



Asia-Europe Meeting

ASEM Seminar on Social Dialogue

Social progress through social dialogue
in a rapidly changing business environment

9-10-11 March 2014

Provisional Agenda

Sunday, 9 March

Arrival of delegations in Brussels
(Some transfers to hotel (tbc) depending on flight schedules)

20.00 Welcome dinner (offered by the Belgian Government) in Hotel Pullman Brussels Midi,
Place Victor Horta,1 – 1060 Brussels (in Brussels Midi Railway Station).
For all participants but preliminary registration is needed before 28 February 2014

Monday, 10 March

Seminar venue:

Brussels, Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue (FPS),
rue Ernest Blérot, 1 – 1060 Brussels (in front of Hotel Pullman), room Storck, 1st floor

08:30 Registration

09:15 Introductions: Belgium/Indonesia/ European Commission/ILO/IOE/BusinessEurope/ ETUC/ITUC

09:45 SESSION 1:

Recent developments in strengthening institutions and processes of social dialogue, collective bargaining and workplace cooperation.

Chair: Indonesia (Ministry of Manpower and transmigration)

A first group of 2 presentations (Asia/Europe) will deal with recent developments in institutional support to organised industrial relations and collective bargaining facilitating the design, governance and implementation of decent work policies

*Europe: ILO (Susan Hayter)

*Asia:

10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 A second group of 2 presentations will comment on good experiences of regular consultations on the workplace and/of dispute prevention mechanisms

* Asia

* Belgium: FPS Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue

Global comments on all presentations from employers/trade unions, followed by a **general discussion** (confirming key successful elements gained by previous experiences in countries)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 SESSION 2:

How to encourage bipartite cooperation and cross-border social dialogue to address workplace challenges in plants integrated in international supply chains?

Chair: ILO (Ms Polaski, tbc)

Introduction:

- by ILO based on the experience gained with the ILO-IFC Better Work Programme and its tripartite operating principle, the Compact (EU, Bangladesh and ILO) and the MNE Tripartite Declaration
- by the European Commission (tbc)

2 key-note presentations (Bangladesh (tbc) & The Netherlands)

15:30 Coffee Break

16:30 **Comments from employers/trade unions** (IOE, ITUC, Belgian and Asian),
Followed by a general discussion

17:30 End of First Day.
Free evening.

17:45 **Drafting group of the Conclusions** (Indonesia, Belgium, ILO, European Commission, IOE,ITUC)

Tuesday, 11 March

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10:00 SESSION 3: Conclusions & Final remarks

Chair: Belgium (Minister of Work, Monica De Coninck)

Presentation of thematic Conclusions (Indonesia and Belgium)

Discussion/Adoption

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00 Final remarks:

*Indonesia

*Belgium

*European Commission

*EU Presidency of the Council (Greece)

*International organisation of Employers (IOE)

*International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

12:00 Lunch (FPS)

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

13:30 Departure from the FPS for the Sightseeing Tour

14:30 Embarking for the visit of Brussels Port (avenue du Port, 1 (place Saintelette) – 1000 Brussels)

Followed by

16:30 a guided tour of Tour & Taxis former Industrial Plant (2 simultaneous groups)

18:30 End of the visits and transportation to dinner

19:00 Farewell Dinner (offered by the Indonesian government, with the participation of the Belgian Minister of Work, Monica De Coninck)

Followed by transportation to hotel Pullman

Day 4: Departure of the delegations