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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

▶ Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Meeting of experts on decent work in the platform economy (Geneva, 10–14 October)

- 1. The ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work adopted on 21 June 2019 had called for "policies and measures that ensure appropriate privacy and personal data protection, and respond to challenges and opportunities in the world of work relating to the digital transformation of work, including platform work". At its 341st Session, the Governing Body therefore decided "to convene a tripartite meeting of experts on the issue of 'decent work in the platform economy' in the course of 2022". 1
- 2. The results of this meeting "would subsequently inform a possible general discussion or standard-setting item on this subject, should the Governing Body decide to place such an item on the agenda of the 112th Session (2024) of the Conference". ²

¹ GB.341/PV, para. 50.

² GB.341/INS/3/1(Rev.2), para. 26.

3. At its 343rd Session (November 2021), ³ the Governing Body approved the dates of the meeting (10 to 14 October 2022) and approved the composition of the meeting (eight experts nominated after consultation with Governments, eight experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and eight experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body) as well as the list of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations to be invited as observers. The Governing Body deferred the decision on the scope of the meeting to its 344th Session (March 2022). In this regard, the Director-General proposes the following agenda:

- examine the plurality of the realities the expression "platform economy" encompasses, including: the different types of platforms and sectors in which they are present; the profile of the companies and workers engaged in their activities; the interactions with the labour market; and the competitive relationship between platforms and other undertakings;
- examine the opportunities and challenges of employment generated by the platform economy, including for people facing difficulties in accessing the labour market and considering recent developments related to the COVID-19 crisis;
- review how platforms workers are classified and the responses given by the public authorities, social partners and other relevant stakeholders to the issue of classification;
- review the working conditions and social protection enjoyed by platforms workers, including protection of workers' personal data and existing safeguards with regard to the utilization of technologies for organizing and monitoring work;
- examine access to freedom of association and to the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining for platform workers; and
- provide, based on the above, guidance to inform a possible general discussion or standardsetting on decent work in the platform economy, should the Governing Body decide to place such an item on the future agenda of the International Labour Conference.

Meeting of the tripartite working group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains

- 4. In a ballot by correspondence held on 17 January 2022, the Governing Body decided to defer the meetings of the tripartite working group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains that had been originally scheduled on 17–19 January 2022 and 7–8 February 2022. The funding, composition and mandate of the working group had already been determined by the Governing Body at its 343rd Session. ⁴
- **5.** Taking into account the programme of meetings already approved for 2022, and further to consultations held with the tripartite constituents, it is proposed that the tripartite working group hold a single meeting from 27 June to 1 July 2022.

³ GB.343/INS/15, paras 1-7

⁴ GB.343/INS/15.

Invitations to observers from intergovernmental organizations, and international non-governmental organizations to the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference

- **6.** In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements were approved by the Governing Body, and which provide for their automatic invitation to the International Labour Conference, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite other intergovernmental organizations listed in the appendix as observers.
- 7. Under the Constitution of the Organization and the Standing Orders of the Conference, international non-governmental organizations other than those with which consultative relationships have been established may be invited by the Governing Body to be represented at the Conference insofar as attendance at the plenary sittings is concerned, while the invitation of such organizations to be represented on committees appointed by the Conference remains a matter for the Conference itself.
- **8.** At its 256th Session (May 1993), the Governing Body delegated to its Officers the authority to invite international non-governmental organizations wishing to be represented at sessions of the General Conference, it being understood that requests for invitations presenting a particular problem would continue to be submitted to the Governing Body through its Officers.
- **9.** The Director-General has received requests to be represented at the 110th Session (2022) of the International Labour Conference from the organizations listed in the appendix, which have expressed interest in certain items on the agenda. These include new organizations who have requested to attend the Conference for the first time, namely:
 - the Social and Solidarity International Forum;
 - the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS); and
 - the Federation of European Social Employers.
- **10.** All other organizations listed have already been invited to one or more sessions of the Conference after their requests to be invited had been approved by the Officers of the Governing Body. In making their requests, these organizations supplied proof of their interest in following the proceedings of the Conference.

