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Knowledge resources

I/1. Interregional workshop on promoting a decent work approach to crisis response and recovery: A South–South and triangular cooperation dialogue

Proposed date:	6–7 March 2019
Place:	Amman, Jordan
Financing:	SSTC/RBTC (US\$40,000) Government of the United States (US\$18,000)
Geographical coverage:	Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	15
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to facilitate access for refugees and members from host communities to the formal labour market and create short-term employment and livelihoods opportunities; (ii) to discuss existing and future work areas and peer learning good practices in order to develop skills of Syrian refugees needed when they return to Syria to support recovery and reconstruction efforts, through South–South and triangular cooperation; (iii) to discuss the role of the private sector in enhancing productivity and export promotion in host countries and contributing to long term socio-economic development; and (iv) to discuss the role of the unions in respecting and protecting labour rights and reducing conflict/tensions between foreign and domestic labour, which have been exacerbated by the crisis and refugee influx.
Resource persons:	One international consultant
Observers:	Development partners and United Nations agencies in Jordan
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205)
Working languages:	English, Arabic and Turkish

Future of work

I/2. Singapore conference on the future of work: Embracing technology, inclusive growth

Proposed date:	29–30 April 2019
Place:	Singapore
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$150,000) Singapore tripartite partners (US\$650,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam, as well as: One from ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE), one from ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC), and one from ASEAN Secretariat
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	18
(b) Employers:	18
(c) Workers:	18
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to serve as a forum for ASEAN+8 member States and social partners to exchange their views about the Global Commission Report on the Future of Work launched in January 2019; (ii) to move toward agreement on subregional and regional commitments to be taken to keep social justice and decent work on the right track in the future of work; and (iii) to add value through its large-scale tripartite dialogue and to generate a subregional commitment to taking action on the areas outlined in the Global Commission's Report.
Resource persons:	Tripartite panel participants Ministers Global Commissioners on Future of Work
Observers:	Approx. 500 participants (for the first day only): – Additional government delegates – Additional social partners, representatives of employers' and workers' organizations from ASEAN and participating countries that will be invited by Singapore's social partners (Singapore National Trades Union Congress (SNTUC) and Singapore National Employers' Federation (SNEF))

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>– Representatives of Singapore-based local and international organizations, non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academics</p> <p>ILO Conventions and Recommendations related to four pillars of Decent Work (Creating jobs, Rights at work, Social protection and Promoting social dialogue)</p> <p>Employment Promotion: Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), Employment Policy Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122), Employment Policy (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1984 (No. 169), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168), Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988 (No. 176), Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998 (No. 189), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195),</p> <p>Equality at workplace: Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)</p> <p>Social Protection: Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167)</p> <p>Social dialogue: Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)</p>
Working language:	English

Employment policy

I/3. Tripartite workshop on youth employment creation: Promoting the use of labour market information for effective policymaking

Proposed date:	8–13 April 2019
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$16,250)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Egypt, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to enhance the capacity of policymakers to develop comprehensive policies and strategies to tackle the multifaceted dimensions of the youth employment challenge, with gender mainstreaming; (ii) to promote the use of labour market information in the development, revision or implementation of evidence-based policies and programmes that promote employment creation for youth among other disadvantaged groups.
Resource persons:	Two consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160), Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158), Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170)
Working language:	English

I/4. Tripartite workshop on promotion of quality jobs and decent work in the rural economy

Proposed date:	23–27 September 2019
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$16,250)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	to provide technical assistance for the development and implementation of policies and strategies that prioritize the promotion of productive employment and decent work in the rural economy.
Resource persons:	Two consultants
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Rural Workers' Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141), Rural Workers' Organisations Recommendation, 1975 (No. 149), Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Indigenous and Tribal Populations Recommendation, 1957 (No. 104), Plantations Convention, 1958 (No. 110), Safety and Health in Agriculture Convention, 2001 (No. 184), Safety and Health in Agriculture Recommendation, 2001 (No. 192)
Working language:	English

Social protection

I/5. Regional training on monitoring SDG 1.3 and social protection statistics

Proposed date:	31 October–2 November 2018
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	RBTC (US\$28,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
Governments:	20
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to enhance the capacity of key actors in national social protection statistics to better design and manage monitoring systems; and (ii) to improve the knowledge on the methods and definitions of social protection statistics as well as to obtain knowledge on the SDG 1.3 reporting systems

