

## Toward Guiding Principles on Worker Rights and Toxics

23-24 May 2017, Château de Bossey (close to Geneva)

This seminar is a follow-up to a March 2017 workshop in Geneva where the need for a more comprehensive approach to prevent and address the severe damages of toxics became apparent, particularly for workers. Millions of workers in the formal as well as in the informal sector are exposed to poisonous, dangerous and often deadly substances in an unacceptable way. The divergence of standards across countries and sectors illustrates the need for more comprehensive and robust standards for States and businesses, particularly those with global value chains. The current UN Special Rapporteur on toxics, Baskut Tuncak, aims at developing Guiding Principles on the subject to protect, respect and fulfill the rights of those most vulnerable to the impacts of toxic chemicals. To achieve this, he would like to gather information and exchange views with trade unions, NGOs and other experts during this workshop.

### Tuesday, 23 May 2017

The way towards Guiding Principles on Toxics and Workers' Rights

Venue: Salle Genève

9:30-9:45	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p>Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, Employment and Social Policy, FES Geneva</p>
9:45-10:00	<p><b>Participant introductions</b></p>
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Objectives for meeting: outline of proposed process towards guiding principles</b></p> <p>Baskut Tuncak, Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes</p>
10:30-11:00	<p><b>Proposed principles from participants: part I of short presentations</b></p> <p>Working groups: each participant will be asked to pull out ten principles from reports circulated before the meeting</p>
11:00:-11:20	<p>Coffee/Tea Break</p>
11:20-12:30	<p><b>Proposed principles from participants: part II of short presentations</b></p> <p>Working groups continued</p>
12:30-14:00	<p>Lunch Break</p>

14:00-14:30	<b>After Lunch warming-up: multimedia presentation of participants' work</b> Participants are asked to send videos etc. of their work to the organizers prior to the workshop
14:30-15:30	<b>Proposed principles from participants: part III of short presentations</b> Plenary session: presentation of working groups' results
15:30-16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00-17:30	<b>Synthesis: inputs of draft principles, identification of missing elements</b> Plenary session session
17:30	<b>End of Workshop Day 1</b>

## Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Strategy planning and next steps

Venue: Salle Genève

9:00-10:00	<b>Tuesday outcome document: Presentation and discussion</b> Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, Employment and Social Policy, FES Geneva and Baskut Tuncak, Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes
10:00-11:00	<b>Strategy for consensus building: part I</b> Working groups
11:00-11:15	Coffee/ Tea Break
11:15-11:45	<b>Strategy for consensus building: part II</b> Plenary session
11:45-12:45	<b>Wrap up and next steps</b> Baskut Tuncak, Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes
13:00	<b>Closure of workshop</b>