▶ Part II. Programme of ILO official meetings for the remainder of 2022 and tentative programme of official meetings for 2023 (subject to regular review depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic)

Date	Title of meeting	Place/virtual
	2022	
Dates to be confirmed ¹	Meeting of the tripartite committee to consider further improvements to the approved methodology of SDG indicator 8.8.2 on labour rights	Virtual
25–29 April	Technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector	Geneva
5–13 May ²	Fourth meeting (Part II) of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	Geneva
16–17 May	Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission	Geneva
16–20 May ³	Fifth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour	Durban
26–27 May ⁴	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
27 May–11 June ⁴	110th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
13 June ⁴	345th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
20–24 June	Meeting of experts for the tripartite validation of technical guidelines on biological hazards	Geneva
27 June–1 July ⁵	Meeting of the tripartite working group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains	Geneva
12–16 September	Seventh meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
26–30 September	Technical meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service sector	Geneva
10–14 October	Meeting of experts on decent work in the platform economy	Geneva
Date to be confirmed	Meeting of the Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin Centre	Geneva
27–29 October	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva

¹ Depending on the availability of the members still to be nominated.

² Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) (GB.334/LILS/2(Rev.)) and 340th Session (November 2020) (GB.340/INS/21), taking into account the evolution of the pandemic, and following consultations with the Officers of the Special Tripartite Committee.

³ GB.344/POL/3.

⁴ Further to the decision taken by the Governing Body (GB.344/INS/3/2).

⁵ Further to the approval of the Governing Body at its 344th Session (GB.344/INS/18(Rev.1)).

Date	Title of meeting	Place/virtual
31 October–10 November	346th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
21–25 November	Technical meeting on the future of work in the oil and gas industry	Geneva
28 November–10 ⁶ December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
6–9 December	17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (postponed from 2021)	Singapore
	2023	
18–20 January	Sectoral Advisory Bodies	Geneva
7–10 February	Meeting of experts on the revision of statistical standards on informality	Geneva
13–17 February ⁷	Technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector	Geneva
8–10 March	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
13–24 March	347th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
17–21 April ⁷	Technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector	Geneva
Second quarter (dates to be confirmed) ⁷	Meeting of experts on decent work in agro-food: an essential part of sustainable food systems	Geneva
5–16 June	111th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
Third quarter (dates to be confirmed) ⁷	Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers	Geneva
Third or fourth quarter (TBC) ⁸	Preparatory Technical Conference on Just Transition	Geneva
11–20 October	21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians	Geneva
Third quarter (dates to be confirmed) ⁷	Technical meeting on digitalization in the retail sector as an engine for economic recovery and decent work	Geneva
25–27 October	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
30 October-9 November	349th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
Fourth quarter (dates to be confirmed) 7	Technical meeting on decent and sustainable work in the inland waterways sector	Geneva
22 November–9 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
Second half	11th European Regional Meeting	To be confirmed

⁶ Further to the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 344th Session (GB.344/LILS/4)

⁷ Further to the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 344th Session (GB.344/POL/2(Rev.1))

⁸ Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body at its 346th Session (November 2022) and further to the discussions held at the 344th Session (March 2022) (GB344/INS/3/1).

Draft decision

11. The Governing Body, upon the recommendation of its Officers:

- (a) approved the scope of the meeting of experts on decent work in the platform economy contained in paragraph 3 of document GB.344/INS/18(Rev.1);
- (b) approved the new dates for its tripartite working group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains indicated in paragraph 5 of document GB.344/INS/18(Rev.1);
- (c) authorized the Director-General to issue an invitation to the organizations listed in the appendix to document GB.344/INS/18(Rev.1), it being understood that it will be for the Conference to consider their requests to participate in the work of the committees dealing with the agenda items in which they have stated a special interest, and to inform the organizations concerned that they may nominate one person only for each of the agenda items in respect of which their interest has been recognized;
- (d) endorsed the proposals made in relation to the invitation of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations as observers to the other official meetings listed in the appendix to document GB.344/INS/18(Rev.1); and
- (e) took note of the programme of meetings contained in Part II of document GB.344/INS/18(Rev.1), subject to regular review depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.

► Appendix

Proposed invitations of observers to the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference and to other official meetings

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
110th Session of the International Labour Conference	 United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Monetary Fund (IMF) International Organization for Migration (IOM) International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration 	 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) Arab Centre for Labour Administration and Employment (ACLAE) Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC) African Regional Centre for Labour Administration (CRADAT) Commonwealth Secretariat European Public Law Organization (EPLO) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) Nordic Council (NC) Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR) Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) 	 International Social Security Association (ISSA) (by standing arrangement) Organizations having general consultative status with the ILO International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Employers' organizations Federation of European Social Employers International Christian Union of Business Executives World Employment Confederation World Federation of Personnel Management Associations Workers' organizations African Organization of Mines, Metal, Energy, Chemical and Allied Trade Unions Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas

tle of the meeting Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) United Nations United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) United Nations Office for the 	 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ibero-American Social Security Organization Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) Pacific Community (SPC) West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) 	 Arab Federation of Petroleum Mining and Chemical Workers Asociacion Latinoamericana de Abogados Laboralistas Building and Wood Workers' International Confederación de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de las Universidades de las Américas Confederación Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Trabajadores Estatales Education International European Centre for Workers' Questions European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions European Trade Union Confederation General Confederation of Trade Unions IndustriALL Global Union International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions International Council of Police Representative Associations International Domestic Workers Federation International Energy and Mines Organization International Secretariat for Catholic Engineers, Agronomists and Industry Officials International Transport Workers Federation International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel,

