



110th Session of the International Labour Conference (May-June 2022)

General Briefing Note for Worker Delegates and Advisers

A. Date, place and agenda of the Conference

The 110th Session of the International Labour Conference will be held in Geneva combining in-person and remote participation through a videoconferencing platform.

A **brief opening session will take place on Friday, 27 May 2021 at 13.00 (Geneva time)** to elect the Officers of the Conference, appoint its standing and technical committees and approve any adjustments to its Standing Orders and working methods necessary in view of the specific and exceptional nature of the 110th Session of the Conference.

The **Conference will be reconvened from 30 to 11 June 2022** to deal with all agenda items. During this period, it will establish the working parties to deal with these items. The working parties will be held from Monday 30 May to Thursday 9 June 2022 except for the CAS that might, if necessary, extend its work until Friday 10 June. The **closing ceremony** of the Conference will be held on **Saturday 11 June 2022**.

Committees will be working within normal Geneva working hours between 15.30 and 18.30 (Geneva time) with group meetings preceding them.

The agenda of the Conference is as follows:

- I. Reports of the Chairperson 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. Apprenticeships (Standard-setting first discussion);
- V. A recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of employment under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization;
- VI. Decent Work and the social and solidarity economy (general discussion);
- VII. Inclusion of safe and healthy working conditions in the ILO's framework of fundamental principles and rights at work through an amendment to paragraph 2 of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998;
- VIII. Approval of amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, (subject to the adoption of any amendments by the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 at the second part of its fourth meeting in May 2022)

Items III to VI will be dealt with in tripartite committees.

Items VII and VIII will be dealt with in the General Affairs Committee.

Conference practical information is available at: <https://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/110/lang--en/index.htm>

The website is regularly updated therefore we invite worker delegates and advisers to regularly consult it. We also recommend that delegates and advisers download the Conference App when available on the site as it will provide daily information and updates on the Conference programme, Committees and Workers' Group meetings.

B. Preparatory meetings of the Workers' Group

The preparatory meeting of the Workers' Group will be held on **Thursday 26 of May from 13.00 to 15.00 (Geneva time)**. 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 Latin America);

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.

The following preparatory meetings will be held as follows:

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| → OATUU | Wednesday 25 May | 13.00-15.00 (Geneva time) |
| → WFTU | Tuesday 24 May | 13.00-15.00 (Geneva time) |
| → ITUC | Tuesday 24 May | 13.00-15.00 (Geneva time) |

The first in-person Full Workers' Group Meeting will be held **on Sunday 29 from 13.00 to 15.00 (Geneva time) at the Palais des Nations Room XIX**.

C. Coordination of the Workers' Group

The full Workers' Group will meet from **09.00 to 09.30 (Geneva time)** on 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of June.

The Worker members of the different Committees will also hold regular meetings to discuss their position. All Worker and Committee meetings will be announced in the Conference App and ILO website so please check it regularly for final details on the meetings.

D. Committee registration and membership

Due to space limitation in meeting rooms, the tripartite delegations will only be composed of persons holding active participation rights under the Standing orders of the Conference.

All Committees of the Conference will meet physically in Geneva (Palais des Nations and ILO Headquarters building) and will be open to in-person attendance by registered delegates and advisers. All accredited delegates and advisers assigned to participate in committees need to be registered individually and provide an individual e-mail address to receive the links to the Committee meetings. Remote attendance will be possible for all participants and for all sittings of the Conference and its committees.

Observers may participate only remotely. During the Conference, changes in relation to committees must be submitted using the form (https://ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/109/committees/WCMS_844677/lang--en/index.htm) **before 5.00 p.m. (Geneva time)**. These changes are automatically transmitted to ACTRAV-CONF@ilo.org and will be reflected in the next day's listings. No committee registration will be valid until the credentials of delegations have been submitted by the Governments to the Office of the Legal Adviser of the ILO.

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:

http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=1000:62:0::NO:62:P62_LIST_ENTRIE_ID:3088520:NO

Given their complexity and the fact that they had to be adapted to the exceptional nature of this Conference, feel free to ask the Secretariat of the Workers' Group or ACTRAV any information or explanation concerning these rules.

F. Plenary sittings

The plenary debate will start on **Monday 6th of June** and include the opening remarks of the Director-General and the spokespersons of the groups and the presentation of the reports of the Chairpersons of the Governing Body, followed by interventions on the Report of the Director-General and Chairpersons of the Governing Body. **The plenary debate will end on the 9th of June.**

The report of the Director-General has as a theme: “The least developed countries: Crisis, structural transformation and the future of work”.

The report of the Director-General also includes an **Appendix on: “The situation of workers in the occupied Arab territories”.**

The time limit for speeches in the plenary sitting is set at a maximum of 4 minutes. Workers’ delegates or their substitutes are urged to speak in the plenary. **The registration to speak opens on May 12 and closes on 7 June at 18.00 (Geneva time).** Speaking requests should be sent at the following e-mail address: plenaryspeeches@ilo.org

Statements can be delivered in person or through pre-recorded statements. Intervening live through videoconferencing would also be possible, but not advisable due to possible connectivity issues. Practical information relating to speaking in plenary will also be posted on the Conference website.

The Conference will celebrate:

- The **World of Work Summit on 10 June.**
- The **2022 World Day against Child Labour on Friday 3 June 2021** from 15.30 to 16.45 pm.

The **Palestine Solidarity Event will be held on Thursday 2 June 18.30 (Geneva time) at the ILO Room V.**

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

H. Briefing notes on the different agenda items

The Secretariat has prepared briefing notes on agenda items III to VII. 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.

I. Workers’ Group Secretariat of the Committees

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| III. | Committee on the Application of Standards | Mr Paapa Danquah |
| IV. | Apprenticeships (<i>standard-setting, first discussion</i>) | Mr Yorgos Altintzis, Mr Tim Noonan, Mr Martin Henry |
| V. | Recurrent discussion on employment | Ms Marieke Koning and Ms Evelyn Astor |
| VI. | Decent work and the social and solidarity economy | Ms Maité Llanos, Ms Marina Monaco and Ms Paola Simonetti |
| General Affairs Committee | | |
| VII. | Inclusion of OSH in the ILO’s framework of fundamental principles and rights at work | Mr Jeroen Beirnaert |
| VIII. | Approval of amendments to the Code of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 | Mr Jeroen Beirnaert |

J. Badges

Delegations coming in person need to get a badge with photo in order to be allowed to enter the buildings (ILO Headquarters and Palais des Nations). Individual participants need to go in with a passport and take a photo to make the ID.

The opening hours of the registration office located at the **desk (P1 level) of the ILO building** are as follows:

- **On Friday, 27 May 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The opening hours of the registration office located at the **Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations** are as follows:

- **On Saturday, 28 May, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;**
- **On Sunday, 29 May, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.;**
- During the first week:
 - on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 May, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
 - From Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 June, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- During the second week:
 - from Monday 6 to Saturday 11 June, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Delegates are encouraged to register and collect badges on Friday 27 (ILO), Saturday 28 or Sunday 29 May (Palais de Nations). Very lengthy waiting times are expected at the registration office the morning of Monday, 30 May 2022.