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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

► Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

Reappointments

1. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint, for a period of three years, the following members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR). Career highlights of the seven members are reproduced in the Appendix.*
 - Mr Ago (Japan)
 - Ms Athanassiou (Greece)
 - Mr Filali Meknassi (Morocco)
 - Mr Pougoué (Cameroon)

- Ms Sankaran (India)
- Ms Thomas-Felix (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Mr Waas (Germany)

Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)

New appointment

2. *In order to fill a vacancy, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint the following person as a member of the Joint Committee for a period until 31 December 2024:*

- Ms Xiaodong Zeng (China)

Ms Xiaodong Zeng is a professor at the Faculty of Education at the Beijing Normal University, with research interests in the economics of early childhood education and care and teacher policy. Professor Zeng has worked on numerous education projects related to education planning in poor areas and early childhood development. She is the author (with Edward Vickers) of *Education and Society in Post-Mao China* (2017). She is currently working to extend this analysis to the institutional evolution and care practices in early childhood education in China since 1949. Professor Zeng holds a bachelor degree in physics and a doctorate in the economics of education.

Meeting of experts for the tripartite validation of the technical guidelines on general principles of labour inspection (Virtual, 13–16 December 2021)

3. At its 341st Session (March 2021), the Governing Body approved the holding of a virtual meeting of experts for the tripartite validation of technical guidelines on general principles of labour inspection, from 13 to 16 December 2021. These guidelines are aimed at enabling the withdrawal of the Labour Inspection Recommendation, 1923 (No. 20), at the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference (2022), as recommended by the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group, and decided at the 334th Session of the Governing Body (GB.334/LILS/3 and GB.334/INS/2/1).
4. As indicated in the document submitted to the 341st Session,¹ it is proposed that the meeting be attended by eight experts nominated after consultation with governments, eight experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and eight experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body.
5. The Director-General intends to invite the International Association of Labour Inspection to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.
6. The proposed agenda for the meeting is the examination and adoption of technical guidelines on general principles of labour inspection.

¹ GB.341/INS/16(Rev.1), paragraph 24.

7. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend the approval of the composition and agenda of the meeting, and authorize the Director-General to invite the International Association of Labour Inspection to be represented at the meeting as an observer.*

► Part II. Programme of ILO official meetings in 2021 and 2022 (subject to regular review depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic)

Date	Title of meeting of meeting	Place
2021		
25 June	342nd Session of the Governing Body	Virtual
28 June	Meeting of the Tripartite Working Group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (dates of future meetings to be determined)	TBC
30 August–3 September	Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services (originally scheduled for 21–25 September 2020)	TBC
13–17 September	Sixth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	TBC
4–8 October	Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), hosted by UNESCO	Virtual
4–8 October	Meeting of experts to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	TBC
October (TBC)	Committee on Freedom of Association (343rd Session of the Governing Body)	TBC
1–13 November (TBC) ending on Saturday if virtual	343rd Session of the Governing Body	TBC
17–19 November	Workers' Symposium	TBC
22–26 November (TBC)	Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy (originally scheduled for 23–27 November 2020)	TBC
November (TBC)	Meeting of the Tripartite Working Group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains	TBC
24 November–11 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	TBC
30 November	Meeting of the Tripartite Committee to consider further improvements to the approved methodology of SDG indicator 8.8.2 on labour rights	Virtual
25 November–11 December	Resumed 109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Virtual
13–16 December	Meeting of experts for the tripartite validation of the technical	Virtual