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102) Resolution of the Ninth International Conference of Labour Statisticians on Social Security Statistics, 1957
Working language:	English

I/6. ILO/ASEAN seminar on strengthening social protection: The expansion of social security to workers in informal employment in ASEAN

Proposed date:	20 February 2019
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Japan (US\$33,255)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, as well as: One representative from ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) One representative from ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC) Two representatives from ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM) Two representatives from ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMS WD)
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to discuss regional recommendations on the expansion of social security to workers in informal employment in ASEAN; and (ii) to promote nationally defined social protection floors in line with the ILO Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202) in ASEAN, as well as discuss the way forward.
Resource persons:	ASEAN Secretariat Ministry of Labour of Thailand Social Security Office of Thailand
Observers:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMS WD) ASEAN Social Security Association (ASSA)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English

I/7. ILO/Korea training workshop on employment injury insurance (EII): Capacity-building on EII policy and administration

Proposed date:	4–8 March 2019
Place:	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Financing:	Government of Korea (US\$12,000) COMWEL ¹ (US\$26,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	3
(b) Employers:	3
(c) Workers:	3
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to understand how administrative reforms on employment injury insurance (EII) operations can be carried out and strategies to improve the quality of service provided to customers; (ii) to share countries' schemes, best practices, examine current situations and administrative processes and establish an action plan; and (iii) to identify constraints of the current administrative processes and develop solutions in order to address those challenges.
Resource persons:	COMWEL experts
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 [Schedule I amended in 1980] (No. 121), Employment Injury Benefits Recommendation, 1964 (No. 121), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

¹ The Korea Workers' Compensation and Welfare Service (COMWEL).

I/8. Subregional conference on social protection for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Proposed date:	5–9 March 2019
Place:	Castries, St. Lucia
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$20,000) UNICEF (US\$50,000) OECS (US\$10,000) UN, WFP, Governments of Canada and United Kingdom (US\$44,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and two non-metropolitan territories (Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands)
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	74
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to focus on the importance for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), to build a social protection floor and provide practical experience on how to achieve this major policy milestone, including its financing; (ii) to address the critical issue of coordination of policy design and implementation to help find solutions on how to address fragmented social transfers that are not adequate, low in coverage and weak in implementation; (iii) to analyse the role of the social protection floor as a tool for resilience and climate change management in the context of the recent shocks such as the hurricanes in 2017, and also address legal framework and governance mechanisms of social protection systems which are the backbone for effective delivery of benefits and services; and (iv) to contribute towards the Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1).

Resource persons:	Specialists from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Specialists from the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) Caribbean Community (CARICOM) United Nations agencies
Observers:	Civil society organizations (CSOs) Donor community
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
Working language:	English

I/9. Tripartite workshop on strengthening the capacity of social partners to participate in the design, implementation and monitoring of social protection systems to effectively respond to major changes in the world of work

Proposed date:	19–24 August 2019
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe
Financing:	RBTC (US\$18,750) ARLAC (US\$16,250)
Geographical coverage:	Egypt, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to enable member States to advance towards the attainment of SDG targets 1.3, 3.8, 5.4, 8.5 and 10.4; and (ii) to enhance the knowledge base and capacity of members to design, manage or monitor social protection systems.
Resource persons:	Two consultants

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118), Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English

Governance and tripartism

I/10. Second joint dialogue between the ASEAN Trade Union Council and the ASEAN Confederation of Employers: “Towards regional advocacy priorities for implementing the ASEAN consensus on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers”

Proposed date:	21–22 February 2019
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Governments of Australia and Canada (US\$19,000)
Geographical coverage:	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, two regional representatives from the ASEAN Trade Union Council, (ATUC), two regional representatives from the ASEAN Confederation of Employers, (ACE)
Composition of participants:	
(a) Employers:	12
(b) Workers:	12
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to promote dialogue and cooperation between ACE and ATUC on migration issues and review the progress of the 2016 agreement and lessons learned from its implementation; (ii) to discuss the ASEAN Consensus and fair recruitment, identify areas of shared commitments and propose a set of recommendations to priority activities of ACE and ATUC; and (iii) to contribute to the process and adoption of the Global Compact for Migration.
Observers:	A representative from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia A representative from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Canada

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	International Labour Standards and Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (2017) Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204)
Working language:	English

I/11. Migration and mobility governance tripartite subregional validation workshop

