



Symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body¹

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Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector

Declaration

1. *South-Eastern European and Central Asian High-level Tripartite Seminar on the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work*

Proposed date:	May 2001
Place:	Istanbul, Turkey
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$50,000)
Geographical coverage:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Turkey
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	7
(b) Employers:	7
(c) Workers:	7
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to familiarize the participants with the contents of the Declaration and its follow-up; (ii) to assist them in identifying how these can be used by ILO constituents in each country for promoting a sound development that incorporates greater respect for fundamental principles and rights at work.
Relevance to international labour standards:	The fundamental labour standards, that is: Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); 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); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)
Working languages:	English, Russian and Turkish

2. ILO/Japan Asian Regional Seminar on the Application of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work: Additional information ²

Former date: 21-23 November 2000

New date: 20-22 November 2000

Place: Kathmandu, Nepal

3. African Subregional Seminar on Implementing the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work: Additional information ³

Former date: 27 November-1 December 2000

New date: 20-24 November 2000

Place: Harare, Zimbabwe

4. South Pacific Meeting on Social Dialogue (with Focus on the ILO Declaration): Additional information ⁴

Former date: 26-29 September 2000

New date: 13-14 December 2000

Former place: Nadi, Fiji

New place: Wellington, New Zealand

Former title: Tripartite Pacific Multi-island Subregional Seminar on the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

New title: See above

Geographical coverage: In addition to the countries listed in GB.278/Inf.2, item 1, participants from New Zealand would also be invited to attend. Vanuatu and Western Samoa would attend as observers.

² GB.277/Inf.2, item 2.

³ GB.278/Inf.2, item 2.

⁴ GB.278/Inf.2, item 1.

Child labour

5. *African Subregional Seminar on the Role of Labour Inspection in Combating Child Labour: Additional information*⁵

Former date:	18-23 September 2000
New date:	26 February-2 March 2001
Place:	Harare, Zimbabwe

Labour standards

6. *East-African Subregional Seminar on International Labour Standards for Labour Court Judges*

Proposed date:	April 2001
Place:	Kampala, Uganda
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$98,000)
Geographical coverage:	Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	9 (host country 3; other countries 1 each)
(b) Employers:	9 (host country 3; other countries 1 each)
(c) Workers:	9 (host country 3; other countries 1 each)
(d) Labour court judges:	18 (host country 6; other countries 2 each)
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to contribute to a better understanding and application of ILO standards by labour courts in the participating countries; (ii) to highlight and review major trends in the application of ILO standards at the international level and in the subregion.
Relevance to international labour standards:	All international labour standards
Working language:	English

⁵ GB.278/Inf.2, item 3.

7. Seminar on Maritime Labour Standards for Selected Central and Eastern European Countries

Proposed date:	May 2001
Place:	St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$37,800); International Transport Workers' Federation (US\$45,000)
Geographical coverage:	Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Ukraine
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	11
(b) Employers:	11
(c) Workers:	11
Resource persons:	Four international consultants
Purpose of meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to promote, among government officials, shipowners and seafarers and their organizations in the countries concerned, a better knowledge regarding the nature of selected international standards and practices on maritime labour legislation and their relationship to core ILO Conventions also applicable to the shipping sector;(ii) to discuss the inspection of ships in compliance with the relevant international maritime labour standards;(iii) to enhance the capacity of officials in the ministry/ministries responsible for social/labour issues in the maritime sector or persons delegated with such authority to draft regulations based on ILO instruments;(iv) to promote the ratification process of relevant ILO instruments;(v) to enhance the coordination within national administrations responsible for seafarers' social and labour issues;(vi) to promote a better understanding of the role of the government and the social partners and to strengthen the tripartite structures in the countries concerned.

Relevance to international labour standards:	All maritime labour standards, in particular Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 147), its protocol of 1996 and the Conventions listed in their respective appendices. The fundamental labour Conventions ⁶ will also be discussed.
Working languages:	English and Russian

8. *Caribbean Subregional Training Workshop for ILO Desk Officers: Additional information*⁷

Former date:	First quarter of 2001
New date:	19-23 March 2001
Former place:	Antigua and Barbuda
New place:	Trinidad and Tobago

Employment Sector

9. *Subregional Workshop for French-speaking African Countries on Information Systems concerning the Labour Market and the Indexes of Occupations and Jobs*

Proposed date:	11-13 December 2000
Place:	Dakar, Senegal
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$27,000);
Geographical coverage:	Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Senegal
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8

⁶ For a listing of fundamental labour standards see item 1, page 1.

