



**Series of Seminars during the 46th 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 50th and 51st Streets)
New York, 10017
Tel: (212) 752 7151

Wednesday February 6, 2008

10:00am- 1.00pm Opening Session of the 46th 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