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**Interreligious Seminar on Decent Work
27-29 April 2011, Geneva**

The program proposes:

- substantial participant intervention as each was invited to contribute to a document that will be published following the seminar and to participate in an interactive dialogue.
- an approach to reflection that gathers previous work and defines the themes that will be necessary in future follow up
- the meeting is created in chapters that include:
 - other meetings of the same type planned for the future
 - national dialogues (Dakar, 2009, other meetings)
- an interactive web dialogue to continue, deepen exchanges and to collect other contributions.

Wednesday 27 April	
9:30	OPENING SESSION
	<p>Greetings from the ILO –Morten Hovda</p> <p>The stakeholders of the meeting for each of the partners are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hielke Wolters, World Council of Churches ▪ Abdelillah Benarafa, ISESCO ▪ Flaminia Giovannelli, Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace <p>The role of the Seminar in the program for global interreligious dialogue:-</p> <p>Pierre Martinot-Lagarde, ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect/react to other exchanges and deepen thematic understanding. - Benefits of the meeting in Dakar - Upcoming meetings – Chile, Africa (TBD Countries) - Introduction of Participants
11:00	<p>History of the concept of Decent Work – Anita Amorim, Pierre Martinot-Lagarde</p> <p>Questions and responses with participants</p>
12:30	<p>Welcome Lunch – Offered by the World Council of Churches, WCC Offices.</p>
FIRST WORKING SESSION	
14:30	<p>The meaning of work in each religious tradition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carlos Ham - Abbas Aroua - Flaminia Giovanelli <p>Complementary information/remarks, debate</p>
17:30	<p>Globethics.net - Christoph Stueckelberger</p> <p>Presentation Platform and Email Exchange</p>
18:00	<p>Closing</p>
	<p>Dinner for non-Geneva Participants 20:00 – Hotel Royal, 41-43 rue de Lausanne, Geneva</p>

Thursday 28 April	
SECOND WORKING SESSION	
9:30	Rights based approach and ethics concerning work in each religious tradition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christoph Stueckelberger - Mohammed Amin Al-Midani - Michel Aguilar - Françoise Salmon Complementary information/remarks, debate
11:45	Important themes for the work of the ILO (Introduction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social protection and solidarity, Clara van Panhuys, ILO - Child labour, Ben Smith, IPEC, ILO
13:00	Lunch – Offered by the World Council of Churches, WCC Offices
THIRD WORKING SESSION	
14:30	What Commitment to Social Justice is being made by each religious tradition? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yahya Pallavicini - Hildegard Hageman - Rogate Mshana Complementary information/remarks, debate
17:00	Important Themes for the work of the ILO (Introduction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Employment, Susan ^{As} Puerto, YEN - Labour Standards and dignity, Karen Curtis, ILO
18:00	Closing
20:00	Dinner for all participants – Hotel Royal, 41-43 rue de Lausanne, Geneva

Friday 29 April	
FOURTH WORKING SESSION - CONCLUSION	
9:30	First debate: converging ideas between different religious traditions and decent work, prominent points to be reflected in a leaflet.
11:00	Second debate: Continued collaboration - which of the points raised merit further investigation.
12:30	Conclusion and Recommendations
13:00	Lunch – Offered by the World Council of Churches, WCC Offices

Provisional List of participants - Interreligious Seminar on Decent Work

Last Name	First Name	Confession	In relation with	Residence
Rogate	Mshana	Protestant	WCC	Geneva
Hielke	Volters	Protestant	WCC	Geneva
Christoph	Stueckelberger	Protestant	Globethics.net	Geneva
Françoise	Salmon	Catholic	Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	Paris
Yahya	Pallavicini	Muslim	ISESCO	Milano
Abdelila	Benarafa	Muslim	ISESCO	Rabat
Eric	Ackermann	Jewish	Synagogue	Geneva
Mohammed Amin	Al-Midani	Muslim	ISESCO	Strasbourg
Abbas	Aroua	Muslim	ISESCO	Geneva
Muriel	Junaiden Hausler		Globethics.net	Geneva
Flamina	Giovannelli	Catholic	Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	Geneva
Hildegard	Hageman	Catholic	Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	Bonn
Michael	Gundayev	Orthodox	Patriarchat de Moscou	Geneva
ILO Experts				
Morten	Hovda	CABINET	ILO-Specialist	Geneva
To be Confirmed		IPEC	ILO-Specialist	Geneva
Bockstal	Christine	Social Protection	ILO-Specialist	Geneva
Susan	Puerto	Youth Employment	ILO-Specialist	Geneva
Karen	Curtis	NORMES	ILO-Specialist	Geneva
Juan	Hunt	PARDEV	ILO-Specialist	Geneva
ILO Support team				
Pierre	Martinot-Lagarde	Catholic	ILO-EXREL	Geneva
Jean-Marie	Kagabo		ILO-EXREL	Geneva
Sandra	Heard		ILO-EXREL	Geneva
Corina	Kwami		ILO-EXREL	Geneva

Workgroup Information: Religions and Work

Description

A set of interreligious seminars on Decent Work are currently being organized in the framework of a partnership between the World Council of Churches, the ISESCO and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. The working group aims to facilitate exchange among participants in the meeting. Contributions from participants, supporting documents and relevant materials will be shared in this forum.

Goals

Through the Interreligious Seminar on Decent Work to take place on 27-29 April the goals include:

— Identifying possible convergences between religious traditions and the Decent Work agenda on the following topics:

- The meaning of work in each religious tradition
- Rights based approach and ethics concerning work in each religious tradition
- Commitments being made by each religious tradition

— Preparing a follow-up for this reflection. We will focus on some issues central to ILO work and part of the Decent work agenda in the following areas:

- Youth employment
- Child labour
- Labour standard and human dignity
- Social protection

Working Methods

The meeting will include presentations from experts from a diversity of religious traditions as well as specialists from the International Labour Organization. There will be an opportunity for interventions and comments. This will be followed by a general debate.

This web based platform through Globethics.net will allow us to pursue share in the discussion during and following the meeting. We will share our documents on "Religion and work" and invite other experts to join us in an additional open working group.

Expected outcome and impact

This meeting has been preceded by a meeting in Dakar in December 2009 and will be followed by others as part of wider project on Religion and Work.

These efforts will facilitate the first elements of converging ideas that could be highlighted in a brochure or more substantially documented in a larger publication.

Participants and Access Policy

Participation in this working group is restricted to participants in interreligious dialogue project on decent work. The *Working Group 1. 6* will be the designated 'open working group. Participants in the meaning are encouraged to join both.

Timeframe

The Interreligious Seminar on Decent Work will take place on 27-29 April 2011. It will be followed by another meeting most likely end of May 2011. While the discussion is ongoing, the time frame for the project is one year.

Milestones

Milestones include the Interreligious Seminar on Decent Work held in Dakar, Senegal December 2009 which was the basis for this next series of meetings.