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1st WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: Rabiataou 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
- 12.00-13.00 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 Bouderouaz, 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
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