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Programme, composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

Reappointments

- 1. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint for a period of three years the following members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations:
 - Mr Shinichi Ago (Japan);
 - Ms Lia Athanassiou (Greece);
 - Mr Lelio Bentes Corrêa (Brazil);
 - Mr Rachid Filali Meknassi (Morocco);
 - Mr Abdul Koroma (Sierra Leone);
 - Mr Vitit Muntarbhorn (Thailand);
 - Mr Paul-Gérard Pougoué (Cameroon);
 - Ms Deborah Thomas-Felix (Trinidad and Tobago);
 - Mr Bernd Waas (Germany).

Short biographies of these persons are reproduced in the appendix.



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Meeting of Experts in Preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 5–9 February 2018)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

- **2.** The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations that have a standing arrangement with the ILO to be represented at the meeting as observers:
 - African Development Bank (AfDB);
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB);
 - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
 - United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).
- **3.** In addition, the Director-General also intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions as observers:
 - ASEAN Statistics Division (ASEANstats);
 - Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
 - Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
 - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
 - Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
 - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound);
 - Inter-American Development Bank (IADB);
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF);
 - Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT);
 - Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT);
 - Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-Stat);
 - Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC);
 - Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT);

World Bank Group.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

- **4.** The Director-General also intends to invite the following non-governmental organizations and institutions as observers:
 - International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Cooperatives (CICOPA);
 - Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO).
- 5. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers.

Meeting of Experts to adopt Guidelines on Decent Work in Public Emergency Services (Geneva, 16–20 April 2018)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

- **6.** The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations that have a standing arrangement with the ILO to be represented at the meeting as observers:
 - International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
 - International Organization for Migration (IOM);
 - United Nations (UN):
 - High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP);
 - UN-Habitat;
 - United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD);
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
 - United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR);
 - United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF);
 - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR);
 - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA);
 - United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN);
 - World Health Organization (WHO).

- 7. In addition to the above intergovernmental organizations, the Director-General also intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations as observers:
 - Latin American Center for Public Administration and Development (CLAD);
 - World Food Programme (WFP);
 - World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

- **8.** The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers:
 - African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD);
 - Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA);
 - Association of Labour Relations Agencies (ALRA);
 - Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE);
 - Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR);
 - European Public Administration Employers (EUPAE);
 - European Public Administration Network (EUPAN);
 - European Public Service Union (EPSU);
 - Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR);
 - International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC);
 - Latin American State Workers' Confederation (CLATE);
 - Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF);
 - Public Services International (PSI);
 - Save the Children International;
 - Trade Unions' National and European Administration Delegation (TUNED);
 - United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG);
 - World Vision International;
 - World Wildlife Fund (WWF).
- 9. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers.

Part II. Programme of meetings for the remainder of 2017 as well as for 2018 and 2019 and advance information for 2020

Date	Title of meeting	Place	
2017			
21–23 November	Meeting of Experts to Promote Decent Work and Protection of Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work for Workers in Export Processing Zones	Geneva	
22 November–9 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva	
2018			
22–26 January	Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Shipbuilding and Ship Repair	Geneva	
5–9 February	Meeting of Experts in Preparation for the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians	Geneva	
8–22 March	332nd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva	
16–20 April 1	Meeting of Experts to adopt Guidelines on Decent Work in Public Emergency Services	Geneva	
23–27 April	Third Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the MLC, 2006	Geneva	
24–25 May	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva	
28 May–8 June	107th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva	
9 June	333rd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva	
20–21 June	Joint Maritime Commission (JMC) Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers	Geneva	
2–5 October	19th American Regional Meeting	Panama City, Panama	
10–19 October	20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians	Geneva	
25 October-8 November	334th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva	
21 November-8 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva	
Last quarter	Meeting of Experts on Defining Recruitment Fees and Related Costs 2	Geneva	
2019			
14–28 March	335th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva	
6–7 June	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva	
10–21 June	108th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva	
22 June	336th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva	
24 October-7 November	337th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva	
20 November-7 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva	

¹ Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body regarding the programme of sectoral meetings (GB.331/POL/3).

² Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body regarding the holding of this meeting as well as its composition and agenda (GB.331/INS/4/1, appendix).

Date	Title of meeting	Place
	2020 (advance information)	
21–22 May ³	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
25 May–5 June ³	109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
6 June ³	339th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva

10. The Governing Body takes note of the Programme of Meetings, as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body, subject to decisions yet to be adopted, as described in the footnotes.

³ Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body regarding the dates of the 109th Session of the Conference in 2020.

Appendix

Career highlights of the nine members of the CEACR considered for reappointment

Mr Shinichi AGO (Japan)

Professor Shinichi Ago has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, with special responsibility for the forced labour and occupational safety and health Conventions. He participated actively in the working group on the last General Survey on occupational safety and health, and is a member of the next working group on the General Survey on working time, which will meet in November 2017. His expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Professor Ago is Professor of International Law at the College of Law at Ritsumeikan University and former Professor of International Economic Laws and Dean of the Faculty of Law at Kyushu University. He is a member of the Asian Society of International Law, the International Law Association and the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law.

Ms Lia ATHANASSIOU (Greece)

Professor Lia Athanassiou has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, with special responsibility for the fishers and seafarers Conventions, including the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006). Her expertise and the quality of her work are highly appreciated by the Committee.

