ILO and UN Resident Coordinators Dialogue on Decent Work and Economic Growth in the context of the Future of Work in Latin America and the Caribbean

Draft Agenda

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Venue: ILO Regional Office for LAC, Lima

Objective:
1) To strengthen cooperation between the UN Development Cooperation Office (DCO), Resident Coordinators and the ILO;
2) Improve mutual understanding about the mission, work modalities and possible contributions of ILO to CCAs and UNSDCFs as well as a joint comprehension of the role and expectations of the RC in the framework of UN reform;
3) Agree on interagency collaboration around issues pertaining agenda 2030 and issues falling under the mandate of ILO (i.e. possible support to an issue based coalition in LAC);

Results:
1) Understanding and recognition of the ILO’s mandate, tripartite governance structure and role of its constituents and of the new UN structure in the region, including the DCO and Resident Coordinator system.
2) Understanding of the ILO normative system including recognition of the fundamental principles and rights at work as human rights.
3) Clarity of content, scope, quality and participation mechanisms of upcoming CCAs and UNSDCFs in LAC in 2019/20 and the importance of issues related to inclusive growth, decent work and universal social protection;
4) Joint support to an issue based coalition (tbd) in LAC, including a number of strategic actions to be pursued in national, sub regional and regional dimensions.
Tuesday, 17 September 2019

08:30 – 09:00    Arrival and registration of participants

09:00-10:30    Opening session (Facilitated by the Master of Ceremonies)

    Welcoming remarks
    - Mr. Moussa Oumarou, DDG/FOP, ILO/Geneva
    - Representative of the UNDCO (tbc)

    Opening remarks
    - Representative of Government
    - Representative of Workers
    - Representative of Employers
    - Remarks by representative of LAC/RCs (RC Peru tbc)
    - Remarks by Executive Secretary ECLAC
    - Remarks by Chair, UNSDG LAC

10:30 – 11:00    Coffee break (Group photo)

Session 1
11:00-13:00    International Labour Standards, Social Dialogue and Tripartism: key drivers to promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. It contributes to Results 1 and 2

    Chair: Director of ILO Office in LAC (tbc)
    Panel: Corinne Vargha. Director NORMES (tbc); Humberto Villasmil, NORMES Specialist, ILO DWT and Country Office for the South Cone of Latin America (tbc); and Gerardina González, Director, ILO Country Office for Mexico and Cuba - 15” (tbc); Representative of RCs and/or representative of UN agencies (tbc); Representative of ACTRAV (tbc).

    Presentations on practical applications will be done on:
    - Key international and regional frameworks and mechanisms governing the work on International Labour Standards, Social Dialogue and Tripartism (including the role of ILO constituents)
    - Key opportunities and challenges facing LAC in International Labour Standards, Social Dialogue and Tripartism (including the role of ILO constituents)
    - Opportunities for action using upcoming UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks
The purpose of this session is to highlight the broad issues of concern in LAC in the areas mentioned for subsequent specific attention and discussions using examples from different countries on how the ILO and the UN development system is responding (or can respond) to the challenges.

A Q&A and plenary discussion among the UNRCs, Representatives/Heads of Office of ILO and other UN family and other participants will follow, focusing on the needs of LAC countries to achieve multiple benefits at national, regional and global levels related to International Labour Standards, Social Dialogue and Tripartism, including freedom of association and collective bargaining, gender equality, child labour and force labour, indigenous populations and the role of ILO constituents as Agenda 2030 implementers as included in the ILO Centenary Declaration.

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break (venue tbc)

Session 2  
14:00-16:00

Sustainable Enterprises, Employment and Social Protection: Key drivers to promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

It contributes to Results 1 and 2

Chair: Director UNDCO/LAC

Panel: Sangheon Lee, Director, Employment Department, ILO/Geneva (tbc); Fabio Bertranou, Director, ILO Decent Work Team and Country Office for the south Cone of Latin America (tbc); Roberto Villamil, ACT/EMP, ILO DWT and Country Office for the Andean Countries; Representative of of RCs and/or of UN agencies (tbc); Representative of ACTEMP (tbc).

Presentation of practical examples will be done on:
- Key opportunities and challenges facing LAC in sustainable enterprises, employment creation and universal social protection systems until 2030;
- Key international and regional frameworks and mechanisms governing the work on sustainable enterprises, employment creation and social protection in LAC;
- Opportunities for urgent action using upcoming UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks.

