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Programme, composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Meeting on cross-border social dialogue (Geneva, first quarter of 2019)

1. At its 319th Session in October 2013, the Governing Body reviewed a four-year plan of action on social dialogue ¹ prepared by the Office in order to give effect to the conclusions adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 102nd Session (2013). ² The plan of action, and a subsequent implementation report endorsed by the Governing Body in March 2016, ³ identified specific targets to be achieved, as well as activities to be undertaken.
2. One central activity is the organization of a meeting on cross-border social dialogue as approved in the Programme and Budget for 2018–19 (paragraph 34). The holding of a meeting on cross-border social dialogue was also called for in the context of the programme of action endorsed by the Governing Body at its 328th Session (October–November 2016) ⁴ as follow-up to the Conference Resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains. ⁵
3. It is thus proposed that the requested meeting be organized during the first quarter of 2019.

¹ [GB.319/POL/3\(Rev.1\)](#).

² ILO: *Resolution concerning the recurrent discussion on social dialogue*, International Labour Conference, 102nd Session, Geneva, 2013.

³ [GB.326/POL/4](#).

⁴ [GB.328/PV](#), para. 83(a)(v).

⁵ ILO: *Resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains*, International Labour Conference, 105th Session, Geneva, 2016, para. 23(c) of the Conclusions.

4. The meeting would serve to analyse contemporary experiences, challenges and trends characterizing cross-border social dialogue initiatives, as well as the role and added value of the ILO. It would also seek guidance from ILO constituents on the future work of the Organization in this area.
5. The meeting would furthermore contribute to the implementation of the Conference conclusions concerning decent work in global supply chains, following the general discussion at the 105th Session (2016) of the Conference on this subject, which called upon the ILO, inter alia, to promote effective national and cross-border social dialogue, thereby respecting the autonomy of the social partners. When social partners decide to negotiate international framework agreements, the ILO could support and facilitate the process, on joint request, and assist in the follow-up process, including monitoring, mediation and dispute settlement where appropriate. Furthermore, the ILO should undertake research on the effectiveness and impact of cross-border social dialogue
6. The Governing Body is called upon to determine the composition of the meeting.

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7. *The Governing Body approved the holding of the meeting in the first quarter of 2019 with the above agenda and the following composition: [...].*

19th American Regional Meeting

(Panama City, Panama, 2–5 October 2018)

Invitation of member States from another region

8. At its 330th Session (June 2017), the Governing Body invited Portugal and Spain to be represented by a delegation of observers to the 19th American Regional Meeting, in accordance with the Rules for Regional Meetings in force at the time. Further to the changes proposed since then to the composition of Regional Meetings, the Governments of France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have expressed an interest in attending the 19th American Regional Meetings as observers, in accordance with article 1, paragraph 3, of the Rules for Regional Meetings [as revised by the International Labour Conference at its 107th Session].

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9. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, invited France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to be represented by a delegation of observers at the 19th American Regional Meeting.*

Proposed invitations of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to official meetings

10. Invitation of observers to official meetings (other than the International Labour Conference) are determined according to the following criteria:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, as authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body;
 - (c) international non-governmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, subject to authorization by the Governing Body.
11. The Director-General intends to invite the following organizations to be represented as observers at the meetings indicated below.

Title and dates of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the GB)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the GB)
<p>19th American Regional Meeting In addition to the list of organizations already invited to be represented as observers, as approved by the Governing Body at its 332nd Session (March 2018) GB.332/INS/16(Rev.), para. 10</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas (ADS) ■ Asociación Latinoamericana de Abogados Laboralistas (ALAL) ■ Confederation of Latin-American and Caribbean Public Workers (CLATE)
<p>20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 10–19 October 2018) In addition to the list of organizations already invited to be represented as observers, as approved by the Governing Body at its 332nd Session (March 2018) GB.332/INS/16(Rev.), para. 10</p>	<p>United Nations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Telecommunication Union (ITU); ■ United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); ■ United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Arab Monetary Fund ■ European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP); ■ Scientific Commission of the International Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Anti-Slavery International; ■ Walk Free Foundation; ■ World Economic Forum.
<p>Meeting on Cross-border Social Dialogue (Geneva, first quarter of 2019)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African Union (AU); ■ Andean Community; ■ Arab Labour Organization (ALO); ■ Caribbean Community (CARICOM); ■ Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR); ■ Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); ■ International Monetary Fund (IMF); ■ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); ■ Organization of American States (OAS); ■ Southern African Development Community (SADC); ■ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); ■ World Bank Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); ■ European Union (EU); ■ North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); ■ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA); ■ West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU); ■ World Trade Organization. 	

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12. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, authorized the Director-General to invite the abovementioned organizations as observers to the meetings listed therein.*

Part II. Programme of meetings for 2018–19 and advance information for 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
2018		
17–21 September	Fourth meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
18–20 September ⁶	Global Dialogue Forum on Employment Terms and Conditions in Tertiary Education	Geneva
1–5 October ⁷	13th Session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)	Geneva
2–5 October	19th American Regional Meeting	Panama City
10–19 October	20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians	Geneva
25 October–8 November	334th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
14–16 November	Meeting of Experts on Defining Recruitment Fees and Related Costs	Geneva
19–20 November ⁸	Joint Maritime Commission (JMC) Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers	Geneva
21 November–8 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
10–12 December ⁶	Global Dialogue Forum on Challenges for Decent and Productive Work Arising from Digitalization in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries	Geneva
2019		
First quarter of 2019	Meeting on Cross-border Social Dialogue	Geneva
25 February–1 March ⁶	Sectoral Meeting on the Recruitment and Retention of Seafarers and the Promotion of Opportunities for Women Seafarers	Geneva
14–28 March	335th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
Second quarter (tbc) ⁷	Global Dialogue Forum on decent work in the management of electrical and electronic waste (e-waste)	Geneva
Second quarter (tbc) ⁷	Sectoral meeting on promoting decent work and safety and health in forestry	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
Last quarter (tbc) ⁷	Meeting of Experts to adopt a code of practice or guidelines on best practices in road transport safety	Geneva

⁶ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 332nd Session (March 2018) ([GB.332/POL/2](#)).

⁷ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) ([GB.329/PV](#), para. 512 and [GB.329/POL/4](#), Appendix II).

⁸ The JMC, initially scheduled on 20–21 June 2018, has been rescheduled to avoid possible disturbances with an unexpected event in Geneva on those dates.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
Last quarter (tbc) ⁷	Global Dialogue Forum on decent work in the world of sport	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
2020 (advance information)		
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

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13. *The Governing Body took note of the Programme of Meetings, as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body.*