⁷ GB.278/Inf.2, item 8.

Observers:	African Capacity Building Foundation African Development Bank Canadian International Development Agency Central Bank of the West African States Ministry for Human Resources Development, Canada Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne United Nations Development Programme West African Economic and Monetary Union World Bank
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to develop a common vision of the labour market in Africa; (ii) to strengthen the network of information between African countries; (iii) to permit the lending institutions to identify the links between the priorities of their institutions and employment, and to express their understanding of an index of professions.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)
Working language:	French

10. *Tripartite Asia and Pacific Meeting on Training for High Performance in Enterprises*

Proposed date:	12-14 December 2000
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$68,000)
Geographical coverage:	Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	8
(c) Workers:	8
Resource persons:	Four resource persons from academic institutions, one from a government authority and one each from an enterprise and a trade union

Observers:	Asian Development Bank Asia Productivity Board Association of South-East Asian Nations Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit International Monetary Fund Japanese International Cooperation Agency Korean International Cooperation Agency United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Bank
Purpose of meeting:	To review, exchange and disseminate international and regional experiences of learning and training for high performance working in enterprises, in the context of the global move towards knowledge-based economies
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); and Human Resources Development Recommendation, 1975 (No. 150)
Working language:	English

11. *First Caribbean Enterprise Forum*

Proposed date:	25-26 January 2001
Place:	Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	Government of the United States (US\$47,325)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	13
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13

Resource persons:	Management and labour representatives from selected enterprises in the Caribbean subregion (composition to be determined) ⁸
Observers:	Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce Caribbean Community Caribbean Congress of Labour Caribbean Employers' Confederation Inter-American Development Bank United Nations Development Programme United States Department of Labor
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to promote the application of fundamental principles and rights at work; (ii) to create greater opportunities for women and men to secure decent employment and income; (iii) to enhance the coverage and effectiveness of social protection for all; (iv) to strengthen tripartism and social dialogue.
Relevance to international labour standards:	All fundamental labour Conventions ⁹
Working language:	English

12. Caribbean Subregional Introductory Seminar on Labour Market Analysis

Proposed date:	5-14 February 2001
Place:	Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$30,000); Turin Centre (US\$10,000); Government of the United States (US\$72,355)

⁸ It is expected that resource persons fund their own participation.

⁹ For a listing of the fundamental labour Conventions see item 1, page 1.

Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	26 (one labour market analyst from the Ministry of Labour and the coordinator of labour force surveys of the Central Statistical Office from each of the participating countries)
(b) Employers:	13
(c) Workers:	13
Resource persons:	One from the United States Department of Labor and one from the United States Bureau for Labor Statistics ¹⁰
Purpose of meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to promote the production and use of labour market information for policy formulation; (ii) to generate consensus on guidelines to design, adopt and implement a multi-annual plan for the development of a Labour Market Information System in the Caribbean Subregion; (iii) to enhance the creation of greater opportunities for women in the world of work through better analysis of the labour market data and information.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160); and Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention, 1988 (No. 168)
Working language:	English

13. Subregional Technical Meeting on Strengthening Rehabilitation Services in the Caribbean

Proposed date:	28-29 March 2001
Place:	Trinidad and Tobago
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$8,365)
Geographical coverage:	Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago

¹⁰ To be funded by their own institutions.

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	5 (disability units within respective ministries)
(b) Employers:	2 (including one local)
(c) Workers:	2 (including one local)
Resource persons:	Two experts of specialized NGOs
Observers:	Caribbean Employers Confederation Caribbean Congress of Labour
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to mobilize and coordinate initiatives to strengthen employment services for the disabled in the Caribbean; (ii) to produce an agenda for a subregional tripartite meeting in late 2001 on disability issues in the region; (iii) to gain commitments on establishing an electronic network of information providers on disability concerns.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159); Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)
Working language:	English

14. XXXVth Meeting of the Technical Commission of CINTERFOR

Proposed date:	April or May 2001
Place:	Brasilia, Brazil
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$40,000); Government of Brazil (US\$50,000); and participating organizations (US\$40,000)
Geographical coverage:	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	36 (one official representative from each country)
(b) Employers:	8 (including 1 local)

