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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Invitations to the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference (observers from non-Member States, intergovernmental organizations, and international non-governmental organizations)

Request from the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan to send an observer delegation

- 1. The Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan expressed its wish to send an observer delegation to the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference. The Kingdom of Bhutan is a member State of the United Nations, but not of the International Labour Organization.
- **2.** In light of earlier decisions of the Governing Body to invite the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan to attend previous sessions of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body may wish to authorize the Director-General to issue an invitation to the Government to send an observer delegation to the Conference in 2020.

Intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations

3. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements were approved by the Governing Body, and which provide for their automatic invitation to the International Labour Conference, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the

Director-General to invite other intergovernmental organizations listed in the appendix as observers.

- **4.** Under the Constitution of the Organisation and the Standing Orders of the Conference, international non-governmental organizations other than those with which consultative relationships have been established may be invited by the Governing Body to be represented at the Conference insofar as attendance at the plenary sittings is concerned, while the invitation of such organizations to be represented on committees appointed by the Conference remains a matter for the Conference itself.
- **5.** At its 256th Session (May 1993), the Governing Body delegated to its Officers the authority to invite international non-governmental organizations wishing to be represented at sessions of the General Conference, it being understood that requests for invitations presenting a particular problem would continue to be submitted to the Governing Body through its Officers.
- **6.** The Director-General has received requests to be represented at the 109th Session (2020) of the International Labour Conference from the organizations listed in the appendix, which have expressed interest in certain items on the agenda. These organizations have already been invited to one or more sessions of the Conference after their requests to be invited had been approved by the Officers of the Governing Body. In making their requests, these organizations supplied proof of their interest in following the proceedings of the International Labour Conference.

Invitation of observers to other official meetings

- **7.** Invitation of observers to official meetings other than the International Labour Conference are determined according to the following criteria:
 - (i) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite on the basis of a standing arrangement with the ILO. These organizations are presented for information only;
 - (ii) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, as authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body;
 - (iii) international non-governmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, subject to authorization by the Governing Body.
- **8.** The Director-General intends to invite the organizations to be represented as observers at the meetings indicated in the appendix. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body authorize the Director-General to invite those organizations, and to issue an invitation to the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan to send an observer delegation to attend the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference.

Part II. Programme of official ILO meetings as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body

Meetings for the remainder of 2020, and advance information for 2021 and 2022

Date	Title of meeting	Place
	2020	
20–22 January ¹	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport	Geneva
25–28 February ²	Technical Meeting on Achieving Decent Work in Global Supply Chains	Geneva
12-26 March	338th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
4–8 May ³	Technical Meeting on the Future of Work in the Automotive Industry	Geneva
21–22 May	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
25 May-5 June	109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
6 June	339th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
14-18 September 4	Sixth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
21–25 September ⁵	Technical Meeting on the Future of Decent and Sustainable Work in Urban Transport Services	Geneva
12–16 October ⁵	Technical Meeting on the Future of Work in the Education Sector in the Context of Lifelong Learning for All, Skills and the Decent Work Agenda	Geneva
29 October–12 November	340th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
23–27 November ⁵	Technical Meeting on the Future of Work in Aquaculture in the Context of the Rural Economy	Geneva
25 November–12 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
	2021 (advance information)	
8–21 February ⁵	Technical Meeting on the Impact of Digitalization in the Finance Sector	Geneva
11–25 March	341st Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
6–9 April ⁵	17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting	Singapore
19–23 April ⁶	Fourth Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	Geneva

¹ Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) (GB.329/POL/4, Appendix II) and 334th Session (October–November 2018) (GB.334/POL/3, Appendix I). The dates of this meeting have been changed at the request of some constituents, as they coincide with the African Regional Meeting.

² Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 328th Session (October–November 2016) (GB.328/INS/5/1(Add.)) and 336th Session (June 2019) (GB.336/INS/7) and subject to confirmation of the title of the meeting at its 337th Session.

³ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019) (GB.335/POL/3) and subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body regarding the programme of sectoral Meetings (GB.337/POL/2).

