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Sectoral meetings held in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022–23

Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to take note of the record of proceedings of the meetings held in the second half of 2021, to authorize respective follow-up (section I) and to endorse the proposals in relation to global sectoral meetings for 2022–23 (section II). The Governing Body is also invited to approve the revised terms of reference of the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group on illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and Related Matters (section III) (see the draft decision in paragraph 26)

Relevant strategic objective: Social dialogue and tripartism.

Main relevant outcome: All policy outcomes.

Policy implications: None.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: None.

Follow-up action required: The Office would be required to follow up as proposed.

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Related documents: GB343.POL/2(Rev.2); GB.342/INS/10(Rev.2); GB.341/POL/3(Rev.1); GB.340/POL/4(Rev.1); GB.340/INS/21; GB.340/INS/21(Add.1); GB.338/POL/3(Rev.1); GB.337/POL/2; GB.335/POL/3.

► I. Meetings held in the second half of 2021

A. Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services

1. In accordance with earlier decisions by the Governing Body,¹ the technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services was held in a hybrid format from 30 August to 3 September 2021.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms Sonya Mohamed Janahi, appointed by the Employers' group of the Governing Body. The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Ms Sara G. Luna Camacho (Mexico) for the Government group; Mr Kris de Meester for the Employers' group; and Ms Wol-san Liem for the Workers' group.
3. The Meeting was attended by 146 participants, including 77 Government representatives and advisers from 41 Member States, together with 20 Government observers (from 10 countries), as well as 14 Employer and 21 Worker representatives and advisers, and 14 observers from intergovernmental organizations and invited international non-governmental organizations.
4. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss challenges and opportunities relating to the future of decent and sustainable work in urban passenger transport operations and services, and to adopt conclusions, including recommendations for future action.
5. A background paper had been prepared by the Office, which served as the basis for the discussions.² The record of proceedings summarizes the discussions at the meeting,³ which ended with the adoption of conclusions and recommendations for future action.⁴

B. 14th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (4–8 October 2021)

6. The Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), established in 1968 by the Governing Body of the ILO and the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), held its 14th Session from 4 to 8 October 2021, hosted virtually by UNESCO in Paris. At that session, the CEART examined and made recommendations regarding a number of issues affecting teaching personnel, including teacher education in the twenty-first century, teaching as a collaborative profession, and teacher professionalism from an intercultural perspective. The CEART also examined several allegations from teacher unions regarding the application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel.⁵

¹ GB.337/POL/PV, para. 41; GB.340/POL/PV, para. 96; and GB.341/POL/PV, para. 72.

² TMDWTS/2021.

³ TMDWTS/2021/9.

⁴ TMDWTS/2021/7.

⁵ ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (1966) and the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (1997).

7. The CEART furthermore adopted a statement on the occasion of World Teachers' Day 2021 on "Recognizing teacher professionalism in the post-pandemic recovery". In line with past practice, the Governing Body is requested to forward the report of the 14th Session of the CEART⁶ to the next session of the International Labour Conference, in 2022. In the course of 2022, UNESCO will also submit the report to its Executive Board.

C. Meeting of experts to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear

8. In accordance with earlier decisions by the Governing Body,⁷ the meeting of experts to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021.
9. The Meeting was chaired by Mr Jukka Sakari Takala. The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Mr Bastian Fochmann (Germany) for the Government group; Mr John Beckett for the Employers' group; and Mr Z.M. Kamrul Anam for the Workers' group.
10. The Meeting was attended by 70 participants, including seven experts nominated by the Government group, eight experts nominated by the Employers' group and seven experts nominated by the Workers' group of the Governing Body. In addition, observers from 41 governments attended the Meeting. There were also seven observers from official and non-governmental international organizations.
11. The purpose of the Meeting of Experts was to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear, in accordance with the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019).⁸
12. A draft text had been prepared by the Office and served as the basis for the discussions. The summary record of proceedings of the Meeting of Experts summarizes the discussions that took place,⁹ which concluded with the adoption of the Code of Practice.¹⁰

D. Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy

13. In accordance with earlier decisions by the Governing Body,¹¹ the technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy was held in a hybrid format from 13 to 17 December 2021.
14. The Meeting was chaired by Mr Magnús Magnússon Norðdahl, appointed by the Workers' group of the Governing Body. The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Mr Fatih Acar (Turkey) for the Government group; Mr Henrik Munthe for the Employers' group; and Mr Kristjan Bragason for the Workers' group.
15. The meeting was attended by 116 participants, including 43 Government representatives and advisers from 22 Member States, together with 35 Government observers (from 14 countries),

⁶ CEART/14/2021/10.