(c) Workers:	8 (including 1 local)
(d) Others:	60 representatives of ministries of labour or official or non-official vocational training units, which are members of CINTERFOR. Many of them would attend as official representatives of their governments.
Resource persons:	Five international consultants
Observers:	<p>Inter-American Development Bank</p> <p>International Youth Movement</p> <p>Organization of American States</p> <p>Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture</p> <p>United Nations Development Programme</p> <p>United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization</p> <p>World Bank</p>
Purpose of meeting:	<p>(i) to approve the programme of work for the 2001-02 biennium and to evaluate the results of the work of the present biennium;</p> <p>(ii) to analyse the actual status of vocational training and discussing topics of main interest;</p> <p>(iii) to exchange experiences and proposing new activities of cooperation taking into account the priorities of countries;</p> <p>(iv) to confirm the annual contributions of members.</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142); and Human Resources Development Recommendation, 1975 (No. 150)
Working languages:	English and Spanish

**15. ILO/World Bank/Japan/JIL ¹¹/ASEM ¹²
Follow-up Meeting on Employment, Income
Security, and the Labour Market (co-hosted
by the Government of the Philippines):
Additional information ¹³**

Former date:	February 2001
New date:	1-2 March 2001
Place:	Manila, Philippines
Former title:	ILO/World Bank/Japan Follow-up Meeting on Employment, Income Security and the Labour Market (co-hosted by the Government of the Philippines)
New title:	See above

**16. Caribbean Subregional Training Seminar for
Public Employment Services Managers:
Additional information ¹⁴**

Former date:	24-28 July 2000
New date:	2001, to be determined
Place:	Jamaica

**17. Central American Subregional Tripartite Meeting
on Employment, Training and Vocational Skills:
Additional information ¹⁵**

Former date:	Second half of 2000
New date:	2001, to be determined
Former place:	Panama
New place:	To be determined

¹¹ Japan Institute of Labour.

¹² Asia-Europe Meeting.

¹³ GB.278/Inf.2, item 11.

¹⁴ GB.277/Inf.2, item 7.

¹⁵ GB.276/Inf.2, item 10; GB.277/Inf.2, item 8.

Social Protection Sector

18. *Tripartite Event prior to the African Development Forum 2000 – AIDS: the Greatest Leadership Challenge*

Proposed date:	Prior to the Forum 3-7 December 2000
Place:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Financing:	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; ILO (US\$100,000)
Geographical coverage:	All African countries
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	53
(b) Employers:	10
(c) Workers:	10
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to incite a new level of commitment and action against HIV/AIDS, which is a major threat to development in Africa; and (ii) to ensure, through the participation of ILO's tripartite constituents, that the social and labour implications of the issue are adequately discussed and that the main areas of concern to the constituents of the ILO are reflected in the deliberations of the Forum. The Forum is organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the ILO is organizing a one-day, pre-Forum event for its tripartite constituents.
Working languages:	English and French

19. *Caribbean Subregional Tripartite Meeting on Social Security Financing and Investment Policies for Pension Funds*

Proposed date:	26-27 April 2001
Place:	Antigua and Barbuda
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$26,650);
Geographical coverage:	Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	6
(b) Employers:	6
(c) Workers:	6
Resource persons:	The Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and others to be identified ¹⁶
Observers:	Caribbean Community Caribbean Congress of Labour Caribbean Employers' Confederation
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to discuss different forms of social security financing and investment strategies to safeguard the viability of insurance schemes in the era of globalization; (ii) to discuss the pension coverage of part-time and domestic workers, the majority of whom are women.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102); Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118); and Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157)
Working language:	English

20. High-level Central and Eastern European Subregional Meeting of Government Officials on Reform and Modernization of Labour Inspection Services: Additional information¹⁷

Former date:	19-25 October 2000
New date:	4-7 March 2001
Place:	Nicosia, Cyprus

¹⁶ It is expected that resource persons fund their own participation.

¹⁷ GB.278/Inf.2, item 15.