Date	Title of meeting of meeting	Place
	guidelines on general principles of labour inspection	
	2022	
Third week of January (TBC)	Interactive forum with candidates for the post of ILO Director-General	Virtual
February (dates TBC)	Meeting of Experts to revise the 1992 Code of practice on safety and health in construction	Geneva
First quarter (dates TBC)	Technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector (originally scheduled for 22–26 February 2021)	Geneva
First quarter (dates TBC)	Meeting of experts for the tripartite validation of technical guidelines on biological hazards (TBC)	Geneva
10–12 March	Committee on Freedom of Association (344th Session of the Governing Body)	Geneva
14–25 March	344th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
14–15 March	Formal hearings for candidates to the post of ILO Director-General	Geneva
25 March	Election of the ILO Director-General	Geneva
Second quarter (TBC)	Tripartite meeting of experts on decent work in the platform economy	TBC
25–29 April	Fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended – Part II	Geneva
May (TBC) ²	V Global Conference on Child Labour	Durban
30 May–10 June	110th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
11 June	345th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
31 October–10 November	346th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
Last week of November, first week of December (exact dates to be determined at the 343rd Session of the Governing Body)	17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (postponed from 2021)	Singapore
23 November–10 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva

² Dates to be determined by the host country.

Date	Title of meeting of meeting	Place
Meetings for which dates are still to be determined		
Second quarter (dates TBC)	Technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector	Geneva
Postponed from 2021 (Dates TBC)	11th European Regional Meeting (to take place after the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting)	TBC
Postponed from 2021 to 2023 (Dates TBC)	Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO-IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers (originally scheduled for the third quarter of 2021)	Geneva
Dates TBC	Technical meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service sector	Geneva

8. *The Officers of the Governing Body approve the tentative Programme of meetings for the remainder of 2021 and for 2022, subject to regular review depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

▶ Draft decision

9. **The Governing Body, upon the recommendation of its Officers, decided:**
- (a) **to approve the reappointment of seven members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR).**
 - (b) **to approve the appointment of Prof Xiaodong Zeng to the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART);**
 - (c) **to approve the composition and agenda of the Meeting of experts for the tripartite validation of the technical guidelines on general principles of labour inspection, and authorize the Director-General to invite the International Association of Labour Inspection to be represented at the Meeting as an observer; and**
 - (d) **to take note of the programme of meetings as approved by its Officers, subject to regular review depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

▶ Appendix

Career highlights of the seven members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations considered for reappointment

Mr Shinichi AGO (Japan)

Professor Shinichi Ago has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, with special responsibility for the Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), and on the measures taken by Member States to submit to the competent authorities the instruments adopted by the Conference (article 19, paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, of the ILO Constitution). The quality of his work is highly appreciated by the Committee.

Professor Ago is Professor of Law at the Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto and Director of the Kyoto Museum for World Peace. Former Law Dean and Vice-President of the Faculty of Law at Kyushu University, he is a member of the Asian Society of International Law, the International Law Association and the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law. Professor Ago is President of the Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal.

Ms Lia ATHANASSIOU (Greece)

Professor Lia Athanassiou has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, where she has dealt in particular with the fishers and seafarers Conventions, including the MLC, 2006. Her expertise in commercial and maritime law is highly valued by the Committee.

Professor Athanassiou is a Full Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Faculty of Law). Elected Member of the Deanship Council of the Faculty of Law and Director of the Postgraduate Programme for Business and Maritime Law. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Paris I-Sorbonne and is a practising lawyer and arbitrator specializing in European, commercial and maritime law. She is a member of legislative committees on various commercial law issues. Professor Athanassiou has published extensively on maritime, competition, industrial property, company, European and transport law.

Mr Rachid FILALI MEKNASSI (Morocco)

Professor Rachid Filali Meknassi has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2009, with special responsibility for the Freedom of association, collective bargaining and industrial relations Conventions. He participated actively in the working group on the 2020 General Survey on certain instruments related to the strategic objective of employment as well as in the working group on the 2021 addendum to this General Survey. The quality of his work is highly appreciated by the Committee.

Professor Filali Meknassi is a Doctor of Law and a former Professor at the University Mohammed V of Rabat. He is a member of the Higher Council of Education, Training and

Scientific Research, a consultant with national and international public bodies and a member of several scientific committees and institutes. Professor Filali Meknassi was the founder and director of several NGOs and responsible for numerous development cooperation projects, including the ILO project "Sustainable Development through the Global Compact" (2005–08). Since 2000, he has collaborated in the training activities of the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin.