Proposed date:	27–29 March 2019
Place:	Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti
Financing:	European Union (US\$136,500)
Geographical coverage:	Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	42
(b) Employers:	14
(c) Workers:	14
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to disseminate findings and recommendations of the three studies presented to the ILO tripartite constituents, policymakers, partners and stakeholders; (ii) to facilitate dialogue and exchange ideas and practices among stakeholders involved in labour migration and mobility governance; (iii) to gather concrete inputs and comments on the three draft reports from participants of the workshop; and (iv) to enhance ownership and further utilization of the reports in developing national and regional policies and programmes on labour migration by stakeholders and supporting continued social dialogue on the matter.
Resource persons:	Consultants Jet Education Services Agulhas Applied Knowledge

Observers:	15 observers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)– European Union– United Nations agencies– German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)– Civil society organizations working in the area of labour migration and mobility governance
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	International Labour Standards and Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration ILO General principles and operational guidelines for fair recruitment UN Global Compact for Migration Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97), Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
Working languages:	English, French and Arabic

I/12. Subregional technical meeting on Economic and Social Councils (ESCs)

Proposed date:	25–26 September 2019
Place:	Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia
Financing:	European Commission (US\$42,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Republic of North Macedonia as well as Kosovo ²
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers:	12
(c) Workers:	12
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to improve the functioning of the Economic and Social Councils (ESCs) in the target countries, aiming at enhancing their participation and relevance in national economic and social policymaking; (ii) to focus on peer and self-assessing progress in the implementation of recommendations, that each ESC has committed to implement in order to improve its functioning and effectiveness; and (iii) to share progress and lessons learned in implementation of recommendations and identification of future subregional activities under a potential ESAP II project.

² As defined under UN Security Council Resolution 1244.

Resource persons:	ESC representatives
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working languages:	English, Albanian, Macedonian, Serbian, Bosnian and Croat

Sectoral activities

I/13. Greater Mekong subregional meeting on road freight transport safety

Proposed date:	15–17 January 2019
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$55,000)
Geographical coverage:	Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	12
(b) Employers	6
(c) Workers	6
Purpose of the meeting:	to discuss road safety practices and the most common decent work deficits in the road freight transport sector, with a view to adopting conclusions and recommendations aimed at the improvement of working conditions of drivers and the promotion of decent work.
Resource persons:	Representatives from United Nations sister agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) – United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) – United Nations SG Special Envoy for Road Safety – WHO Secretariat to the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety Advisors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – International Organisation of Employers (IOE) – International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – International Road Transport Union (IRU) – International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) – International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)

Observers	Asian Development Bank (ADB) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Australasian AID European Commission German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) The Japan International Cooperation Agency International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Mekong Institute
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Hours of Work and Rest Periods (Road Transport) Convention, 1979 (No. 153), Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Social Policy (Non-Metropolitan Territories) Convention, 1947 (No. 82)
Working languages:	English, Thai, Vietnamese, Lao, Burmese, Chinese (Mandarin) and Khmer

I/14. Subregional meeting on promoting decent work in the rural economy in Central Africa

Proposed date:	12–14 February 2019
Place:	Brazzaville, Congo
Financing:	African Development Bank (US\$284,723) ILO regular budget (US\$65,410) RBTC (US\$60,489)
Geographical coverage:	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	70
(b) Employers	14
(c) Workers	14
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to share knowledge and build capacity on programmes and approaches to promote decent work and productive employment for youth in the rural economy using a multi-sectoral approach focusing on youth employment, skills development and employability, women’s economic empowerment, productive transformation and economic diversification;

	(ii) to address future of work in the rural economy as well as climate change and resilience and contribute to the implementation of G20 strategy and the AfDB's Ten Year Strategy to promote inclusive and green growth and in particular the High Five priorities; and
	(iii) to provide an opportunity for social partners and sectorial ministry officials to develop their capacities in strategies and approaches to help them expand access to skill development systems in rural areas.
Resource persons:	African Development Bank (AfDB) International consultants: Two from International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Two from International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) Two from Central African Employers' Union (UNIPACE) Two from Business Africa
Observers	Technical and financial partners (UN agencies) Experts, researchers, regional and local actors of rural development, representatives of NGOs Multinational enterprises in the agribusiness (OLAM, Nestlé) and multinationals in the infrastructure Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) African Union/the New Partnership for Africa's Development (AU/NEPAD) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 11), Rural Workers' Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), Plantations Convention, 1958 (No. 110) ILO MNE Declaration
Working languages:	English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

