

seminar on
Labour and Human Rights

Dubai, 27-28 April 2009

INTERCONTINENTAL - Dubai Festival City

Program Agenda

(Arabic/English Instant Translation provided)

Monday, 27 April

07:30 – 09:00

Registration and Refreshments

09:00 – 09:10

Opening Address **H.E. Saqr Ghobash**, UAE
Minister of Labour

09:10 – 09:30

Guest Speakers International Labour Organization
UN Office of the High Commissioner for
Human Rights

09:30 – 11:15

Session I: **Human Rights in Labour Relations:
Fundamental Rights at Work**

Chaired by: **H.E. Dr. Maryam Matar**, Community
Development Authority

Discussants from ILO, OHCHR, Emirates Human
Rights Association

11:15 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 13:30

Session II: **The Right to Consensual Work: Strategies
for Deterring, Detecting and Combating Forced Labour**

Chaired by MOL

Discussants: **Roger Plant** (ILO), **Renaud Detalle**
(OHCHR), **Ghassan Khalil** (Community Development
Authority)

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14:45 – 17:00

Workshop 1: **Towards a Government-Private Sector
Partnership in Upholding Human Rights of Workers in
the UAE**

Moderated by **Dr. Ahmed Seif Belhasa** (UAE
Contractor's Association)

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08:30 – 09:00

Refreshments

09:00 – 10:30

Session III: **Protecting Human Rights as a Corporate Social Responsibility**

Chair: **Roger Plant** (ILO)

Discussants: **Renaud Detalle** (OHCHR), **Vineetha Mathew** (Center for Responsible Business), **Graham McCaig** (Build Safe UAE)

10:30 – 12:00

Session IV: **Formulating a UAE Decent Work Country Program: Government and Social Partners Working Together Toward a Common Goal**

Chair: MOL

Discussants: **Roger Plant** (ILO), **Saleh Al Marzooki** (UAE Professional Associations' Coordinating Committee), Representative of the UAE Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

12:00 – 12:15

Break

12:15 – 13:45

Workshop 2 **Moving the Labour & Human Rights Agenda Forward : Mechanisms and Opportunities**

Moderated by: **Renaud Detalle** (OHCHR)

13:45 – 14:00

Concluding Remarks

14:00

Lunch

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