobs**

Proposed date:	24–25 January 2017
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$36,200)
Geographical coverage:	India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of the Workshop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to promote social dialogue with the aim of discussing skills for green jobs;</li> <li>(ii) to identify skills training, occupational needs and labour market programmes to address displacements in the labour force resulting from the transition of jobs to the green economy;</li> <li>(iii) to integrate green technology components in the development of skills standards for the identified sectors; and</li> <li>(iv) to identify and share good practices in order that recommendations and lessons learned may feed into follow-up national activities.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
Observers:	Government of Thailand
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195) and outcomes of the 102nd (2013) and 104th (2015) Sessions of the International Labour Conference

Working language: English

### ***I/5. Tenth Subregional Meeting of Ministers of Labour of the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean***

Proposed date: 22–24 February 2017

Place: Kingston, Jamaica

Financing: RBTC (US\$196,000)

Geographical coverage: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Composition of participants:

(a) Governments: 44

(b) Employers: 4

(c) Workers: 4

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to review progress made by the region in promoting sustainable and inclusive development, with productive employment and decent work in accordance with Target 8 of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (ii) to discuss the main challenges and opportunities for advancing towards a better future of work in the Caribbean;
- (iii) to discuss the role of young people in accelerating development in the Caribbean and the role of policies in creating better opportunities for young people in the Caribbean; and
- (iv) to identify and share good practices that can be replicated in meeting the challenges above and to assess how the ILO can strengthen its support to member States and the region.

Resource persons: United Nations Resident Coordinator  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Observers: Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC)  
Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)  
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)  
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)  
Association of Caribbean States (ACS)  
Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention, 1957 (No. 107), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155) and ILO core Conventions

Working language: English

## **I/6. Subregional Meeting on Youth and Employment in North Africa**

Proposed date:	Dates to be determined
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$102,000)
Geographical coverage:	Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to assess achievements and progress made for decent work in North Africa since the Arab Spring of 2011, through South–South cooperation and ILO technical assistance;</p> <p>(ii) to review the youth employment context five years after the Arab Spring, including current and prospective challenges and opportunities as well as success stories; and</p> <p>(iii) to ascertain the strategic direction for development cooperation and technical assistance for youth employment in North Africa and to adopt a youth employment roadmap for North Africa.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Government of Algeria</p> <p>One journalist to act as moderator</p> <p>One academic to present a background paper</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Hours of Work (Industry) Convention, 1919 (No. 1), Hours of Work (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1930 (No. 30), Medical Examination of Young Persons (Industry) Convention, 1946 (No. 77), Medical Examination of Young Persons (Non-Industrial Occupations) Convention, 1946 (No. 78), Night Work of Young Persons (Non-Industrial Occupations) Convention, 1946 (No. 79), Employment Service Convention, 1948 (No. 88), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), ILO core Conventions and the Resolution concerning youth employment adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 93rd Session (2005)
Working languages:	English, French and Arabic

## **Social protection**

### **I/7. Subregional Meeting on the Extension of Social Protection in the Context of Formalization Policies**

Proposed date:	7–10 March 2017
Place:	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	RBTC (US\$47,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and

	the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago as well as Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	19
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to increase the capacity of participants in terms of ILO strategies, policies and tools for the extension of social protection and for formalization policies which have social protection as a main element in their design;</p> <p>(ii) to share knowledge about policies and practices and examples of success stories worldwide whereby social protection coverage has been increased in the formalization process;</p> <p>(iii) to identify target groups to benefit from the extension of social protection coverage through formalization; and</p> <p>(iv) to elaborate proposals, at national and regional levels, to increase social protection coverage in the context of formalization.</p>
Observers:	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English

***I/8. Regional Meeting on Options to Extend Social Security Coverage to Workers in the Informal Economy***

Proposed date:	3–7 July 2017
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, South Africa, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the meeting:	To promote the implementation of Recommendation No. 202 and extended social protection systems as a means of accelerating poverty reduction and promoting inclusive growth and social justice.
Resource persons:	Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English



## Governance and tripartism

### ***I/9. Regional Meeting on the Role of the Education Sector for the Achievement of Goal 8.7 in Latin America and the Caribbean: Recent developments and perspectives for 2017 in the framework of the IV Global Conference***

Proposed date:	28 November–3 December 2016
Place:	Fortaleza, Brazil
Financing:	Government of Brazil (US\$195,500)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bahamas, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	54
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to identify priority actions in the education sector for the achievement of Target 8.7 in Latin America and the Caribbean; (ii) to evaluate the implementation of the Plan of Work for 2015–16; (iii) to define the key elements for the 2017–18 action plan for Alliance 8.7 in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Resource persons:	Education International (IE) Public Services International (PSI) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE), Latin America United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Organization of Ibero-American States Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

### ***I/10. SDG Alliance 8.7 Strategy Workshop***

Proposed date:	1–3 February 2017
Place:	Steyning, United Kingdom
Financing:	Wilton Park <sup>3</sup> (US\$18,000) ILO regular budget (US\$40,000)

<sup>3</sup> Wilton Park is a not-for-profit executive agency of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom.

Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, France, India, Indonesia, Norway, United Republic of Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Workshop:	To strengthen policy coherence and coordination with regards to SDG target 8.7 and related targets; to discuss roles, mandates and responsibilities of partners, alignment of strategies and infrastructure requirements of Alliance 8.7.
Resource persons:	Resource persons from Wilton Park United Nations student ambassador
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions
Working language:	English

### ***I/11. Preparatory Meeting for the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour, 2017***

Proposed date:	22–23 February 2017
Place:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Financing:	Government of Argentina (US\$170,000) Government of Brazil (US\$170,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	35
(b) Employers:	35
(c) Workers:	35
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to promote the discussion around the need to agree on a strategy to eradicate child labour and protect working adolescents, both in supply chains and in the informal sector of the economy, as well as to eliminate modern forms of slavery and to prevent and eradicate forced labour; (ii) to promote the exchange of information about subregional programmes on the prevention and eradication of child labour and the protection of teenage workers, their level of advancement, institutionalization and challenges; (iii) to draw up a document that explains the consensus achieved with respect to the situation of child labour and forced labour in the Americas.
Resource persons:	Government of Argentina International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) World Bank Group Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Development Bank of Latin America
Observers:	Governments of Latin American countries Latin American Network to Combat Child Labour United Nations
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), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Forced Labour (Supplementary Measures) Recommendation, 2014 (No. 203)
Working languages:	English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

### ***I/12. Regional Conference on Inequalities in the World of Work: What role for industrial relations and social dialogue?***

Proposed date:	23–24 February 2017
Place:	Brussels, Belgium
Financing:	European Union (US\$1,300,000)
Geographical coverage:	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	30
(b) Employers:	30
(c) Workers:	30
Purpose of the Conference:	(i) to present and discuss the preliminary results of an EU-funded project, which aims to provide an overview of collective bargaining, social dialogue, trends in industrial relations and their effects on inequalities; (ii) to hold a policy discussion aimed at identifying best practices of dialogue and industrial relations to carry out the necessary transformations in the world of work without generating further inequalities and social exclusion; and (iii) to assess the role of social dialogue and social partners in the reform process.
Resource persons:	12 national experts from the project's working group Representatives of regional academic and research institutions European Commission
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions
Working languages:	English and French

### ***I/13. Regional Workshop on Collective Bargaining in the Garment Sector in Asia***

Proposed date:	15–16 March 2017
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Germany (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Purpose of the Workshop:	<p>(i) to follow up on the points of consensus of the Global Dialogue Forum on Wages and Working Hours in the Textiles, Clothing, Leather and Footwear Industries (Geneva, September 2014), in particular with respect to the promotion of international labour standards related to freedom of association and collective bargaining;</p> <p>(ii) to share good practices and experiences with respect to collective bargaining and bargaining coordination in the garment industry; and</p> <p>(iii) to provide a forum for tripartite constituents in participating countries to exchange information and experiences related to collective bargaining.</p>
Resource persons:	<p>Representatives of the GIZ regional garment sector project</p> <p>Representatives of the social partners from Germany, South Africa and Sri Lanka</p> <p>International Organisation of Employers (IOE)</p> <p>International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)</p>
Observers:	<p>Representatives of international garment brands who source from the participant countries</p> <p>Friedrich Ebert Stiftung</p>
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), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154)
Working language:	English

### ***I/14. High-level Subregional Meeting of Labour Inspectors***

Proposed date:	5–6 April 2017
Place:	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Financing:	European Union (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	24
(b) Employers:	2 (local)
(c) Workers:	2 (local)

Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss how to strengthen and modernize labour inspections systems in the region, specifically in the construction sector, taking into consideration international labour standards.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204) as well as ILO core Conventions
Working languages:	English, Albanian, Macedonian and Serbian/Bosnian/Croat

### ***I/15. Regional Consultation on Achieving SDG Target 8.7 through Collective Action and Partnerships***

Proposed date:	3–4 May 2017
Place:	Budapest, Hungary
Financing:	RBTC (US\$94,800)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Spain, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	20
(b) Employers:	20
(c) Workers:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to offer stakeholders the opportunity to put forward clear recommendations and priority actions to support the achievement of SDG 8.7 in Europe and Central Asia;</p> <p>(ii) to share knowledge, innovative intervention models and new roles, working modalities and collaborating methods needed to achieve Target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda; and</p> <p>(iii) to facilitate the region's preparations for the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour, 2017.</p>
Resource persons:	Regional and country representatives from UN agencies European Union Anti-trafficking Coordinator
Observers:	<p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</p> <p>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</p> <p>Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p> <p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p> <p>Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)</p> <p>International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)</p> <p>Representatives of civil society organizations, academics and media</p> <p>Representatives of the private sector</p> <p>United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery</p> <p>United Nations Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons</p>