21. Asian Regional Tripartite Seminar on Action against Sexual Harassment at Work in Asia and the Pacific: Additional information¹⁸

Former date: January 2001
 New date: April 2001
 Place: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

22. Asian-Pacific Regional Seminar on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems: Additional information¹⁹

Former date: February 2001
 New date: May 2001
 Place: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 Observers: International Standards Organization (ISO-SIRIM), Malaysia
 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Malaysia
 Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA), Tokyo
 National University of Malaysia, School of Medicine
 United Nations Development Programme

Social Dialogue Sector

23. Caribbean Subregional Conciliation/Mediation Training Workshop for Government Conciliators

Proposed date: 12-17 February 2001
 Place: St. Kitts and Nevis
 Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$18,210); and participating governments (US\$24,304)
 Geographical coverage: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and

¹⁸ GB.278/Inf.2, item 7.

¹⁹ GB.278/Inf.2, item 16.

Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands

Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	15 conciliators/mediators
(b) Employers:	2
(c) Workers:	2
Resource persons:	One from the Ministry of Labour of Guyana, and one from the Ministry of Labour of Trinidad and Tobago
Purpose of meeting:	<p>(i) to improve/provide new skills in the conciliation/mediation process in order to increase the effectiveness of the major dispute resolution machinery;</p> <p>(ii) to strengthen the capacity of government conciliators/mediators to assist employers and workers to resolve their labour disputes.</p>
Relevance to international labour standards:	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 Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Voluntary Conciliation and Arbitration Recommendation, 1951 (No. 92); Examination of Grievances Recommendation, 1967 (No. 130); Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158); Labour Relations (Public Service) Recommendation, 1978 (No. 159); and Collective Bargaining Recommendation, 1981 (No. 163)
Working language:	English

24. *South-Eastern European Subregional Meeting on Social Dialogue and Initiative for Social Cohesion within the Stability Pact*

Proposed date:	February 2001
Place:	Budapest, Hungary
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$20,000); Government of Switzerland (US\$55,000); and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (US\$10,000)
Geographical coverage:	Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina (2 entities), Bulgaria, Croatia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (plus Employers' and Workers' delegates from Kosovo), The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Romania
Composition of participants:	

(a) Governments:	8
(b) Employers:	9
(c) Workers:	9
(d) Others:	7 national coordinators of the South-Eastern Europe Stability Pact; 1 representative of the South-Eastern Europe Employers' Forum; 1 representative of the Trade Union Forum of South Eastern Europe
Observers:	Council of Europe European Commission Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact World Bank
Purpose of meeting:	To discuss and elaborate proposals for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) implementing the "Initiative for Social Cohesion within the Stability Pact"; (ii) improving the cooperation between governments and social partners in the subregion; (iii) strengthening the role of the social partners within the Stability Pact at the regional and national level by introducing mechanisms for social dialogue at both levels.
Relevance to international labour standards:	The fundamental labour Conventions
Working languages:	Albanian, Bulgarian, English, French, Macedonian and Serbo-Croatian

25. Tripartite Regional Meeting on Social Dialogue in Asia

Proposed date:	February 2001
Place:	Bangkok, Thailand
Financing:	Government of Japan
Geographical coverage:	China, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	10
(b) Employers:	10

(c) Workers:	10
Resource persons:	8 persons from academic institutions, researchers, practitioners and experts, including those who practice social dialogue at the enterprise level.
Observers:	A tripartite delegation from Germany A tripartite delegation from Japan; Asian Development Bank; Asian Productivity Organization Association of South East Asian Nations Friedrich Ebert Stiftung International Industrial Relations Association United Nations Development Programme United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific World Bank
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to discuss the relevant policies, practices and substance of social dialogue including effects of financial crisis and globalization in selected Asian countries; (ii) to elaborate and redefine strategies for social dialogue by drawing lessons from similar experiences of other countries;
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144); Consultation (Industrial and National Levels) Recommendation, 1960 (No. 113); and Tripartite Consultation (Activities of the International Labour Organisation) Recommendation, 1976 (No. 152).
Working language:	English

26. ILO/CTO²⁰ Meeting on Labour Relations, Management-Workers' Cooperation in the Hotel and Tourism Sector in the Caribbean Subregion

Proposed date:	15-16 March 2001
Place:	Trinidad and Tobago

²⁰ Caribbean Tourism Organization.

Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$34,200); and Government of the United States (US\$30,000)
Geographical coverage:	Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands
Composition of participants:	
(a) Governments:	17
(b) Employers:	17
(c) Workers:	17
Resource persons:	Official from the Caribbean Tourism Association; official from the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; official from the Caribbean Hotel Association; officials from trade union organizations
Observers:	Caribbean Community Caribbean Congress of Labour Caribbean Employers' Confederation Hotel associations from participating countries
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to discuss the need to cultivate and promote social dialogue between employers and workers in the hotel and tourism sector; (ii) to discuss the development of training programmes for Caribbean workers in this sector in order to upgrade their skills to secure middle and top management positions in international hotel establishments in the sector; (iii) to discuss how to create more and better jobs in the sector.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Collective Bargaining Convention, 1981 (No. 154); Working Conditions (Hotels and Restaurants) Convention, 1991 (No. 172); Working Conditions (Hotels and Restaurants) Recommendation, 1991 (No. 179)
Working language:	English

Employers' activities**27. African Subregional Workshop for Employers' Organizations on the Impact of HIV/AIDS at the Workplace**

Proposed date:	28-30 November 2000
Place:	Douala, Cameroon
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$58,000); and UNAIDS (US\$85,000)
Geographical coverage:	West and Central Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Mali Nigeria, Senegal and Togo
Composition of participants:	
Employers	24
Resource persons:	Local consultants
Purpose of meeting:	To develop an Action Programme for the employers' organizations to contribute towards the prevention, care and control of HIV/AIDS at the workplace
Working languages:	English and French

28. Third Subregional Meeting of Employers' Organizations of the Applicant Central and Eastern European Countries

Proposed date:	7-8 December 2000
Place:	Vilnius, Lithuania
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$350); Government of the Netherlands (US\$50,500); and Government of Denmark (US\$9,100)
Geographical coverage:	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
Composition of participants:	
Employers	33
Resource persons:	Three experts on health and safety in employers' organizations

Purpose of meeting: To increase the knowledge of employers' organizations of the applicant countries on the setting up of a self-supporting service on health and safety for the benefit of their members.

Working language: English

29. Central and South-Eastern European Employers' Forum

Proposed date: March or April 2001

Place: Sofia, Bulgaria, or Zagreb, Croatia

Financing: ILO regular budget (US\$2,500); and Government of Denmark (US\$5,000)

Geographical coverage: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Slovenia

Composition of participants:

Employers 6

Purpose of meeting:

- (i) to follow up on the Meeting of Working Table II of the Stability Pact for South-East Europe (Istanbul, 16-17 October 2000);
- (ii) to prepare for the next Meeting of Working Table II (April 2001); and
- (iii) to draft proposals for employers' activities initiatives in the South-East Europe subregion.

Relevance to international labour standards: 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); and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Working language: English

30. African Subregional Employers' Seminar on Industrial Relations and Human Resources Development (Training of Trainers)

Proposed date: April 2001

Place:	Blantyre, Malawi
Financing:	Government of Norway (US\$34,036)
Geographical coverage:	Malawi, Mozambique, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia
Composition of participants:	
Employers	12 (3 per country)
Resource persons:	One employer expert
Observer:	Employers' Consultative Association of Malawi (in addition to sending participants)
Purpose of meeting:	To train staff of employers' organizations and employers' representatives on how to use reading and training material on industrial relations and human resources development
Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)
Working language:	English

31. *Technical Meeting on Employers and Vocational Training in Latin America: Additional information*²¹

Former date:	August 2000
New date:	March 2001
Place:	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

Workers' activities

32. *Latin American Subregional Workers' Seminar on the Role of Trade Unions in the Promotion of Youth Employment in the MERCOSUR Region*

Proposed date:	February 2001
Place:	Montevideo, Uruguay
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$33,052);

²¹ GB.276/Inf.2, item 26; GB.277/Inf. 2, item 23; GB.278/Inf.2, item 29.

