



**Series of Seminars during the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Commission for Social  
Development**

**“Promoting Full Employment and Decent Work for All”**

**New York, 3.02- 6.02.2008**

**Monday, February 4, 2008**

**10:00am – 12:30pm            Briefing Session for Trade Union Delegates**  
**The Evolution of the Decent Work Agenda through the UN System, and Strategic**  
**Opportunities for trade union engagement at the UN and at the national level**

Venue: United Nations, Conference Room 7

*The objective of this meeting is to prepare trade union leaders for engaging with the UN and Member States in the Afternoon Session. It will briefly review the role of trade unions at the UN, and the history of trade union engagement with the UN in the context of the Commission on Social Development and ECOSOC in relation to the Decent Work Agenda. It will discuss strategies for influencing the Draft Resolution on Full Employment and Decent Work to be adopted by CSocD46. It will further discuss strategies for on-going involvement with the UN in the context of follow-up of the Resolution when adopted*

Speakers:                    **Jürgen Stetten**, Director, FES New York Office  
                                      **Gemma Adaba**, Director, ITUC UN Office  
                                      **Amber Barth**, ILO Office, New York  
                                      **Rolph van der Hoeven**, Director, Policy Coherence Group,  
Policy Integration and Statistics Department, ILO Geneva  
                                      **Trade Union Representatives including:** James Howard (ITUC),  
John Evans (TUAC), Kristian Weise (LO-Denmark).  
Interactive Dialogue – Conclusions on Proposed Next Steps

**12:30pm- 2:30pm            Lunch Break**

**3:00 pm-6:00 pm    Public Trade Union Seminar**  
“Making Decent Work a Global Goal throughout the United Nations”

Venue: United Nations, Conference Room 7

**3:00-3:30pm            Opening Remarks**  
**Speakers:**            **Jürgen Stetten**, Director, FES New York  
                              **James Howard**, Director, Economic and Social Policy, ITUC  
                              **Rolph van der Hoeven**, Director, Policy Coherence Group, Policy  
                              Integration and Statistics Department, ILO Geneva  
                              **Ignacio Llanos**, Vice-Chairperson, Commission for Social  
                              Development  
                              **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Assistant Secretary-General, UN-  
                              DESA

**3:30- 4:30pm            First Panel Discussion**  
“From Copenhagen to the 46th Session of the Commission on Social Development and  
Beyond – Advancing the Agenda of Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work”

*Evolution of the concept since Copenhagen and through the ILO and the UN; mainstreaming  
through the ILO and the UN policy-setting arenas - significant breakthroughs; the place of  
Decent Work within the UN’s normative and programmatic framework going forward; the role  
of trade unions in advancing full and productive employment and decent work*

**Speaker:**            **Selwin Hart**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Barbados to  
                              the UN  
**Discussants:**        **John Evans**, General Secretary, Trade Union Advisory Council to  
                              the OECD (TUAC)  
                              **Sarangerel Erdembileg**, Social Affairs Officer, UN- DESA  
**Moderator:**        **Gemma Adaba**, Director, ITUC UN Office

**4:30-4:45pm            Coffee Break**

**4:45-5:50pm            Second Panel Discussion:**  
“Strategies for Making Decent Work a Global Goal and a National Reality “

*Creating an enabling environment at international and national level; The ILO’s Decent Work  
Country Programmes [DWCPs] and Toolkit; The ITUC’s Decent Work/Decent Life Campaign  
and Call to Action; Best practice experiences on the ground)*

**Speakers:**            **João Proença**, General Secretary, Portuguese Trade Union  
                              Confederation, Portugal  
                              **Siham Ahmed**, Trade Union Congress of Tanzania  
                              **Rolph van der Hoeven**, Director, Policy Coherence Group, Policy  
                              Integration and Statistics Department, ILO Geneva

**Theo Langejan**, Director General for Industrial Relations and International Affairs, Ministry for Social Affairs and Employment, The Netherlands

**Moderator:** **Kristian Weise**, Adviser, International Department, LO-Denmark

**5:50- 6:00pm**

**Closing Remarks**

**Joan Burke**, Chair of NGO CSOcD Committee

**Gladys Branche**, Sierra Leone Labour Congress, Sierra Leone

**6:30pm**

**NGO Reception**

Location: Baha'i International Community,

866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 120,

New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212- 803-2500

**Tuesday, February 5th, 2008**

**10:00am- 5.30pm** **UN Civil Society Forum on Social Development: Full Employment and Decent Work**

Venue: United Nations, Conference Room 4

**10:00am– 11:20am** **Opening Remarks**

**Speakers:**

**H.E. Mr. Alexei Tulbure**, Chairman of the 46th Session of the Commission for Social Development

**Sha Zukang**, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

**Johan Schölvinck**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development

**Jürgen Stetten**, Director, FES New York

**Moderator:**

**Joan F. Burke**, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development, and Representative Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

**11:30am – 1:00pm** **Policies for Creating an Enabling Environment for Full Employment and Decent Work**

**Speakers:**

**Martha Chen**, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard University

**Rolph van der Hoeven**, Director, Policy Coherence Group, Policy Integration and Statistics Department

**Denys Correll**, Executive Director, International Council on Social Welfare

**Rudi Dicks**, Labor Market Coordinator, Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), South Africa

**Moderator:** **Sonja Kreibich**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN

**1:00pm – 3:00pm** **Lunch**

**1:15pm – 2:45pm** **Optional Orientation Session for Civil Society involvement in the Commission for Social Development (Conference Room D)**

**3:00pm – 4:15pm** **Partnerships for Full Employment and Decent Work**

**Speakers:** **Ida Leblanc**, National Union of Domestic Employees, Trinidad and Tobago  
**Cecilie Hultmann**, Communication and Partnership Manager, The Global Compact  
**Peter Shiras**, Vice President of Employability, International Youth Foundation

**Moderator:** **Rolph van der Hoeven**, Director, Policy Coherence Group, Policy Integration and Statistics Department

**4:15pm – 5:15pm** **Plenary consultation on the Civil Society Declaration**

**Moderators:** **Kevin Dance and Carol Brandt**

**5:15pm – 5:30pm** **Closing Remarks**

Joan F. Burke, Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development, and Rep. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

**6:30 pm- 8.00pm      Evaluation Session of the Trade Union Seminar and Discussion about the Way Forward**

Location: Restaurant Pescatore  
955-957 Second Avenue  
(Between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets)  
New York, 10017  
Tel: (212) 752 7151

**Wednesday February 6, 2008**

**10:00am- 1.00pm      Opening Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development**

Venue: United Nations, Conference Room 4

**Keynote speaker:**    **H.E. Mr. Carlos Tomada**, Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Protection, Government of Argentina

**Afternoon session**

**3:00 pm                      Panel on promoting full employment and decent work for all**

Speakers:                **Smt. Sudha Pillai**, Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Employment  
New Delhi, India  
**Ms. Sanja Crnkovic- Pozaic**, Director, CEPOR-SMEs and  
Entrepreneurship Policy Center, Croatia  
**Sr. Daniel Funes de Rioja**, Employer Vice- Chairperson of the  
ILO Governing Body and Chairperson of the Employers' Group  
**Gladys Branche**, Sierra Leone Labour Congress, Freetown, Sierra  
Leone  
**Vladimir Spidla**, European Commissioner for Employment,  
Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission  
(Brussels)

Note: There will be other side events held on the occasion of the 46th session of the Commission for Social Development that might be of interest to trade union participants. For more information, go to the CSocD46 web page:

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2008.htm>

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**Thursday, February 7, 2008**

Departure of participants