⁷ GB.338/POL/3/decision and GB.341/POL/PV, para. 72.

⁸ GB.335/POL/PV(Rev.), para. 118.

⁹ MESHT/2021/10.

¹⁰ See, *ILO Code of Practice: Safety and Health in Textiles, Clothing, Leather and Footwear*.

¹¹ GB.337/POL/PV, para. 41; GB.340/POL/PV, para. 96; and GB.341/POL/PV, para. 72.

as well as 9 Employer and 11 Worker representatives and advisers, and 8 observers from intergovernmental organizations and invited international non-governmental organizations.

16. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues relating to the future of work in the aquaculture sector as well as to the promotion of decent work in the rural economy, and to adopt conclusions, including recommendations for future action.
17. A background document ¹² had been prepared by the Office, which served as the basis for the discussions. The record of proceedings summarizes the Meeting's discussions, ¹³ which was concluded with the adoption of conclusions and recommendations for future action. ¹⁴

► II. Upcoming meetings and Officers of meetings

A. Meetings to be held in 2023

18. The Governing Body endorsed the programme of sectoral meetings for 2022–23 at its 341st Session (March 2021). ¹⁵ In addition, the Governing Body is requested to establish at its current session the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of two further meetings envisaged for the first half of 2023 (see Appendix I). A list of all endorsed global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2022–23 is attached as Appendix II.

B. Officers of meetings

19. In accordance with article 6 of the Standing Orders for technical meetings and article 6 of the Standing Orders for meetings of experts, the Officers of these meetings consist of one Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons (one for each of the three groups). For technical meetings, the Governing Body appoints one of its regular or deputy members as Chairperson on a rotating basis among the three groups or, in the absence of a candidate one month prior to the meeting, requests the Office to select an independent person with expertise on the matters covered by the agenda and to notify the meeting accordingly. ¹⁶ For meetings of experts, the Chairperson is selected by the International Labour Office. The three Vice-Chairpersons for both forms of meetings are elected from among the representatives, experts or their advisers in each of the three groups.

¹² TMFWA/2021.

¹³ TMFWA/2021/9.

¹⁴ TMFWA/2021/7.

¹⁵ GB.341/POL/PV, para. 72.

¹⁶ GB.338/POL/3/decision.

20. In following the rotation schedule, the Governing Body is requested to appoint Chairpersons for the following meetings:

Technical meeting	Dates	To be appointed by
Technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector	25–29 April 2022	Employers' group
Technical meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service sector	26–30 September 2022	Workers' group
Technical meeting on the future of work in the oil and gas industry	21–25 November 2022	Government group

21. The Governing Body is requested to notify the Office of the election of the Vice-Chairpersons for the three groups one month prior to the meetings.

► III. Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and Related Matters

22. At its 335th Session (March 2019), the Governing Body authorized the Organization's participation as a full member in the Joint FAO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and Related Matters with two representatives of employers and two representatives of workers appointed by their respective groups.¹⁷
23. The secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the ILO and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) have jointly developed revised terms of reference for the Joint Working Group (Appendix III), which lay down key parameters, such as: (i) composition (up to 12 members each nominated by the FAO and IMO, and four members – two representatives of employers and two representatives of workers – nominated by the ILO through the respective Employers' and Workers' groups of the ILO Governing Body); (ii) frequency of meetings (every four years); (iii) decision-making process (adoption of recommendations by consensus); and (iv) expenses (in general, participants meet their own expenses, while the ILO finances the participation of two representatives of employers and two representatives of workers appointed by their respective groups). The revised terms of reference are found in Appendix III.
24. The terms of reference have already been approved by the competent body of the IMO and are expected to be approved also by the relevant body of the FAO later this year.

¹⁷ GB.335/POL/PV(Rev.), para. 118(f).

▶ IV. Sectoral Policies Department Highlights

25. The *Sectoral Policies Department: 2020–21 Highlights* report provides an overview of the ILO's sectoral programme throughout the biennium. Highlights for previous biennia are also available.¹⁸

▶ Draft decision

26. **The Governing Body:**

- (a) approved the records of proceedings of the four meetings referred to in section I of document GB.344/POL/2 and authorized the Director-General to publish them;
- (b) requested the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work, the recommendations for future action by the ILO made by the technical meetings on urban transport services and on aquaculture;
- (c) decided to forward the report of the 14th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), along with any observations made by the Governing Body, to the International Labour Conference at its 110th Session (2022) for examination in the first instance by the Committee on the Application of Standards;
- (d) authorized the Director-General to publish the code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear;
- (e) endorsed the proposals contained in Appendix I of document GB.344/POL/2 relating to the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the meetings listed therein;
- (f) agreed to notify the Office of the appointment and election of the Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons one month prior to each meeting; and
- (g) approved the revised terms of reference of the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and Related Matters contained in Appendix III of document GB.344/POL/2.