⁴ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 337th Session (October–November 2019) (GB.337/LILS/1).

⁵ Dates subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body.

⁶ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) (GB.334/LILS/2(Rev.)).

Date	Title of meeting	Place
26–27 April ⁵	Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission	Geneva
3–4 June	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
7–18 June	110th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
19 June	342nd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
28 October–11 November	343rd Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
24 November–11 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
	2022 (advance information)	
First quarter (tbc)	11th European Regional Meeting	tbc

Draft decision

9. The Governing Body:

- (a) authorized the Director-General to issue an invitation to the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan to send an observer delegation to the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference, as well as to the organizations requesting to be represented at the Conference listed in the appendix of document GB.338/INS/17(Rev.1), it being understood that it will be for the Conference to consider their requests to participate in the work of the committees dealing with the agenda items in which they have stated a special interest, and to inform the organizations concerned that they may nominate one person only for each of the agenda items in respect of which their interest has been recognized;
- (b) endorsed the proposals made in relation to the invitation of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations as observers to the other official meetings listed in the appendix: the Technical Meeting on the Future of Work in the Education Sector; the Technical Meeting on the Future of Work in Aquaculture in the Context of the Rural Economy; and the 17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting; and
- (c) took note of the programme of meetings, as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body.

■ European Centre for Workers' Questions

Appendix

Proposed invitations of observers to the ILC

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
109th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 25 May–5 June)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Monetary Fund (IMF) International Organization for Migration (IOM) International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	 Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) Arab Centre for Labour Administration and Employment (ACLAE) Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC) African Regional Centre for Labour Administration (CRADAT) Commonwealth European Public Law Organization (EPLO) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) Nordic Council (NC) Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR) Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Ibero-American Social Security Organization Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) 	 International Social Security Association (ISSA) (by standing arrangement) Employers' organizations International Christian Union of Business Executives World Employment Confederation World Federation of Personnel Management Associations Workers' organizations African Organization of Mines, Metal, Energy, Chemical and Allied Trade Unions Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas Arab Federation of Petroleum, Mining and Chemical Workers Asociación Latinoamericana de Abogados Laboralistas Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI Confederación de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de las Universidades de las Américas (CONTUA) Confederación Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Trabajadores Estatales (CLATE) Education International (EI)

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Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 	 West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) 	 European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions
	 United Nations Human Settlements Programme 		■ European Trade Union Confederation
	(UN-HABITAT)		■ General Confederation of Trade Unions
	 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) 		(GCTU)
	 United Nations Institute for Training and Research 		■ IndustriALL Global Union
	(UNITAR)		 International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions
	 United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) 		 International Council of Police Representative Associations
	■ United Nations Office for the Coordination of		■ International Domestic Workers Federation
	Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)		■ International Energy and Mines Organization
	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA)		 International Secretariat for Catholic Engineers Agronomists and Industry Officials
	 United Nations Regional Commissions 		■ International Transport Workers' Federation
	 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine 		(ITF)
	Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)		■ International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hote
	 United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants 		Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF)
	United Nations University (UNU)		 International Young Christian Workers (IYCW)
	■ UN Women		 Latin American Union of Municipal Workers
	■ World Bank Group		Public Services International (PSI)
	World Food Programme (WFP)		■ Southern African Trade Union Coordination
	World Health Organization (WHO)		Council
	■ World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)		 Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC)
	■ World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)		 Trade Union International of Metal and Mining
	World Trade Organization (WTO)		■ Trade Union International of Workers in
	Regional organizations		Chemical, Energy, Metal, Oil and Allied
	African Development Bank (AfDB)		Industries

■ African Union (AU)

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	 Andean Community (CAN) Arab Labour Organization (ALO) Asian Development Bank (ADB) Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Inter-African Conference on Social Security (CIPRES) Council of Europe East African Community (EAC) Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) European Union (EU) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) League of Arab States South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Southern African Development Community (SADC) Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) Organization of American States (OAS) 	Governing Body)	 Trade Unions International of Workers in Construction, Wood, Building Materials and Industries Trade Unions International of Workers in the Mining, the Metallurgy and the Metal Industries Trade Union International of Pensioners and Retired Persons Trade Unions International of Transport Workers Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries UNI Global Union (UNI) Unión Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control (ULATOC) World Federation of Teachers' Unions World Organizations African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters Anti-Slavery International Association of Volunteers for International Service CARE International Caritas Internationalis Clean Clothes Campaign Defence for Children International Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women