Geographical coverage:	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	11
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to present and discuss a manual on the role of trade unions to promote youth employment;
	(ii) to define tasks and challenges that trade unions face in promoting youth employment;
	(iii) to improve the understanding and appreciation of the role of trade unions for young people, governments, the social partners and civil society in general;
	(iv) to facilitate learning from the experience of each other by providing examples of what succeeded and what failed.
Relevance to international labour standards:	Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122); and Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)
Working language:	Spanish

33. *Subregional Workers' Workshop for Portuguese-speaking African Countries on the Strengthening of Social Dialogue*

Proposed date:	First quarter of 2001
Place:	Maputo, Mozambique
Financing:	ILO regular budget (US\$35,000)
Geographical coverage:	Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe
Composition of participants:	
Workers:	15
Resource persons:	One expert from a workers' organization
Purpose of meeting:	(i) to identify the structures of social dialogue in the countries in question;
	(ii) to strengthen the capacity of workers' organizations to promote a real and sustainable social dialogue;
	(iii) to exchange experiences and initiate activities of cooperation between trade union centrals.

Relevance to international labour standards:	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); and Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)
Working language:	Portuguese

34. Central American Subregional Workers' Seminar on Gender, Employment and Conditions of Work: Additional information²²

Former date:	October or November 2000
New date:	20-23 November 2000
Place:	San José, Costa Rica

35. Latin American Regional Workers' Seminar on Social Dialogue, Quality Employment and Labour Costs: Additional information²³

Former date:	October or November 2000
New date:	19-20 March 2001
Place:	Lima, Peru

Other units

Technical cooperation

36. Interregional Seminar on the Promotion of Technical Cooperation in Arab States: Additional information²⁴

Former date:	September 2000
New date:	April 2001
Place:	Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

Geneva, 13 November 2000.

²² GB.278/Inf.2, item 34.

²³ GB.278/Inf.2, item 33.

²⁴ GB.276/Inf.2, item 11; GB.277/Inf.2, item 35; GB.278/Inf.2, item 35.

Timetable of forthcoming symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings

Date	Title of meeting	Place
AFRICA 2000		
20-24 November	African Subregional Seminar on Implementing the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (ILO regular budget)	Harare, Zimbabwe
28-30 November	African Subregional Workshop for Employers' Organizations on the Impact of HIV/AIDS at the Workplace (ILO regular budget and UNAIDS)	Douala, Cameroon
Prior to 3-7 December	Tripartite Event prior to the African Development Forum 2000 – AIDS: the Greatest Leadership Challenge (ILO regular budget)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
11-13 December	Subregional Workshop for French-speaking African Countries on Information Systems concerning the Labour Market and the Indexes of Occupations and Jobs (ILO regular budget)	Dakar, Senegal
2001		
13-16 February	"Social Dialogue, what for?" Subregional Seminar for Experts and Practitioners of Social Dialogue in French-speaking African Countries (ILO regular budget, Coopération française and PRODIAP)	Dakar, Senegal
26 February- 2 March	African Subregional Seminar on the Role of Labour Inspection in Combating Child Labour (ILO regular budget)	Harare, Zimbabwe
March	East African Subregional Symposium on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work (ILO regular budget, Government of the United States)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
April	East African Subregional Seminar on International Labour Standards for Labour Court Judges (ILO regular budget)	Kampala, Uganda
April	African Subregional Employers' Seminar on Industrial Relations and Human Resources Development (Training of Trainers) (Government of Norway)	Blantyre, Malawi
April	African Regional Symposium on Action against Child Labour (IPEC)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
First quarter	Subregional Workers' Workshop for Portuguese-speaking African Countries on the Strengthening of Social Dialogue (ILO regular budget)	Maputo, Mozambique
May	East African Subregional Tripartite Seminar on the Ratification of Convention No. 87 (ILO regular budget and the Government of the United States)	Kampala, Uganda
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2000		
20-22 November	ILO/Japan Asian Regional Seminar on the Application of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (Government of Japan)	Kathmandu, Nepal
27-29 November	Interregional Workshop on Employers' Organizations and Cleaner Production (Government of Norway)	New Delhi, India
12-14 December	Tripartite Asia and Pacific Meeting on Training for High Performance in Enterprises (ILO regular budget)	Bangkok, Thailand
13-14 December	South Pacific Meeting on Social Dialogue (with Focus on the ILO Declaration) (ILO regular budget)	Wellington, New Zealand

