



Asia-Europe Labour Forum



PROGRAMME

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Monday, 15 October 2018 Hotel Progress, Rue du Progrès 9, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode	
All day	Arrival of participants at : Hotel Progress, Rue du Progrès 9, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Hotel des Colonies, Rue des Croisades 6, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode (the two hotels share the same building but have different entrances)
Tuesday, 16 October 2018 Armstrong room, Hotel Progress	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:45	Welcome remarks Shoya Yoshida, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation - Asia-Pacific (ITUC-AP) Adrienne Woltersdorf, Director, FES Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia, Singapore Józef Niemiec, Special Advisor to the General Secretary, ETUC Yorgos Altintzis, AELF Coordinator, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Round of introductions by participants
09:45-11:00	The labour and employment agenda in ASEM Session co-chaired by: Shoya Yoshida, General Secretary, ITUC-AP Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) Speech by: Rudi Delarue, Deputy Head of Unit, International Issues, DG Employment Discussants: Luc Triangle, General Secretary, IndustriAll-Europe Luisa Santos, Director, International Relations, BusinessEurope Koen Detavernier, Policy Officer, World Solidarity Movement / Asia-Europe People's Forum, Belgium Harbhajan Singh, General Secretary, Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS), India Plamen Dimitrov, President, Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria (CITUB), Bulgaria
11:00-11.30	Group photo and coffee break
11:30-12:30	Achieving living minimum wages in Asia and beyond Panel discussion chaired by: Veronica Nilsson, Programme Manager, FES, Singapore Introduction by Evelyn Astor, Policy Officer, ITUC Chandra Prakash Singh, National Secretary, Indian National Trade Union Confederation (INTUC), India Senghak Penh, Liaison Coordinator, Cambodian Labour Confederation (CLC), Cambodia Frank Zach, Head of section of the International and European department, German Trade Union Confederation (DGB), Germany Followed by discussion

12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p>Decent wages and accountability in global supply chains Panel discussion chaired by: Rafael Lamas, Director, Fédération générale du travail de Belgique (FGTB-ABVV), Belgium</p> <p>Phyo Sandar Soe, Assistant General Secretary, Confederation of Trade Unions of Myanmar (CTUM), Myanmar Sylvain Goldstein, Policy Officer, Confédération générale du travail (CGT), France Ramesh Badal, Vice-president, General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT), Nepal</p> <p>Invited interventions : Maresa Le Roux, Coordinator International Cooperation, Centrale générale des syndicats libéraux de Belgique (CGSLB-ACLVB), Belgium Isabel Pango, Legal Officer and in-charge of Migrant Workers, Federation of Free Workers (FFW), Philippines Corinne Mares, Confederal Assistant, Force Ouvrière (FO), France</p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-18:00	<p>Challenges in the world of work: trade agreements in Asia and Europe</p> <p>Impact of RCEP and CPTPP on workers Kate Lappin, Regional Secretary, Public Services International</p> <p>The EU FTAs with Asia Panel discussion chaired by: Stijn Sintubin, Director of International and European Department, Confédération des syndicats chrétiens (CSC-ACV), Belgium</p> <p>Sulistri Afrileston, Vice-President, Indonesian Workers Welfare Union (KSBSI), Indonesia – on CEPA Edwin Bustillos, Deputy Secretary General of National Union of Workers in the Hotel, Restaurant and Allied Industries (NUWHRAIN-SENTRO) - Philippines – On EU-Philippines</p> <p>Followed by discussion</p>
19:30	Dinner
<p>Wednesday, 17 October 2018 Armstrong room, Hotel Progress</p>	
09:00-10:45	<p>How digitisation is reshaping the labour market Panel discussion chaired by: Tim Page, Senior Policy Officer of the International, Social and Economic Department, Trades Union Congress (TUC), UK</p> <p>The digital transformation & work 4.0 effects Anna Byhovskaya, Policy Officer, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC), Paris</p> <p>Ristolä Pekka, Head of International Affairs, Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK), Finland Silvana Cappuccio, Policy Officer in European and International Policy, Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL), Italy An Jianhua, Director General of the international department, All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU), People's Republic of China</p>

	Followed by discussion
10:45-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:00	<p>Organising workers in the digital economy Panel discussion chaired by: Catherine Schlachter, Confederal Secretary in charge of ILO Matters, Trade Union and Human Rights, and Asia, Confédération française démocratique du travail (CFDT), France</p> <p>Examples of successful strategies: Per Hilmersson, International Director, Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees (TCO), Sweden Tim Page, Senior Policy Officer of the International, Social and Economic Department, Trades Union Congress (TUC), UK Davide Dorino, Policy Advisor, International Department, Italian Labour Union (UIL), Italy</p> <p>Followed by discussion</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>Conclusions Józef Niemiec, Special Advisor to the General Secretary, ETUC Veronica Nilsson, Programme Manager, FES Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia Alison Tate, Director, Economic and Social Policy of ITUC</p>
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Field trip DHL logistics Center at the Brussels Airport