INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

1st WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Brussels (Belgium) 19 – 21 October 2009

Hotel and Congress Center BEDFORD
Rue du Midi, 135
Brussels - Belgium

Decent Work – Decent Life for Women: Trade Unions Taking the Lead for Economic and Social Justice & Equality

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 19 October 2009

Session Chair: Diana Holland, Chair of the ITUC Women’s Committee and Conference Chair

09.30-11.30 Opening ceremony
Address of Welcome
• Anne Demelene, FGTB/ABVV General Secretary
• Luc Cortebeeck, CSC/ACV President
• Sabine Slegers, CGSLB/ACLVB National Secretary
• Joelle Milquet, Vice-prime Minister and Minister of Employment and Equal opportunities
• Guy Ryder, ITUC General Secretary
• Juan Somavia, Director General ILO – Video message
• Keynote Speech: Employment Creation and Rights at Work Jane Hodges, Director, ILO Bureau for Gender Equality
• Cultural Presentation

11.30-12.00 Break

11.30-12.30 Press Conference

12.00-13.00 Conference programme, method, orientation of Group work: themes/process/room, participant groups, technical announcements

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break
Session Chair: Mamounata Cissé, ITUC Deputy General Secretary

14.30-14.40 Presentation of the Survey “Decent Work: a cross-country gender perspective”

14.30-15.30 Panel: The Global Crisis –
- Financial/Economic Crisis - Sharan Burrow, President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions and President of the ITUC
- Climate Change - Ms. Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Water and Environmental affairs, South Africa (TBC)
- Food Security - Olivier De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

15.30-17.00 Group work I
- Decent Work to Confront the Crisis
- The Global Crisis and Organising for Rights at Work
- Climate Change and Food Security

17.00 End of Day’s Session

18.30 Reception offered by Belgian affiliates (Brussels Hotel de Ville – Grand Place)

Tuesday, 20 October 2009

Session Chair: Rabiatou Sérah Diallo, Vice Chair of the ITUC Women’s Committee

9.00-10.30 Plenary: Reports of Group Work I

10.30-11.30 Plenary debate – Challenge to Trade Unions – Gender Equality
Moderator: Pauline Osse, Director, Wage Indicator Foundation

11.30-12.00 Break
Forum: Women as Decision Makers
Moderator: Pamela Morinière, IFJ
- Ines Alberdi, Executive Director UNIFEM (TBC)
- Ana Agostino, GCAP and International Council for Adult Education, Uruguay
- Anita Normark, General Secretary, Building and Wood Workers International, Building and Wood Workers International

13.00-14.30 Lunch
Session Chair:

14.30-16.00  Group Work II:
• Gender Equality through Collective Bargaining
• Social Protection and Social Security

16.00-17.30  Plenary: Reports of Group Work II
17.30  End of Day’s Session
19.00  Reception offered by ITUC (National Theater)

Wednesday, 21 October 2009

Session Chair: Amanda Villatoro

09.00-10.30  Panel: Organising Domestic Workers and Protecting Their Rights
• Manuela Tomei, Chief, Conditions of Work and Employment Programme, Social Protection Sector, ILO
• Marcelina Bautista Bautista, General Secretary of Latin America and Caribbean Confederation of Domestic workers CONLACTRAHO - IUF
• Leonida Belgion, Samahan, Association of Philippine Migrant Workers, Belgium

10.30-11.00  Break

11.00-12.30  Panel: Young Women Workers – Voice at Work and in the Union
• Daniela Alexieva, CITB, Bulgaria, Chair ITUC-PERC Youth Committee
• Erin Harrison, CLC Canada
• Karima Boudouanaz, UGTA Algeria
Moderator: Pinar Alkan, Turk-Is, Turkey, Chair, PERC Women’s Committee

12.30-14.00  Lunch

Session Chair: Yoko Yamaguchi, JTUC, Rengo – Japan

14.00-16.00  Conclusions and Recommendations
16.00-17.00  Closing:
• Guy Ryder, ITUC General Secretary
• Diana Holland, Chair, ITUC Women’s Committee