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Other organizations

- Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP)
- G7+
- International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI)
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF)

- International Association of Free Thought
- International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance
- International Catholic Migration Commission
- International Centre for Trade Union Rights
- International Confederation of Executive Staff
- International Coordination of Young Christian Workers
- International Council on Social Welfare
- International Federation of Business and Professional Women
- International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)
- International Federation of Women in Legal Careers
- International Federation Terre des Hommes
- International Kolping Society
- International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association
- International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth
- International Occupational Hygiene Association
- Make Mothers Matter
- Migrant Forum in Asia
- Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas
- PLAN International
- SOLIDAR
- Soroptimist International
- StreetNet International
- Union Africaine de la Mutualité
- Union of International Associations
- Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
			■ World Jewish Congress
			■ World Medical Association
			■ World Movement of Christian Workers
			World Union of Professions
			Zonta International
			NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO
			 International Cooperative Alliance
			■ International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
			■ International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC
			 Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU)
			■ Business Africa
			World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)

Proposed invitations of observers to other official meetings

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical Meeting on the Future of Work in the Education Sector in the Context of Lifelong Learning for All, Skills and the Decent Work Agenda (Geneva, 12–16 October 2020)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations		NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO
	 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Bureau of Education of UNESCO United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) World Bank Group Regional organizations European Union (EU) Other organizations Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Secretariat of the International Task Force on Teachers for Education for All 		 International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations Education International (EI) Education Above All Foundation Global Partnership for Education Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity Voluntary Service Overseas
Technical meeting on the Future of Work in Aquaculture in the Context of the Rural Economy (Geneva, 23–27 November 2020)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations ■ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) ■ United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ■ World Bank Group		NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	Regional organizations African Development Bank (AfDB) African Union (AU) Asian Development Bank (ADB) European Union (EU) Other organizations	Coloning 200j)	Other organizations Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) World Aquaculture Society (WAS)
	 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 		
17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (Singapore, 6–9 April 2021 (tbc))	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Monetary Fund (IMF) International Organization for Migration (IOM) International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Regional organizations African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)	 International Social Security Association (ISSA) (standing invitation) NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO International Cooperative Alliance International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) NGOs having regional consultative status with the ILO ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) Confederation of Asia—Pacific Employers (CAPE) International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions Brotherhood of Asian Trade Unionists General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries

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Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 		Other organizations
	UN Women		 Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)
	 Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) 		ASEAN Trade Union Council Dividing and Wood Worksrs' International (RWI)
	 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 		 Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI) Disabled Peoples' International (DPI)
	 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 		Education International (EI)
	 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 		 Federation of the Gulf Cooperation Council Chambers
	 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 		 General Confederation of Trade Unions (GCTU
	 United Nations Industrial Development Organization 		IndustriALL Global Union
	(UNIDO)		International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)
	 United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) 		 Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)
	 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 		International Council of Nurses (ICN)
	 United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) 		 International Transport Workers' Federation
	 United Nations University (UNU) 		(ITF)
	Universal Postal Union (UPU)World Bank Group		 International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF)
	World Food Programme (WFP)		 International Young Christian Workers (IYCW)
	■ World Health Organization (WHO)		■ Public Services International (PSI)
	■ World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)		South Asian Forum of Employers
	■ World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)		■ South Asian Regional Trade Union Council
	■ World Trade Organization (WTO)		(SARTUC)
	Regional organizations		 South Pacific and Oceanic Council of Trade Unions (SPOCTU)
	Arab Labour Organization (ALO)		■ Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD
	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		(TUAC)
	 Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat 		■ UNI Global Union (UNI)

■ Asian Productivity Organization (APO)

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
	 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) European Union (EU) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) League of Arab States 		
	Other organizations ■ Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) ■ Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)		