

Seminar for FES trade union coordinators at the occasion of the 100th ILO International Labour Conference

Geneva, 5-10 June 2011

PROGRAM

The International Labour Conference of the ILO is the most important meeting on international social politics worldwide. Current socio-political topics are being discussed, new issues explored, and the performance of ILO member states vis-à-vis the Labour Conventions is addressed.

The 2011 session of the ILC will look among others into the topics of

(I) Decent work for domestic workers (second year of a standard-setting committee), (II) labour administration and labour inspection, and (III) strategic objective of social protection (social security), all with a view to their global dimensions. Additionally to the general working methods and setup of the ILO, those topics will provide a basis for the sessions of our seminar. To give a comprehensive overview over the actors of international social politics, further meetings will be held at UNCTAD and with UN representatives that work closely on the realization of social rights.

Sunday, 05 June 2011

20:00 **Informal Dinner**

Monday, 06 June 2011

Topic of the day: Introduction

09:30 – 10:30 **Welcome**
Reiner Radermacher, FES Berlin
Matthes Buhbe, FES Geneva

11:00-12:00 **Accreditation**
ILC Pavillon

12:00-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 14:30 **The role of the ILO, its tripartite setup and its instruments for a fair social order**
Corinne Vargha, Senior Labour Law and Labour Relations Specialist, ILO

- 14:30 – 16:00 **The Role and Work of ACTRAV**
Anna Biondi, Deputy Director, ACTRAV, ILO
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee Break**
- 16:15 – 17:45 **Overseeing ILO standards**
Joachim Grimsman, Coordinator for Technical Cooperation,
International Labour Standards Department, ILO

Tuesday, 07 June 2011

Topic of the day: Domestic Work, Women and Trade

- 08:00 – 09:00 **Informal Morning Meeting: Domestic Workers Delegation**
Meeting with *Karin Pape* and international domestic workers
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Coffee break**
- 09:30 – 11:00 **Exploring the work of the International Labour Conference**
Julia Müller, FES Berlin
Yvonne Theemann, FES Geneva
- 11:00 – 12:15 **Domestic Workers Rights: the long way and hopes for a convention**
Barbro Budin, Gender & Equality Officer and
Trade Union Development Officer, International Union Federation, IUF
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Shuttle to Palais des Nations**
- 13:00 – 15:00 **FES Side-Event on Human Rights for Domestic Workers**
with *Marcelina Bautista Bautista*, Secretary General, Confederación de
Latinoamérica y el Caribe de las Trabajadoras del Hogar
Barbro Budin, Gender & Equality Officer and Trade Union Development
Officer, International Union Federation
Elizabeth A. McGee, National Steering Committee, Hand in Hand:
The Domestic Employers Association
Abdelhamid El Jamri, chair, UN Committee on Migrant Workers
Fr. Peter O'Neill, director, Hsinchu Catholic Diocese Migrants and Immigrants
Service Center, Taiwan
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Break**
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Women as Entrepreneurs in Asia**
Fiorina Mugione, Chief, Entrepreneurship Section, UNCTAD

Wednesday, 08 June 2011

Topic of the day: The international Work of Trade Unions

- 09:00 – 11:00 **Meeting of the Workers' Group**
In cooperation with the Bureau for Workers' Activities at the ILO (ACTRAV)
- 11:15 **Leaving together to go to Nyon**
Transportation by train from Gare Cornavin, Geneva
- 12:15 – 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 16:15 **UNI – Global Union for Skills and Services**
Study visit at a global union's headquarter
(8-10, avenue Reverdil, 1260 Nyon; Tel.: +41 22 365 21 00)
- 16:45 – 17:30 **Return to Geneva**
Transportation by boat

Thursday, 09 June 2011

Topic of the day: Social Protection, Social Security

General discussion in plenary, encompassing delegates' statements, high-level panels, special presentations, adoption of reports and voting on instruments.

- 09:30 – 11:00 **The Social Protection Floor: Social Security in the Informal Economy**
Veronika Wodsak, Social Security Department, ILO
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 12:45 **Microinsurance Innovation Facility**
Michal Matul, Senior Research Officer, Microinsurance Innovation Facility, ILO
- 12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **The Labour Market recession: a social outlook**
Raymond Torres, Director, International Institute for Labour Studies
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Panel discussion: Social Standards – one way to improve social security?**
Hans-Peter Werner, World Trade Organization, WTO
Oliver von Hagen, Associate Expert, International Trade Centre, ITC
Erin Weir, International Trade Union Confederation, ITUC
- 18:15 – 19:45 **Annual Reception of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung**
for international worker's representatives at the ILC

Friday, 10 June 2011

Topic of the day: Employment in a broader sense

General discussion in plenary, encompassing delegates' statements, high-level panels, special presentations, adoption of reports and voting on instruments.

- 10:30 – 11:00 **Meeting with Roland Schmidt**
Executive Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Trade and Employment: the Case of Migration**
Marion Jansen, Senior Specialist, Employment Sector, ILO
Christiane Kuptsch, Senior Specialist in Migration Policy, ILO
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Discussion**
with *Michael Sommer*, president of the Confederation of German Trade Unions and president of the International Trade Union Confederation
- 14:00 – 15:00 **The United Nations at Geneva: exploring a long history**
Guided visitor tour at the Palais des Nations
- 15:15 – 16:15 **Evaluation**
Julia Müller, FES Berlin
Yvonne Theemann, FES Geneva

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