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	 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) United Nations Regional Commissions Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants United Nations University (UNU) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) World Bank Group World Food Programme (WFP) World Health Organization (WHO) World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) 		 International Young Christian Workers Latin American Union of Municipal Workers Public Services International Southern African Trade Union Coordination Council Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Trade Union International of Pensioners and Retired Persons Trade Unions International of Transport Workers Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries Trade Unions International of Workers of Construction, Wood and Building Materials Industries UNI Global Union Union Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control World Federation of Teachers' Unions World Organization of Workers Other organizations African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters Anti-Slavery International Association of Volunteers for International

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	 Regional organizations African Development Bank (AfDB) African Union (AU) Andean Community (CAN) Arab Labour Organization (ALO) Asian Development Bank (ADB) Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Inter-African Conference on Social Security (CIPRES) Council of Europe East African Community (EAC) Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) European Union (EU) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) 		 CARE International Caritas Internationalis Clean Clothes Campaign Defence for Children International Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America HomeNet Human Rights Watch Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS) International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance International Association of Free Thought International Catholic Migration Commission International Commission on Occupational Health International Confederation of Executive Staff International Coordination of Young Christian Workers International Ergonomics Association International Federation of Business and Professional Women International Federation of Journalists International Federation of Women in Legal Careers
	 Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) 		International Federation Terre des HommesInternational Kolping Society

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	 Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) League of Arab States South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Southern African Development Community (SADC) Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) Organization of American States (OAS) Other organizations Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) G7++Friends of the Gulf of Guinea International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI) Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Organisation internationale de la francophonie (OIF) 		 International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth International Occupational Hygiene Association Make Mothers Matter Migrant Forum in Asia Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas Social and Solidarity International Forum SOLIDAR Soroptimist International StreetNet International The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association Union Africaine de la Mutualité Union of International Associations Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing World Council of Churches World Medical Association World Movement of Christian Workers World Union of Professions Zonta International

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector (Geneva, 25–29 April 2022)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) International Organization for Migration (IOM) International Trade Centre (ITC) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional organizations European Union Other organizations Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)		NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations International Union of Food, Agriculture, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF) UNI Global Union International Hotel and Restaurant Association (IH&RA) World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) International Tourism Partnership (ITP) International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service sector (26–30 September 2022)	 United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights United Nations Development Programme World Bank Other organizations Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 	INTERPOL Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)	NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations Public Services International (PSI) Unión Internacional de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control (UITOC) Unión Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control (ULATOC) Whistleblowers International Network (WIN) Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa (PPLAAF) Transparency International Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC)

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Technical meeting on the future of work in the oil and gas industry (21–25 November 2022)	United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) World Bank Group Regional organizations African Union (AU) European Union (EU) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Organization of American States (OAS) Other organizations Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	 Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) International Energy Agency (IEA) World Petroleum Council (WPC) Regional organizations Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 	NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations IndustriALL Global Union IndustriALL European Trade Union International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP) International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) World Economic Forum (WEF)

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Technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive recovery for the civil aviation sector (17–21 April 2023) ¹	 United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Telecommunication Union (ITU) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Europe (ECE) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-WOMEN) 	 African Civil Aviation Commission Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) International Transport Forum (OECD-ITF) Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) 	NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) International Organisation of Employers (IOE) International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Business Africa World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) Other organizations Aircraft Engineers International (AEI) Airline People Directors' Council Airlines International Representation in Europe (AIRE) Air Transport Action Group (ATAG) Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) International Federation of Aeronautical Information Management Associations (IFAIMA) International Federation of Airline Pilots'

Associations (IFALPA)

¹ Subject to the approval of the Governing Body at its 344th Session (GB.344/POL/2(Rev.1)).

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	 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Universal Postal Union (UPU) World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) World Trade Organization World Bank Group Regional organizations Arab Labour Organization (ALO) African Union Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) European Union Other organizations Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 		 International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA) International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronic Associations (IFATSEA) International Aviation Women's Association (IAWA) International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Public Services International (PSI) Trade Unions International of Transport Workers (TUI-Transport) World Economic Forum (WEF) World Travel and Tourism Council