Date	Title of meeting	Place
2001		
February	Tripartite Regional Meeting on Social Dialogue in Asia	Bangkok, Thailand
1-2 March	ILO/World Bank/Japan/JIL/ASEM Follow-up Meeting on Employment, Income Security and the Labour Market (co-hosted by the Government of the Philippines) (Government of Japan, Government of the Philippines)	Manila, Philippines
April	Asian Regional Tripartite Seminar on Action Against Sexual Harassment at Work in Asia and the Pacific (ILO regular budget, Government of Japan)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May	Asian-Pacific Regional Seminar on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems (Government of Japan)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May	Asia and Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Developing Conducive Policy Environment for Micro-and Small Enterprise Development (Government of the Netherlands)	Bangkok, Thailand
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN		
2000		
20-23 November	Central American Subregional Workers' Seminar on Gender, Employment and Conditions of Work (Government of Spain)	San José, Costa Rica
11-12 December	Andean Subregional Seminar on the Present State of the Trade Union Movement: Challenges for the 21st Century (ILO regular budget)	Santa Fé de Bogotá, Colombia
2001		
25-26 January	Caribbean Enterprise Forum (Government of the United States)	Trinidad and Tobago
5-14 February	Caribbean Subregional Introductory Seminar on Labour Market Analysis (ILO regular budget, Government of the United States)	Trinidad and Tobago
12-17 February	Caribbean Subregional Conciliation/Mediation Training Workshop for Government Conciliators (ILO regular budget and participating governments)	St. Kitts and Nevis
15-16 February	Latin American Subregional Workers' Seminar on the Role of Trade Unions in the Promotion of Youth Employment in the MERCOSUR Region (ILO regular budget)	Montevideo, Uruguay
15-16 March	ILO/CTO Meeting on Labour Relations, Management-Workers' Cooperation in the Hotel and Tourism Sector in the Caribbean Subregion (ILO regular budget, Government of the United States)	Trinidad and Tobago
19-20 March	Latin American Regional Workers' Seminar on Social Dialogue, Quality Employment and Labour Costs (Government of Spain)	Lima, Peru
19-23 March	Caribbean Subregional Training Workshop for ILO Desk Officers (ILO regular budget)	Trinidad and Tobago
28-29 March	Subregional Technical Meeting on Strengthening Rehabilitation Services in the Caribbean (ILO regular budget)	Trinidad and Tobago
March	Technical Meeting on Employers and Vocational Training in Latin America (CINTERFOR)	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
26-27 April	Caribbean Subregional Tripartite Meeting on Social Security Financing and Investment Policies for Pension Funds (ILO regular budget)	Antigua and Barbuda
April or May	XXXV Meeting of the Technical Commission of CINTERFOR (CINTERFOR, Government of Brazil, participating organizations)	Brasilia, Brazil
To be determined	Central American Subregional Tripartite Meeting on Employment, Training and Vocational Skills (ILO regular budget and CINTERFOR)	To be determined

Date	Title of meeting	Place
To be determined	Caribbean Subregional Training Seminar for Public Employment Services Managers (ILO regular budget and participating governments and organizations)	Jamaica
ARAB STATES 2001		
April	Interregional Seminar on the Promotion of Technical Cooperation in Arab States (ILO regular budget)	Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic
EUROPE 2000		
20-21 November	Equal Employment Opportunity Policies Database Validation Workshop (Government of the Netherlands)	Geneva, Switzerland
7-8 December	Third Subregional Meeting of Employers' Organizations of the Applicant Central and Eastern European Countries (ILO regular budget, Government of the Netherlands and Government of Denmark)	Vilnius, Lithuania
2001		
February	South Eastern European Subregional Meeting on Social Dialogue and Initiative for Social Cohesion within the Stability Pact (ILO regular budget, Government of Switzerland and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung)	Budapest, Hungary
4-7 March	High-level Central and Eastern European Subregional Meeting of Government Officials on Reform and Modernization of Labour Inspection Services (ILO regular budget and Government of Cyprus)	Nicosia, Cyprus
March or April	Central and South-Eastern European Employers' Forum (Government of Denmark and Government of the Netherlands)	Sofia, Bulgaria or Zagreb, Croatia
May	South-Eastern European and Central Asian High-level Tripartite Seminar on the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (ILO regular budget)	Istanbul, Turkey
May	Seminar on Maritime Labour Standards for Selected Central and Eastern European Countries	St. Petersburg, Russian Federation