¹⁸ ILO, *Sectoral Policies Department 2018–19: Highlights*; *Sectoral Policies Department 2016–17: Highlights*; and *Sectoral Policies Department: Highlights 2014–15*.

► Appendix I

Meetings as endorsed by the Governing Body (GB.341/POL/3(Rev.1))	Proposed dates	Proposed duration	Proposed title	Proposed purpose	Proposed composition
Technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector	13–17 February 2023	5 days	Technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector	The purpose of the meeting is to discuss opportunities and challenges for decent work in the sector in the context of digital technologies, globalization, environmental sustainability, demographic changes and a human-centred COVID-19 recovery, with the aim of adopting conclusions, including recommendations for future action.	All Governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers.
Technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector	17–21 April 2023	5 days	Technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector	The purpose of the meeting is to discuss opportunities and challenges relating to best practices in occupational safety and health and the promotion of decent work and productive employment to shape the recovery of the aviation industry beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, with the aim of adopting conclusions, including recommendations for future action.	All Governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers.

► Appendix II

List of sectoral meetings endorsed by the Governing Body for the biennium 2022–23 and proposed dates

Date	Title of meeting	Place
2022		
24–28 January	Technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector	Geneva
21–25 February	Meeting of experts to revise the 1992 Code of practice on safety and health in construction	Geneva
25–29 April	Technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector	Geneva
9–13 May (if virtual: 4–14 May)	Fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended – Part II	Geneva
16–17 May	Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission ¹	Geneva
26–30 September	Technical meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service sector	Geneva
21–25 November	Technical meeting on the future of work in the oil and gas industry	Geneva
2023 ²		
18–20 January	Sectoral Advisory Bodies	Geneva
13–17 February (to be confirmed)	Technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector	Geneva
17–21 April (to be confirmed)	Technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector	Geneva
Second quarter	Meeting of experts on decent work in agro-food: An essential part of sustainable food systems	Geneva
Third quarter	Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers	Geneva
Third quarter	Technical meeting on digitalization in the retail sector as an engine for economic recovery and decent work	Geneva
Fourth quarter	Technical meeting on decent and sustainable work in the inland waterways sector	Geneva

¹ Back-to-back with Part II of the fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended.

² Dates, agenda and composition of the remaining sectoral meetings in 2023 to be confirmed.

▶ Appendix III

Revised terms of Reference for the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and Related Matters

Background

1. There has been a longstanding cooperative relationship among the secretariats of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on matters related to the fishing sector.
2. The establishment of the Joint FAO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Related Matters (JWG) was prompted by a call from the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI), in 1999, for FAO to obtain assistance from IMO, in particular, with regard to general concerns about re-flagging and IUU fishing. Also in 1999, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development highlighted the need for FAO and IMO to cooperate on solving problems related to IUU Fishing. IMO and FAO worked together to establish the JWG, and the first JWG meeting was held in 2000.
3. ILO attended JWG meetings in 2000, 2007 and 2015 as an observer. In 2019, the ILO joined the JWG as the third member organization.

Objective

4. The three member organizations, i.e. FAO, ILO and IMO, shall collaborate in order to coordinate efforts to address IUU fishing and related matters. This collaborative work shall be undertaken within the context of each member organization's mandate: FAO on fisheries in general, ILO on decent work in the fishing sector, and IMO on maritime safety and security, and the protection of the marine environment. The JWG will promote global, regional and national cooperation on IUU fishing and related matters, in particular, among the various national authorities and other public actors involved.

Secretariat

5. The member organizations shall establish a joint secretariat with an identified focal point for each member organization.
6. The joint secretariat shall have the following functions:
 - (i) coordinate the selection of members to JWG meetings;
 - (ii) decide on the convening of special meetings and organize the holding of JWG meetings, as appropriate;
 - (iii) provide services to the JWG to facilitate the execution of its functions;
 - (iv) be responsible for preparing draft agendas and the receipt, collection, circulation, submitting documents or issuing submissions received for JWG meetings;
 - (v) issue the JWG report, including recommendations, in cooperation with the chairperson and the vice-chairpersons, and its publication, as appropriate;

- (vi) be responsible for the coordination of the follow-up to the recommendations of the JWG, including coordination of technical cooperation and follow-up of work plans;
- (vii) maintain contacts with relevant governments, international organizations and institutions; and
- (viii) undertake other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred by the JWG.