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and Protocol, 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), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Ships' Medicine Chests Recommendation, 1958 (No. 105)
Working languages:	English and Russian

**I/16. Regional Meeting on the Role of Labour Inspection in Promoting Workplace Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Proposed date:	8–12 May 2017
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss the role of labour inspection systems, in achieving workplace compliance with national labour laws, applicable regulations and ratified international labour standards.
Resource persons:	Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81) and Protocol, Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150)
Working language:	English

**I/17. Sub-Saharan Africa Tripartite Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health in the Oil and Gas Industry**

Proposed date:	17–18 May 2017
Place:	Maputo, Mozambique
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$57,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to discuss and exchange good practices of improving occupational safety and health in the sub-Saharan subregion; and

	(ii) to promote a preventative safety and health culture in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas sector, in selected sub-Saharan countries.
Observers:	International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) IndustriALL Global Union
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Cancer Convention, 1974 (No. 139), Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration) Convention, 1977 (No. 148), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Chemicals Convention, 1990 (No. 170), Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Convention, 1993 (No. 174), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187)
Working languages:	English, French and Portuguese

***I/18. Regional Meeting on Promoting Occupational Safety and Health through Capacity Building on Incident Investigation and Analysis***

Proposed date:	24–28 July 2017
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
Purpose of the meeting:	To provide tools to ensure continuous improvements to safe work through protection against risks and illnesses as well as promoting good working conditions and a healthy working environment.
Resource persons:	Two regional consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155) and Protocol, Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197)
Working language:	English

## Sectoral activities

### ***I/19. Subregional Workshop on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006***

Proposed date:	23–27 January 2017
Place:	Nadi, Fiji
Financing:	RBTC (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tuvalu
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	4
(c) Workers:	4
Purpose of the workshop:	(i) to ensure that participants understand their obligations under the ILO Constitution and the supervisory system; and (ii) to raise awareness of how to report on the MLC, 2006, in a timely fashion.
Resource persons:	One regional consultant
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
Working language:	English

## Employers' activities

### ***I/20. The Role of the Employers' Sector in Achieving Goal 8.7, for the Elimination of Child Labour, in Latin America and the Caribbean***

Proposed date:	6–7 December 2016
Place:	Mexico City, Mexico
Financing:	Government of Brazil (US\$97,800)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bahamas, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Employers:	29
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to promote interaction between business networks combatting child labour and local networks for the Global Jobs Pact in order to strengthen the role of the private sector towards achieving Goal 8.7 in Latin America and the Caribbean; and (ii) to strengthen the link between the business sector and the Regional Initiative for Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour.
Resource persons:	Coordinators of regional and national networks for the Global Jobs Pact International Organisation of Employers (IOE)



Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Age Recommendation, 1973 (No. 146), Worst Forms of Child Labour Recommendation, 1999 (No. 190)
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

## Workers' activities

### ***I/21. Regional Meeting on Trade Union Strategies for the Implementation of Recommendation No. 204, with a Sectoral Approach and the Promotion of Rights for Safety and Health at Work***

Proposed date:	28–30 November 2016
Place:	Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to share progress and challenges experienced in the region for the implementation of Recommendation No. 204, one year after its adoption;</li> <li>(ii) to identify the principal lines of action and strategies emerging from the trade union movement of the Americas with regard to the effective implementation of Recommendation No. 204, in accordance with Resolution 9 of the 3rd ITUC World Congress on <i>Tackling Precarious and Informal Work</i>; and</li> <li>(iii) to develop national action plans.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	Trade union experts International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	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), 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), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	Spanish

### **I/22. Trade Union Training for Women Union Leaders on Organizing, Collective Bargaining and Actions for Gender Equality**

Proposed date:	14–16 December 2016
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ACFTU <sup>4</sup> (US\$65,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	38
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to provide an opportunity for women trade union representatives to review the situation of women in trade unions and challenges for promoting gender equality;</li> <li>(ii) to deepen understanding of the impact of globalization on the world of work;</li> <li>(iii) to learn about organizing and collective bargaining as part of leadership skills; and</li> <li>(iv) to prepare follow-up workplans aimed at organizing actions for gender equality and capacity building of women workers with a view to promoting decent work for women.</li> </ul>
Resource persons:	International Trade Union Confederation, Asia and the Pacific
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) and Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183)
Working languages:	English and Thai

### **I/23. Interregional Conference on Communication Strategies to Strengthen Trade Unions for Stronger Workers' Organizations**

Proposed date:	6–8 February 2017
Place:	Geneva, Switzerland
Financing:	RBTC (US\$122,400)
Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Bahrain, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Fiji, France, Indonesia, Jordan, Nepal, Norway, Russian Federation, South Africa, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	17
Purpose of the meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to prepare and launch a training guide on communication for workers' organizations;</li> </ul>

<sup>4</sup> All-China Federation of Trade Unions.