Mr Paul-Gérard POUYOUÉ (Cameroon)

Professor Paul-Gérard Pougoué has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2009, and has had special responsibility for examining the application of some of the elimination of child labour Conventions, the Social Policy Conventions, the dockworkers Conventions and the social security Conventions. The quality of his work is highly appreciated by the Committee.

Professor Pougoué is a Professor of Law (agrégé), Professor Emeritus at the Yaoundé University. Guest or associate professor at several universities and at the Hague Academy of International Law, he was the President of the jury for the agrégation competition (private law and criminal sciences section) of the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education (CAMES). He is a former member (1993–2001) of the Scientific Council of the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), a former member (2002–12) of the Council of the International Order of Academic Palms of CAMES and a member of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law, the International Foundation for the Teaching of Business Law, the Association Henri Capitant and the Society of Comparative Law. Professor Pougoué is President of the Association for the Promotion of Human Rights in Central Africa (APDHAC), Chairperson of the Scientific Board of the African Regional Centre for Labour Administration (CRADAT) and Chairperson of the Scientific Board of the Catholic University of Central Africa (UCAC).

Ms Kamala SANKARAN (India)

Professor Kamala Sankaran has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2018, and has had special responsibility for examining the application of the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), the dockworkers Conventions, the employment security Conventions, the employment policy and promotion Conventions, and the vocational guidance and training Conventions. She participated actively in the working group on the 2020 General Survey on certain instruments related to the strategic objective of employment as well as in the working group on the 2021 addendum to this General Survey. The quality of her work is highly appreciated by the Committee.

Professor Sankaran is a Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, and former Vice-Chancellor at the Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli (2016–19). She is the Former Dean, Legal Affairs, at the University of Delhi. She is a member of the Task Force to Review Labour Laws at the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised and Informal Sector, Government of India. She is a member of the International Advisory Board at the International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations and a member of the Editorial Board at the University of Oxford Human Rights Hub Journal. Professor Sankaran is a Fellow of the Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study, South Africa, a Visiting South Asian Research Fellow of the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies at the Oxford University and

Fulbright Post-Doctoral Research Scholar, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC.

Ms Deborah THOMAS-FELIX (Trinidad and Tobago)

Judge Deborah Thomas-Felix has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, and has had special responsibility for examining the application of the fishers and seafarers Conventions, including the MLC, 2006, and of the occupational safety and health Conventions. The quality of her work is highly appreciated by the Committee.

Judge Thomas-Felix is the President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago and Judge of the International Monetary Fund Administrative Tribunal. She is the former President of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and the former Second Vice-President of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal. She is a former Chair of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission and a former Chair of the Caribbean group of Securities Regulators. Judge Thomas-Felix is a former Deputy Chief Magistrate of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago and a former President of the Family Court of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. She is a Hubert Humphrey Fulbright Fellow, a Georgetown University Leadership Seminar Fellow and a Commonwealth Institute of Judicial Education Fellow.

Mr Bernd WAAS (Germany)

Professor Bernd Waas has been a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations since 2015, and has had special responsibility for examining the application of the employment security Conventions, the employment policy and promotion Conventions, the vocational guidance and training Conventions, some of the equality of opportunity and treatment Conventions and the wages and working time Conventions. He participated actively in the working group on the 2020 General Survey on certain instruments related to the strategic objective of employment as well as in the working group on the 2021 addendum to this General Survey. The quality of his work is highly appreciated by the Committee.

Professor Waas is a Professor of Labour Law and Civil Law at the University of Frankfurt. He is a Coordinator and a member of the European Labour Law Network and a Coordinator of the European Centre of Expertise in the field of labour law, employment and labour market policies (ECE). Professor Waas is the President of the German Society for Labour and Social Security Law and member of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law (ISLSSL) and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Labour Law Research Network (LLRN).