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FOURTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

First report: Arrangements for the 14th African Regional Meeting

1. According to article 2 of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, adopted by the Governing Body at its 332nd Session (March 2018) and confirmed by the 107th Session (June 2018) of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda.
2. The draft revised Introductory Note to the Rules for Regional Meetings proposed to the Governing Body at its current session¹ provides that “Regional Meetings are held in the country where the relevant ILO regional office is located, unless the Governing Body accepts the offer of another member State of the region to host a Meeting”. The last African Regional Meeting was held in Addis Ababa in November–December 2015. During the induction seminar for African Governing Body members held in Abidjan in February 2018, the Government of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire expressed interest in hosting the 14th African Regional Meeting. The Government’s offer was confirmed by letters dated 26 February and 14 September 2018.
3. Côte d’Ivoire is a party to the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and its Annex I relating to the ILO and has also concluded an agreement on 20 January 2017, concerning the status of the International Labour Organization in the country which covers ILO meetings. As such, it satisfies the condition in article 2, paragraph 2, of the Rules for Regional Meetings relating to the legal protection of the ILO in the country in connection with the organization of the 14th African Regional Meeting. A host agreement, incorporating as appropriate the standard clauses appended to the Rules will be concluded with Côte d’Ivoire in accordance with article 2, paragraph 2, of the Rules.
4. Following informal consultations with the Government and the prospection of suitable venues at specific dates, it is now possible to propose to the Governing Body that

¹ [GB.334/WP/GBC/3](#).

the 14th African Regional Meeting be held in Abidjan, from Tuesday, 3 to Friday, 6 December 2019.

5. In line with previous African Regional Meetings, the proposed working languages of the Meeting are Arabic, English and French.
6. The proposed agenda of the Meeting is to discuss, on the basis of the Director-General's Report and the 2015 Addis Ababa Declaration, the progress made by countries over the last four years regarding the implementation of the Decent Work Agenda in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the African Union Agenda 2063. Particular attention will be given to an integrated mix of policies conducive to the implementation of the Decent Work Agenda and more specifically to promote productive and inclusive development, full and productive employment, and decent work for young women and men in the current and future labour markets; rethink the future of work in the informal and rural economy; revamp social protection for inclusive development; promote effective social dialogue in the changing world of work; enhance the application of international labour standards; and ensure fair and effective labour migration governance. It is expected that the Meeting will form the basis for a platform for action to advance towards a better future of work that ILO constituents want in Africa.
7. The list of member States from the African region invited to attend the 14th African Regional Meeting as full members is contained in the appendix to document GB.334/WP/GBC/3. A preliminary list of international organizations and international non-governmental organizations to be invited to the 14th African Regional Meetings is proposed in document GB.334/INS/15.
8. States from other ILO regions, non-member States, and other international organizations and international non-governmental organizations interested in attending the 14th African Regional Meeting as an observer should send their request to the International Labour Office by 24 May 2019, so that the Governing Body can consider them at its 336th Session (22 June 2019).

Draft decision

9. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, approved the proposed dates, venue, agenda, composition and arrangements for the 14th African Regional Meeting.*