	(ii) to reinforce the visibility and influence of workers' organizations at national and regional levels; and
	(iii) to strengthen the engagement and involvement of workers' organizations for the achievement of decent work and social justice.
Resource persons:	Five regional representatives of the ITUC (Africa, Americas, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) Uni Global Union
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87) and Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)
Working languages:	English, French and Spanish

#### ***I/24. Regional Meeting on Trade Union Strategies for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour***

Proposed date:	9–10 February 2017
Place:	Bogota, Colombia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	12
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to assess the follow-up to the Declaration of Brasilia; (ii) to evaluate the work carried out in the realm of the Regional Initiative for Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour; (iii) to strengthen the regional network against child labour in terms of experience of sustained elimination of child labour and the means of accelerating the fight against the phenomenon; and (iv) to analyse integrated strategies for the elimination of all forms of child labour in relation to Goal 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda.
Resource persons:	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
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), Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	Spanish

**I/25. Capacity-building Workshop on Trade Union Rights and Labour Standards for Productivity Improvement in the ECOWAS<sup>5</sup> subregion**

Proposed date:	21–25 February 2017
Place:	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Financing:	JTUC–RENGO <sup>6</sup> (US\$40,000) ILO regular budget (US\$20,000)
Geographical coverage:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	18
Purpose of the Workshop:	(i) to promote the guide <i>Productivity improvement and the role of trade unions</i> in Africa; (ii) to encourage exchanges between African and Japanese trade unions in order to enlarge collective bargaining agreements based on productivity and rights at work; and (iii) to support a regional platform on productivity and rights at work.
Resource persons:	Representatives of African and Japanese trade union organizations
Observers:	National Council of Employers (CNPB), Burkina Faso Government (Ministry of Labour) of Burkina Faso Organization of Trade Unions in West Africa (OTUWA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	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), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), 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), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158)
Working languages:	English and French

**Partnerships and field support**

**I/26. Regional Meeting on Africa's Role and Contribution to South–South Cooperation: Validating a framework for ILO support to South–South cooperation in the Africa region**

Proposed date:	11–12 May 2017
Place:	Casablanca, Morocco
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$80,000)

<sup>5</sup> Economic Community of West African States.

<sup>6</sup> Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

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Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Botswana, Cameroon, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Purpose of the meeting:	To validate the framework that analyses the role that could be played by the ILO in fostering development cooperation between African countries, engaging tripartite constituents in South–South cooperation and exploring new forms of triangular cooperation
Resource persons:	One external collaborator
Observers:	Business Africa Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) ITUC Africa
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	ILO core Conventions
Working languages:	English, French and Arabic

Geneva, 10 March 2017

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>		
<b>2017</b>		
8–12 May	Regional Meeting on the Role of Labour Inspection in Promoting Workplace Legal and Regulatory Compliance	Harare, Zimbabwe
11–12 May	Regional Meeting on Africa's Role and Contribution to South–South Cooperation: Validating a framework for ILO support to south–south cooperation in the Africa region	Casablanca, Morocco
17–18 May	Sub-Saharan Africa Tripartite Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health in the Oil and Gas Industry	Maputo, Mozambique
3–7 July	Regional Meeting on Options to Extend Social Security Coverage to Workers in the Informal Economy	Harare, Zimbabwe
24–28 July	Regional Meeting on Promoting Occupational Safety and Health through Capacity Building on Incident Investigation and Analysis	Harare, Zimbabwe
<b>ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>		
<b>2017</b>		
28 February – 2 March	Regional Workshop of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians	Bangkok, Thailand
15–16 March	Regional Workshop on Collective Bargaining in the Garment Sector in Asia	Bangkok, Thailand
<b>EUROPE</b>		
<b>2017</b>		
5–6 April	High-level Subregional Meeting of Labour Inspectors	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
3–4 May	Regional Consultation on Achieving SDG Target 8.7 through Collective Action and Partnerships	Budapest, Hungary
<b>LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN</b>		
<b>2017</b>		
7–10 March	Subregional Meeting on the Extension of Social Protection in the Context of Formalization Policies	Port of Spain, Trinidad
<b>INTERREGIONAL</b>		
<b>2017</b>		
3 April	Interregional Tripartite Arab Meeting for the Future of Work	Beirut, Lebanon
Dates to be determined	Subregional Meeting on Youth and Employment in North Africa	Geneva, Switzerland