



South Asia Labour Conference

Fostering Regional Cooperation for Decent Work
24-26 April 2014, Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore



(PROGRAMME SUMMARY – 3 DAYS)

Day-1: Thursday, 24th April 2014

Time	Description						
0900-1115	Inaugural Session						
1115-1200	Refreshments						
1200-1230	Briefing on the Methodology for Technical Sessions (For Conference Participants only)						
1230-1330	Lunch & Prayer Break						
1330-1630	Technical Session-1: Understanding the Situation in South-Asia (7 Working Groups)						
	Harmonizing Labour Laws	Working Condition, Productivity & Competitiveness	Labour Market Information for Evidence-based Policies & Laws	Labour Migration	Occupational Safety & Health	Social Protection	Protection of Vulnerable Workers (CL, BL, Women)
1645-1900	Guided city tour (optional)						
1930-2130	Dinner at Huzuri Bagh						

Day-2: Friday, 25th April 2014

Time	Description						
0900-1230	Technical Session-2: Developing Way Forward for Collective Regional Initiatives (7 Working Groups)						
	Harmonizing Labour Laws	Working Condition, Productivity & Competitiveness	Labour Market Information for Evidence-based Policies & Laws	Labour Migration	Occupational Safety & Health	Social Protection	Protection of Vulnerable Workers (CL, BL, Women)
1230-1400	Lunch and Prayer Break						
1400-1535	Plenary Session – Consolidating Recommendations of Technical Sessions / Endorsing the Way Forward						
1535-1600	Tea / Coffee Break						
1600-1645	Ministerial Session: Finalizing the 'Joint Statement' (Head of Delegations and invitees only)						
1700-1930	Tour to Industrial and Handicrafts Exhibition, Lahore Expo Center						
2000-2200	State Dinner at Governor House, Lahore						

Day-3: Saturday, 26th April 2014

Time	Description
0900-1200	Concluding Session





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DAY-1: THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2014



Inaugural Session

Time	Description
0900	Registration
0930	Guests to be seated
0935	Arrival of Chief Guest
0940	Recitation from Holy Quran
0945	Welcome Address by H. E. Raja Ashfaq Sarwar, Minister for Labour & Human Resource, Government of the Punjab, Pakistan
1000	Objectives of Conference by Mr. Muhammad Yousaf, Secretary, Labour & Human Resource Department, Government of the Punjab, Pakistan
1015	Labour Song by a renowned Pakistani Singer
1025	Keynote Address: “Decent Work and Working Conditions in South Asia” by Ms. Tine Staermose, Director, ILO Decent Work Support Team for South Asia
1035	Address by H.E Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, Head of the European Union Delegation to Pakistan
1045	Address by H. E. Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi, Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Government of Pakistan
1055	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest
1115-1200	Refreshments
1200	Briefing on the Methodology for Technical Sessions
1230-1330	LUNCH & PRAYER BREAK





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Technical Session-1: Understanding the Situation in South Asia (7 Working Groups)

Time	Parallel Working Groups						
1330-1630	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	Working Group 3	Working Group 4	Working Group 5	Working Group 6	Working Group 7
	Harmonizing Labour Laws	Working Condition, Productivity & Competitiveness	Labour Market Information for Evidence-based Policies & Laws	Labour Migration	Occupational Safety & Health	Social Protection	Protection of Vulnerable Workers (CL, BL, Women)
COUNTRY	Sri Lanka	Pakistan	India	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Nepal	Maldives
CHAIR	H.E Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Labour & Labour Relations, GoS	Dr. Rashid Amjad, Director, LSE	Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, President I.N.T.U.C	H.E Dr. H. Hamrah, Deputy Minister Labour Affairs, GOA	H.E Mr. Md. Mujibul Haque, State Minister, GoB	Dhan Bahadur Shrestha, Joint Secretary, GoN	H.E . M. G Hassan Maumoon State Minister, GoM
Presentations (15 min each)							
	i. Overview of Labour Laws in SAARC Countries (Mr Coen Kompier, ILO)	i. Overview of Labour Productivity & Working Conditions in SAARC (Mr Sher Verick, ILO)	i. Overview of Labour Market Information Systems in SAARC (Mr Paul Comyn, ILO)	i. Overview of Labour Migration in SAARC Countries (Mr Enrico Ponziani, IOM)	i. Overview of Occupational Safety & Health in SAARC States (Mr Amin Al-Wreidat, ILO)	i. Overview of Social Protection for Workers in SAARC Countries (Mr Markus Ruck, ILO)	i. Overview of the Rights of Vulnerable Labour Groups in SAARC Countries (Ms Sherin Khan and Ms Reiko Tsushima, ILO)
	ii. Labour Law: Situation in Pakistan (Mr. Rai Saleh)	ii. Productivity and Working Conditions in Pakistan (Engr. Sohail Lashari)	ii. Labour Market Information Systems in Pakistan (Dr. Sabur Ghayur)	ii. Protection of Lab Migration from Pakistan (Rana Matloob)	ii. OSH in Pakistan (Dr. Tahir Berlas)	ii. Social Protection Systems in Pakistan (Mr. Zahoor Awan, Gen. Secretary, PWF)	ii. Rights of Vulnerable Labour Groups in Pakistan (Mr. Ali Raza)
	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion:
	Summarize and conclusion by Chair	Summarize and conclusion by Chair	Summarize and conclusion by Chair	Summarize and conclusion by Chair	Summarize and conclusion by Chair	Summarize and conclusion by Chair	Summarize and conclusion by Chair
Technical Session 1 Concluded							
1645-1900	Guided city tour (optional)						
1930-2130	Dinner at Huzuri Bagh						





