

ILO Employers Workshop on Global Supply Chains

**Bangkok, Thailand
8–9 December 2015**

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 8 December 2015	
8:00-8:30	Registration and Coffee
8:30-9:00	<p>Welcome, Workshop Objectives and Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah France-Massin, Director, ILO Bureau for Employers' Activities • Linda Kromjong, Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
9:00-9:30	<p>The increasing international focus on supply chains: Overview of key policy initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Suarez, Deputy Secretary-General, IOE
9:30-10:00	<p>ILO programs and activities on supply chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Greene, Senior Adviser, ILO Bureau for Employers' Activities
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:30	<p>Break-Out Sessions for Suppliers and Buyers</p> <p>Suppliers and buyers – and their respective federations – will meet in parallel sessions to discuss the key challenges and opportunities they face regarding working conditions and global supply chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key trends in your sector or country? • Which tools and instruments work and which haven't? • What are the main barriers to progress? • How have these programs linked with productivity and competitiveness? • What is the role of your national governments in supply chain programs? Has it been effective? • How have these programs affected national or local producers?
12:30-13:30	Buffet Lunch

13:30-14:15	<p>Feedback from the supplier and buyer break-out sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the key themes of the discussion? • What are the issues of common concern? • Are there important differences of opinion?
14:15-15:00	<p>Overview of the 2016 International Labour Conference discussion on “Global Supply Chains and Decent Work”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers` Spokesperson for the ILC 2016 discussion on global supply chains
15:00-15:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:30-17:00	<p>Putting global supply chains in context: comparing the performance of exporters to domestic and local producers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the results of an ACT/EMP research project • Open Discussion
17:00-17:30	<p>Overview of Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers` Spokesperson for the ILC 2016 discussion on global supply chains

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8:00-8:30	<p>Coffee</p>
8:30-10:00	<p>Global Supply Chains: Links with trade, investment and job creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of trade and investment policies and agreements on global supply chains • Productivity and employment growth tied to trade and global supply chains
10:00-10:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:30-12:00	<p>Global Supply Chains: Links with working conditions and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of global supply chains on wages and working conditions • How do wages and working conditions in global supply chains compare with domestic and local producers?
12:00-13:00	<p>Buffet Lunch</p>

13:00-14:00	<p>Roles and Responsibilities in Global Supply Chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights • What are the roles and responsibilities of States and companies? • How do supply chain programs link with the national labour systems?
14:00-15:00	<p>Global Supply Chains and the ILO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the ILO best contribute to improving working conditions in global supply chains? • Are there gaps in available data or additional research needed? • What ILO programs should be expanded or reduced?
15:00-15:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:30-17:00	<p>Employer Priorities for the 2016 ILC discussion on “<i>Global Supply Chains and Decent Work</i>”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do employers’ expect from the ILO’s engagement in supply chains? • What should be the employers` approach to the 2016 ILC discussion on global supply chains? • What more needs to be done to prepare the ILC discussion?
17:00-17:30	<p>Summary and Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers` Spokesperson for the ILC 2016 discussion on global supply chains