General discussion will focus, in the context of the Cooperation Frameworks, on how the UN is responding to the needs of LAC countries in addressing Sustainable Enterprises, employment creation and social protection, as mentioned in the ILO Centenary Declaration. A plenary discussion will clarify and propose concrete recommendations on how ILO
can effectively contribute to UNCT work to promote enabling environment for sustainable enterprises and job creation, to build human talent, respond to climate change challenges, promote formality, expand social protection and, as mentioned in the Centenary Declaration, contribute to 2030 Agenda and SGDs implementation.

Contributions from the floor will focus on practical experience of participants in addressing major challenges and priorities in this field in LAC, and how such experience can be strengthened in order to effectively respond to the needs of countries. This discussion will identify the main issues that are common to two or more countries and require integrated action.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

Session 3
16:30 – 18:30 Chair: ILO Director of LAC (tbd).
It contributes to Result 3

16:30-17:00 Introduction: the new UN structure in LAC, C. Salazar (DCO LAC)

17:00-18:30 Panel discussions: Role of the United Nations Development System in addressing employment and social protection challenges and opportunities for urgent action

17:00-17:30 Panel 1: Four UNRCs will address different issues of UNCT expertise and capacity in relation to social protection challenges. A short Q&A will follow.

17:30-18:00 Panel 2: Four UN Agencies (i.e. ECLAC, UNDP, UNIDO, UNICEF) will address joint action with other entities and stakeholders in relation to employment creation.

18:00-18:30 General discussion will focus, in the context of Cooperation Frameworks, on how the UN is responding to the needs of LAC countries in addressing employment and social protection challenges. Contributions from the floor will focus on practical experience of participants in addressing major challenges and priorities in this field in LAC, and how such experience can be strengthened in order to effectively respond to the needs of countries. This
discussion will identify the main issues that are common to two or more countries and require integrated action.

Wednesday, 18 September 2019

09:00 – 10:30 Employment and Social Protection Training, Data, Information and Knowledge Systems for Achieving SDGs

ILO, in collaboration with CEPAL, will present on the importance of capacity on training, data and information on employment and social protection not only to track progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, but also to report to different regional and international processes, including the National Voluntary Report to the High Level Political Forum. This will be followed by a Q&A session. The outcome of this discussion is to highlight gaps of information on employment and social protection in LAC and the need for urgent action to ensure availability of reliable state-and-trend data in support of UNCTs.

ILO: Representante de CINTERFOR (tbc);
    Rafael Díez de Medina, Director, Statistics. (tbc)
CEPAL: Representative to be confirmed

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Session 4
11:00 – 12:30 ILO expertise and services on employment and social protection in LAC

Chair: (UNRC – tbc)
It contributes to Result 3

ILO will make a short presentation on its expertise and services on employment and social protection that are available in support of UNCTs work.

Panel: Hugo Ñopo, Employment and Formalization Specialist, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean; and Helmut Schwarzer, Social Protection Specialist, ILO Country Office for Mexico and Cuba

A plenary discussion will clarify and propose concrete recommendations on how ILO can effectively contribute to UNCT work on the environment and climate, and the 2030 Agenda and SGDs implementation. The discussion will narrow down the expertise and services that can be available at country level with a focus on the RCs, Representatives/Heads of Office ILO and UNCTs in supporting Member States in achieving SDGs.
12:30 – 14.00  lunch

Session 5
14.00 - 15.30  Summary of deliberations and agreement on the way forward
Chair: (UNDCO)

Identify key deliverable strategic decisions and required priority action areas. To enable the participants to recall the discussions in the previous sessions, a summary of the deliberations will be presented with a view to develop concrete priority actions areas and partnerships that will be agreed upon with possible timelines and targets.

15.30 – 16.30  Closing Remarks
- UNDCO LAC RD
- ILO LAC RD
- Representative of Governments,
- Representative of Employers
- Representative of Workers
- Chair of R-UNSDG LAC
- Executive Secretary ECLAC

16:30 - 19:00  Cocktail reception

NOTE
During the meeting, the ILO will organize thematic tents designed to inform all participants about its activities and results during the 100 years of existence and the plans for the future.