Composition

7. The JWG shall be composed of up to 12 members ¹ nominated by FAO and up to 12 members ² nominated by IMO, as well as four members – two representatives of employers and two representatives of workers – nominated by the ILO through the respective Employers' and Workers' groups of the ILO Governing Body.
8. Bearing in mind that one of the key objectives of the JWG is to enhance awareness and cooperation among various authorities involved in fishing and fishery management-related matters at the national level, each FAO and IMO member shall endeavour to participate with representatives from fisheries, labour and maritime authorities.
9. The FAO and IMO shall nominate their members, giving due consideration in particular to equitable geographical representation and a balance between developed and developing member States.
10. All members may submit working and information documents and may be assisted by experts and advisers when needed.

Functions

11. In order to meet its objective, the JWG shall discuss, coordinate and, as appropriate, make recommendations concerning cooperation among and between relevant stakeholders and, in particular, flag, port, coastal, market and labour supplying States, with respect to:
 - (i) IUU fishing;
 - (ii) maritime safety and security;
 - (iii) decent work in the fishing sector;
 - (iv) protection of the marine environment;
 - (v) capacity development; and
 - (vi) other relevant topics.
12. The JWG shall exchange information about relevant developments, propose workplans for intersessional periods, and initiate and support FAO, ILO and IMO coordination and cooperation at global, regional and national levels.

¹ For the purpose of these Terms of Reference, the references to "members" include Member Nations, Associate Members and Regional Economic Integration Organizations.

² For the purpose of these Terms of Reference, the references to "members" include Member States and Associate Members.

Chairperson and vice-chairpersons

13. The JWG shall elect among the members a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons so that all three member organizations are duly represented. These positions shall rotate from one meeting to the other.
14. The chairperson shall have the following functions:
 - (i) declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the JWG;
 - (ii) direct the discussions, while being guided as much as practicable by the following order of interventions (see paragraph 7): members; member States of FAO and IMO that are not nominated as members; secretariat members of the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations; intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
 - (iii) put forward questions, suggestions and conclusions on recommendations;
 - (iv) rule on points of order;
 - (v) control the proceedings of the meeting;
 - (vi) in cooperation with the joint secretariat, prepare meeting reports;
 - (vii) as practicable, contribute to the consideration of the outcome of JWG by member organizations; and
 - (viii) perform any other function that may be decided by the JWG.
15. In the absence or at the request of the chairperson, her/his functions shall be exercised by the vice-chairperson or, in the absence of the latter, by the second vice-chairperson.

Observers

16. Eligible observers to JWG meetings are:
 - (1) all member States of FAO and IMO that are not selected as members (see paragraph 7);
 - (2) the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations; and
 - (3) IGOs and NGOs with observer status within at least one of the member organizations.
17. Observers have the right to speak at meetings, following as much as practicable the order of interventions set out in paragraph 14.2, and may submit information documents, as well as working documents, subject to co-sponsoring of the latter by at least one member identified in paragraph 7 to the joint secretariat for distribution to the JWG.

Recommendations

18. The members of the JWG shall adopt the Recommendations by consensus.

Reports

19. The joint secretariat shall prepare, in consultation with the chairperson and the vice-chairpersons, as appropriate, a brief report in English focussing on the recommendations of the meeting, which shall be finalized within 30 days after a meeting.

Follow-up actions

20. Each member organization's secretariat shall ensure that recommendations relevant to that particular member organization are submitted to the appropriate bodies within the respective organization and take further follow-up actions as necessary.

Meetings

21. The JWG shall aim to hold one regular meeting every four years.
22. In general, meetings shall take place at the headquarters of one of the member organizations, which would be expected to cover the costs related to the hosting of the meeting. Time and place shall be notified in accordance with existing procedures of each member organization.
23. Registration of the participants shall be conducted by the joint secretariat in coordination with the hosting organization.
24. The member organizations may agree to invite additional experts to meetings for particular aspects.

Documents

25. Working documents shall be prepared by the joint secretariat and members, as necessary. Observers may prepare and submit working documents in accordance with paragraph 17. Working documents shall in general be put on the respective websites of the member organizations nine weeks ahead of the meetings. All participants may prepare and submit information documents.
26. The meetings shall be conducted in the English language, and documents related to the work of the JWG shall be prepared in the English language. Other UN languages would be used subject to available funding.

Expenses

27. In general, participants shall meet their own expenses. Necessary financial resources may be obtained by relevant funding mechanisms, in accordance with existing rules and procedures of each member organization.

Cooperation with the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations

28. The cooperation with the United Nations and other specialized agencies of the United Nations may be sought on particular aspects, within their competences.