Professor Athanassiou is Full Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Faculty of Law). She has a Ph.D. from the University of Paris I-Sorbonne and is a practising lawyer and arbitrator specializing in European, commercial and maritime law.

Mr Lelio BENTES CORRÊA (Brazil)

Judge Lelio Bentes Corrêa has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2006, with special responsibility for the forced labour and indigenous and tribal peoples Conventions. He has participated actively in various working groups on General Surveys, as well as in the 2014 Subcommittee for the streamlining of the treatment of certain information, which was established in 2012 and focussed on information related to reporting obligations. Judge Bentes Corrêa will again be a member of the Subcommittee in November 2017. His expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Judge Bentes Corrêa is judge at the Higher Labour Court (Tribunal Superior do Trabalho) of Brazil and a former Labour Public Prosecutor of Brazil. He is a member of the National Council of Justice of Brazil and Professor (Labour Team and Human Rights Centre) at the Instituto de Ensino Superior de Brasilia and the National School for Labour Judges.

Mr Rachid FILALI MEKNASSI (Morocco)

Professor Rachid Filali Meknassi has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2009, with special responsibility for the freedom of association, collective bargaining and industrial relations, wages and working time Conventions. He participated actively in the Working Group on the last General Survey on occupational safety and health, and is a member of the working group on the General Survey on working time that will meet in November 2017. His expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Professor Filali Meknassi is a Doctor of Law and Professor at the University Mohammed V of Rabat. He is a member of the Higher Council of Education, Training and Scientific Research and a consultant with national and international public bodies, including the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UNICEF. Professor Filali Meknassi was the National Coordinator of the ILO project "Sustainable Development through the Global Compact" (2005–08) and former Research Project Manager at the Foreign Department of the Central Bank (1975–78).

Mr Abdul G. KOROMA (Sierra Leone)

Judge Abdul G. Koroma has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2005 and is the Chairperson of the Committee. He has had special responsibility for examining the application of the employment policy and promotion Conventions and the migrant workers Conventions. He has participated actively in various working groups on General Surveys and he is a member of the Working Group on the General Survey on working time that will meet in November 2017. Judge Koroma greatly contributes to the work of the Committee through his international experience as a former Judge of the International Court of Justice.

Judge Koroma is former President of the Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva and Chairperson of the International Law Commission. He is a former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations (New York) and former Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the European Union, Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and many countries.

Mr Vitit MUNTARBHORN (Thailand)

Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2009, with special responsibility for the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), and more recently for the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29). Professor Muntarbhorn has participated actively in various working groups on General Surveys. He greatly contributes to the work of the Committee through his international experience of other international bodies. His expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Professor Muntarbhorn is Professor Emeritus of Law in Thailand and former United Nations University Fellow at the Refugee Studies Programme of Oxford University. He is the former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, former Chairperson of the United Nations Coordination Committee of Special Procedures and Chairperson of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on the Situation of Human Rights in Côte d'Ivoire (2011). Professor Muntarbhorn was a member of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (2012–16). He is the recipient of the 2004 UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education and has been the first United Nations Independent Expert on Protection against Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in 2016–2017.

Mr Paul-Gérard POUGOUÉ (Cameroon)

Professor Paul-Gérard Pougoué has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2009, with special responsibility for the dockworkers, social policy and specific categories of workers Conventions, as well as some of the Conventions on the elimination of child labour and protection of children and young persons. He participated actively in the work of the 2016 Subcommittee for the streamlining of treatment of certain information, established by the Committee in 2012, with a particular focus on information related to reporting obligations. Professor Pougoué will again participate in the Subcommittee in November 2017. His expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Professor Pougoué is a Professor of Law (agrégé) and Professor Emeritus at Yaoundé University. He is a guest or associate professor at several universities and at the Hague Academy of International Law. He is Head of the Department of Legal Theory, Legal Epistemology and Comparative Law and Director of the Master's Programme of Legal Theories and Pluralism of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences at the University of Yaoundé II. Professor Pougoué was on several occasions President of the jury for the agrégation competition (private law and criminal sciences section) of the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education (CAMES). He is a member of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law, the International Foundation for the Teaching of Business Law, the Association Henri Capitant and the Society of Comparative Law. Professor Pougoué is the founder and Director of the review *Juridis périodique* and President of the Association for the Promotion of Human Rights in Central Africa (APDHAC).

Ms Deborah THOMAS-FELIX (Trinidad and Tobago)

Judge Deborah Thomas-Felix has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, with special responsibility for the fishers and seafarers Conventions. She greatly contributes to the work of the Committee through her international experience of other international bodies. Her expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Judge Thomas-Felix has been President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago since 2011, Judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal since 2014 and is the current President of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal. She is former Chair of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission and former Deputy Chief Magistrate of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr Bernd WAAS (Germany)

Professor Bernd Waas has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, with special responsibility for the labour administration and inspection Conventions, as well as for the employment security, vocational guidance and training and employment policy Conventions. He greatly contributes to the work of the Committee through his experience of other international bodies. He will participate in the working group on the General Survey on working time in November 2017. His expertise is highly valued by the Committee.

Professor Waas is Professor of Labour Law and Civil Law at the University of Frankfurt and coordinator and member of the European Labour Law Network. He has provided legal advice to the German Parliament and Government, the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Ministries of Labour in various countries and the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security.