Employers' activities**I/15. Certificate course programme on macroeconomics for social negotiators: 5th Caribbean Academy for Management of Employers' Organizations (CAMEO)**

Proposed date:	20–24 May 2019
Place:	St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	RBTC (US\$76,788)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following nine non-metropolitan territories: Aruba, Bermuda, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Cayman Islands, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands
Composition of participants:	
Employers	25
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to provide employers with relevant knowledge regarding issues relating to macroeconomics, as well as tools, data and techniques used in socio-economic polities; (ii) to examine the economic performance of nations, use economic theory to explain the progress of economies and relate basic economic theory to public policy decisions; (iii) to identify the costs and benefits of economic decisions and use economic data and statistics to substantiate policy positions; and (iv) to interpret diagrams and tables and use the information to make informed judgements and decisions.
Resource persons:	Two academics
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122)
Working language:	English

Workers' activities

I/16. Regional workshop on decent work and productivity improvement for sustainable development in Africa

Proposed date:	12–14 November 2018
Place:	Mombasa, Kenya
Financing:	JTUC–RENGO (US\$40,000) RBTC (US\$15,000)
Geographical coverage:	Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Composition of participants:	
Workers	40
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to assess the capacity of trade unions to participate in concerted efforts for improving productivity and competitiveness, creating more employment opportunities and enhancing mechanisms for social dialogue and collective bargaining; (ii) to evaluate the roles played by the trade unions in influencing the establishment of national productivity structures as well as determining the sharing of gains of productivity improvements; and (iii) to deliberate on the future mechanisms involving workers' organizations and productivity improvement in Africa in the context of the ongoing ACTRAV/RENGO collaboration.
Resource persons:	Three representative of JTUC–RENGO
Observers	Kenya Productivity Centre Productivity SA International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa African Union Commission Pan-African Productivity Association Government of Kenya Federation of Kenyan Employers
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151),

Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154),
Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158),
Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122),
Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95),
Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131)

Working languages: English and French

I/17. Subregional conference on the “The Future of Work We Want”: Workers’ perspectives from the Caribbean

Proposed date: 14–15 February 2019

Place: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Financing: RBTC (US\$50,000)

Geographical coverage: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the following seven non-metropolitan territories:

Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, Curacao, Montserrat, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands

Composition of participants:

Workers 22

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to bring together trade unions, employers, governments and academics to discuss the issues shaping the world of work of today as well as in the future; and
- (ii) to gain crucial and better insight from leading academics in the region of what will affect future labour markets in the Caribbean and assist workers in the region to strengthen their position throughout the Centenary and beyond.

Resource persons:

- Four Governments
- Two Employers
- Three academics
- One from the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (ITUC–TUCA)
- One from the Caribbean Congress of Labour

Observers Global Union Federation

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142), Human Resources Development Recommendation, 2004 (No. 195), Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)

ILO MNE Declaration
 Working language: English

I/18. Capacity-building on freedom of association and collective bargaining for journalist trade unions in eastern Africa

Proposed date: 4–8 March 2019
 Place: Kwale, Kenya
 Financing: RBTC (US\$34,000)
 Geographical coverage: Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda

Composition of participants:
 Workers 20

Purpose of the meeting:

- (i) to highlight the pivotal role of freedom of association in fostering and maintaining free, representative and democratic unions in the media industry in eastern Africa; and
- (ii) to provide ideas for journalist trade union organizations in the region on how to work together to achieve real and tangible results for freedom of association.

Resource persons: International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)
 Observers: One International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa)
 One Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU)
 One East African Trade Union Confederation (EATUC)

Relevance to international labour standards and other texts: Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Convention, 1949 (No. 94), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154), Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No. 95), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131)

Working languages: English and French

**I/19. ILO Multinational Enterprises Declaration:
Role of trade unions in Central Asia**

Proposed date:	9–10 April 2019
Place:	Samarkand, Uzbekistan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$15,700)
Geographical coverage:	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers	28
Purpose of the meeting:	<p>(i) to use the new MNE follow-up mechanisms in order to foster implementation of the MNE Declaration's principles through social dialogue and extension of labour law protection;</p> <p>(ii) to diagnose and review the evolvement of the situation in the countries, including the coverage of collective bargaining and the advancements or weakening of labour law provisions in specific sectors and at national level; and</p> <p>(iii) to encourage the establishment of mechanisms for voluntary company–union dialogue, including across countries through global framework agreements, and contribute to the establishment of Tripartite National Focal Points in the countries.</p>
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	<p>Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100), Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111), Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131), Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971 (No. 135), Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154).</p>
Working languages:	English and Russian

