



MEDIA RELEASE

Business Central to Key Global Policy Debates

Geneva, 5 June 2009

As the world faces a level of economic and jobs crisis not seen for decades, it is more important than ever that business encourages global debate, and ensures the UN, international agencies, trade unions, civil society groups, and national governments engage with the right challenges, ask the right questions, and seek solutions in the right directions.

This is particularly true of economic regulation, financial regulation and employment regulation. It is businesses that trade, market, employ and raise capital, and it is businesses along with their employees, that are most exposed to the current economic crisis.

It is therefore a great pleasure for the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) to release the 2009 edition of the ***International Labour and Social Policy Review***.

The 2009 Review brings together an unparalleled range of key international commentators during this time of economic crisis. Contributors come from the highest levels of the business community, international organisations and the global trade union movement.

What they have in common is providing challenging, thought provoking contributions to the debates the businesses of the world believe we need to be having. The contributors to the 2009 Review are:

- Pascal Lamy, Director General, World Trade Organization - *The WTO and the financial crisis*
- Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) - *Why the ILO is important for business.*
- Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - *The corporate responsibility to respect: A Human Rights milestone.*
- William L. Swing, Director General of the International Organisation of Migration - *Where does business fit in the migration debate?*
- Jim Baker, Coordinator, Council of Global Unions - *Global policy dialogue and industrial relations: A trade union view.*



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- Jenni Myles, Director of Employee Engagement & HR of G4S plc – *“We’re not in Kansas anymore”*: *The challenge for global relations.*
- Peter Anderson, Chief Executive of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry - *What private sector expects from its representative organizations.*
- Stefan Jan Marculewicz, Principal, Miles & Stockridge P.C - *Ramifications of proposed changes to US industrial relations legislation.*
- Nobuo Tateisi, Chair Japan Business Federation's committee on international labour affairs - *Reforming labour legislation in response to changing Japanese economic and social conditions.*

These commentators have made important contributions to global policy debate.

It is a pleasure for employers, through their global organisation - the IOE - to facilitate this exchange of ideas.

The 2009 *International Labour and Social Policy Review* is available from the IOE website: www.ioe-emp.org.

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MEDIA ALERT

Geneva, 4 June 2009

The International Organisation of Employers (IOE) will launch the 2009 *International Labour and Social Policy Review* on Friday 5 June 2009, as follows:

Place: Room XVI - *Palais des Nations*, Geneva
Time: 9.30 am
Date: Friday, 5 June 2009

(All media are welcome from 9.30)

The launch will feature presentations and an interactive debate between world leading employer and trade union figures.

This will see an exchange of views from:

Jenni Myles, Director of Employee Engagement & Human Resources, G4S plc (Business Perspective)

- and -

Jim Baker, Coordinator, Council of Global Unions (Trade Union Perspective)

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