A. **Date, place and agenda of the Conference**

The 107th Session of the International Labour Conference will be held in Geneva and will open on Monday 28 May 2018. The session is expected to continue until Friday 8 June.

The meetings of the Conference will be held in the Palais des Nations and in the International Labour Office. The Opening Sitting, in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations, will begin at **11.00 a.m.** sharp on **Monday 28 May**, to elect the Officers of the Conference and to constitute the various Committees. The **Selection Committee** will meet immediately after the opening sitting of the Conference to take decisions concerning arrangements for the Conference.

The agenda of the Conference is as follows:

I. Reports of the Chairman of the Governing Body and of the Director-General;
II. Programme and budget and other questions;
III. Information and reports on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations;
IV. Effective ILO development cooperation in support of the Sustainable Development Goals - **general discussion**;
V. Ending violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work – **Standard setting, double discussion**;
VI. A recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of social dialogue and tripartism, under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, 2008;
VII. Abrogation of Conventions Nos 21, 50, 64, 65, 86 and 104 and withdrawal of Recommendations Nos 7, 61 and 62.

Items III, IV, V, VI will be dealt with in tripartite Committees from Monday 28 May to Wednesday 6 June.
Item VII will be dealt with in the Selection Committee.


B. **Preparatory meetings of the Workers’ Group**

The preparatory meeting of the Workers’ Group will be held in **Room XIX of the Palais des Nations** on **Sunday 27 May at 2.00 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect the following officers of the Workers’ Group:

- Chairperson of the Workers’ Group;
- Secretary of the Workers’ Group;
- Vice-Chairpersons of the Workers’ Group (no fixed number, but usually four);
- Workers’ Vice-President of the Conference (this year a delegate from Asia and the Pacific);
- Eight other members of the Bureau of the Workers’ Group (who, together with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Workers’ Group and the Workers’ Vice-President of the Conference, will be the Worker members of the Selection Committee).

In addition, the Workers’ Group has to elect the Worker member of the Credentials Committee. On the same occasion, the Workers’ Vice-Chairpersons of the different Committees will be elected.

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C. Coordination of the Workers’ Group

The Workers’ Group meets as often as necessary, normally once every other day from 9.00 to 10.00 a.m. as from Tuesday 29 May 2018 in Room XIX of the Palais des Nations. The Worker members of the different Committees also hold regular meetings to discuss their position. All Worker meetings, as well as the meetings of the Committees and the plenary sittings, are announced in the Daily Bulletin/Notice Board.

D. Committee membership

The Committees dealing with the agenda items III to VI are open to all Worker delegates and advisers. A Worker delegate or adviser can only be titular member of one Committee, but can at the same time be deputy member of other Committees. Registration at: http://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/107/WCMS_625853/lang--en/index.htm

The Selection Committee, which is responsible for the programme of meetings and other organisational questions, has a fixed membership, namely 28 Government members, 14 Employer members and 14 Worker members. The Credential Committee has a membership of one worker, one government and one employer.

E. Procedures

The rules of procedure of the Conference and its Committees are comprised in the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference, which may be consulted at:

Given their complexity, feel free to ask the Secretariat of the Workers’ Group or ACTRAV any information or explanation concerning these rules.

F. Plenary sittings in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations

Plenary sittings for the discussion of the Reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and of the Director-General will be held daily from Thursday 31 May to Wednesday 6 June. The report of the Director-General will also include an Appendix on the situation of workers in the occupied Arab territories. The time limit for speeches in the plenary sittings is set at a maximum of 5 minutes, and Workers’ delegates are urged to speak in plenary too (the list of speakers closes on Thursday 31 May).

The Conference will celebrate the World of Work Summit, which will address decent work for peace and resilience on Thursday 7 June. Full information will be made available on the Conference website.

The adoption of reports and resolutions prepared by the technical committees will take place on the last two days of the Conference:

→ The adoption of the report of the committee for the recurrent discussion is scheduled for Thursday 7 June;
→ The adoption of the two other technical committees and the Committee on the Application of Standards are scheduled for Friday 8 June;

The vote on the abrogation of Conventions and withdrawal of Recommendations together with the vote on the amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, will take place on Tuesday 5 June (morning).

The closing ceremony of the Conference will be held on Friday 8 June.

G. Briefing notes on the different agenda items

The Secretariat has prepared briefing notes on agenda items III, IV, V and VI. These notes are available to the Worker members of the respective Committees and are also web-posted on http://www.ituc-csi.org/ as and when they become available in English/French/Spanish.

H. Workers’ Group Secretariat of the Committees

III. Committee on the Application of Standards
Ms Makbule Sahan

IV. Development cooperation (general discussion)
Ms Paola Simonetti

V. Ending violence and harassment at work (standard-setting)
Ms Chidi King

VI. Recurrent discussion on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization
Mr Jeroen Beirnaert

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