**I/20. Decent work for people with disabilities:
Role of trade unions in the Arab Region**

Proposed date:	15–17 April 2019
Place:	Amman, Jordan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Yemen, as well as the Occupied Palestinian Territory
Composition of participants:	
Workers	21
Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to address trade union actions on decent work for people with disabilities in a regional and national forum; (ii) to disseminate ACTRAV research and raise awareness on inclusion of persons with disabilities and the relation between this and decent work; and (iii) to identify ways forward for trade union activities on decent work for people with disabilities.
Observers	Two from the Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168)
Working languages:	English and Arabic

I/21. Decent work for people with disabilities: Role of trade unions in Europe and Central Asia

Proposed date:	7–9 May 2019
Place:	Baku, Azerbaijan
Financing:	RBTC (US\$49,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Republic of North Macedonia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Composition of participants:	
Workers	40

Purpose of the meeting:	(i) to address trade union actions on decent work for people with disabilities in a regional and national forum; (ii) to disseminate ACTRAV research and raise awareness on inclusion of persons with disabilities and the relation between this and decent work; and (iii) to identify ways forward for trade union activities on decent work for people with disabilities.
Relevance to international labour standards and other texts:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168)
Working languages:	English and Russian

Timetable of approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
AFRICA		
2018		
12–14 November	Regional workshop on decent work and productivity improvement for sustainable development in Africa	Mombasa, Kenya
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		
2018		
31 October–2 November	Regional training on monitoring SDG 1.3 and social protection statistics	Bangkok, Thailand
AFRICA		
2019		
12–14 February	Subregional meeting on promoting decent work in the rural economy in Central Africa	Brazzaville, Congo
4–8 March	Capacity-building on freedom of association and collective bargaining for journalist trade unions in eastern Africa	Kwale, Kenya
27–29 March	Migration and mobility governance tripartite subregional validation workshop	Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti
8–13 April	Tripartite workshop on youth employment creation: Promoting the use of labour market information for effective policymaking	Harare, Zimbabwe
19–24 August	Tripartite workshop on strengthening the capacity of social partners to participate in the design, implementation and monitoring of social protection systems to effectively respond to major changes in the world of work	Harare, Zimbabwe
23–27 September	Tripartite workshop on promotion of quality jobs and decent work in the rural economy	Harare, Zimbabwe
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC		
2019		
15–17 January	Greater Mekong subregional meeting on road freight transport safety	Bangkok, Thailand
20 February	ILO/ASEAN seminar on strengthening social protection: The expansion of social security to workers in informal employment in ASEAN	Bangkok, Thailand
21–22 February	Second joint dialogue between the ASEAN Trade Union Council and the ASEAN Confederation of Employers	Bangkok, Thailand
4–8 March	ILO/Korea training workshop on employment injury insurance (EII): Capacity-building on EII policy and administration	Seoul, Republic of Korea
29–30 April	Singapore conference on the culture of work: embracing technology, inclusive growth	Singapore

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
EUROPE		
2019		
9–10 April	ILO Multinational Enterprises Declaration: Role of trade unions in Central Asia	Samarkand, Uzbekistan
7–9 May	Decent work for people with disabilities: Role of trade unions in Europe and Central Asia	Baku, Azerbaijan
25–26 September	Subregional technical meeting on Economic and Social Councils (ESCs)	Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN		
2019		
14–15 February	Subregional conference on the “The Future of Work We Want”: Workers’ perspectives from the Caribbean	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
5–9 March	Subregional conference on social protection for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)	Castries, St Lucia
13–17 May	Certificate course programme on macroeconomics for social negotiators: 5th Caribbean Academy for Management of Employers’ Organizations (CAMEO)	St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
INTERREGIONAL		
2019		
6–7 March	Interregional workshop on promoting a decent work approach to crisis response and recovery: A South–South and triangular cooperation dialogue	Amman, Jordan
15–17 April	Decent work for people with disabilities: Role of trade unions in the Arab Region	Amman, Jordan