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Technical Session-2: Developing Way Forward for Collective Regional Initiatives

Time 0930-12:30 Parallel Working Groups							
	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	Working Group 3	Working Group 4	Working Group 5	Working Group 6	Working Group 7
	Harmonizing Labour Laws	Working Condition, Productivity & Competitiveness	Labour Market Information for Policies & Laws	Labour Migration	Occupational Safety & Health	Social Protections	Protection of Vulnerable Workers (CL, BL, Women)
COUNTRY	Sri Lanka	Pakistan	India	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Nepal	Maldives
Chair	H.E Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Labour & Labour Relations, GoS	Dr. Ayesha Ghous Pasha, MPA, Punjab Assembly	Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, President I.N.T.U.C	H.E Dr. H. Hamrah, Deputy Minister Labour Affairs, GOA	H.E Mr. Md. Mujibul Haque, State Minister, GoB	Dhan Bahadur Shrestha, Joint Secretary, GoN	H.E . M. G Hassan Maumoon State Minister, GoM
Suggested Country and Expert Presentations (15 min each)							
	Sri Lanka Presentation on Harmonizing Labour laws Turkey: Mrs. Funda İDE	Bangladesh: Presentation on Productivity Pakistan: Dr. Safdar Sohail, Economic Minister	Sri Lanka Presentation on Labor Market Information Turkey: Mr. Sinan OK	Sri Lanka Presentation on Labor Migration Turkey: Mr. Hikmet Okur	Bangladesh: Presentation on OSH Italy: Mr. Sergio Lavicoli, Presenting on OSH Pakistan: Dr. Rizwan Naseer Turkey: Mrs. Şengül COŞAR	Nepal: Czech Republic Mr. Vit Holubec. Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Turkey Mr. Ahmet Hilmi SEZER	Pakistan Prof. Dr. Hafiz ur Rehman Turkey Mr. Mert ÖCAL
	Open Discussion:	Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion
	Conclusion by Chair	Conclusion by Chair	Conclusion by Chair	Conclusion by Chair	Conclusion by Chair	Conclusion by Chair	Conclusion by Chair
1230-1400	Lunch and Prayer Break						
1400-1535	Plenary Session – Consolidating Recommendations of Technical Sessions / Endorsing the Way Forward Presentations by Seven Working Groups (5 minutes each) Observations by the Eight Head of Delegations (5 minutes each) Open Discussion (20 minutes)						
1535-1600	Tea/Coffee Break						
1600-1645	Ministerial Session: Finalizing the ‘Joint Statement’ (Head of Delegations and Invitees only)						
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DAY-3: SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL 2014

Concluding Session

Time	Plenary
0900	Registration
0930	Guests to be seated
0935	Arrival of Chief Guest
0940	Recitation from Holy Quran
0945	Welcome Address by H. E. Raja Ashfaq Sarwar, Minister for Labour & Human Resource, Government of the Punjab, Pakistan
1000	Recommendations & Way-Forward of the Conference Proceedings by Mr. Muhammad Yousaf, Secretary, Labour & Human Resource Department, Govt. of the Punjab and Mr. Francesco d'Ovidio, Country Director, ILO Pakistan Office
1020	Statement by Representatives of Workers (to be identified by workers group from the visiting workers delegates)
1025	Statement by Representatives of Employers (to be identified by employers group from the visiting employers delegates)
1030	Statement by Ms. Tine Staermose, Director, ILO Decent Work Support Team for South Asia
1035	Statement by Mr. Nicolas Gibert-Morin, Head of Cabinet for the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
1040	Joint Statement of the Conference
1050	Address by the Chief Guest
1110	Souvenirs Presentation
1200	Refreshments

