
Preliminary agenda:

ILO Regional Event: COVID-19 and the World of Work in Europe and Central Asia - Building a better future of work

Wednesday, 1 July 2020

Session 1: Introduction and Setting the Scene

Moderated by Mr Heinz Koller, ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia

14:00 - 14:45
(CET time)

Opening addresses

- Introductory address by Mr Heinz Koller: introduction to the event and overarching regional outlook for the world of work in the current COVID-19 context
- Address by a representative of EU Presidency (Germany), (TBC)
- Address by a government representative on challenges and prospects in the Russian Federation and CIS countries (TBC)
- Address by EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights (TBC) on action taken by the EC in support of its member States
- Address by a regional representative of the workers group
- Address by a regional representative of the employers group

Session 2: Thematic Panels

Moderated by Conny Czymoch, Journalist and TV anchor

14:45 - 15:55

Panel 1: Supporting enterprises, jobs and incomes

Panel discussion – with panel consisting of 2 Governments, 1 Worker, 1 Employer, presenting national experiences

Moderator opens floor for Q&A

Issues to be discussed:

- *Emergency protection and sustainable social protection for all*
- *Implement employment retention and job creation measures*
- *Emergency assistance to assure business continuity and an enabling environment for sustainable enterprises*

15.55 - 17:05	<p>Panel 2: Protecting workers in the workplace</p> <p>Panel discussion – with panel consisting of 2 Governments, 1 Worker, 1 Employer, presenting national experiences</p> <p>Moderator opens floor for Q&A</p> <p><i>Issues to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Occupational safety and health, including for a safe return to work</i> • <i>Prevent discrimination and exclusion</i> • <i>New work arrangements, including telework and access to paid leave</i>
<p>Session 3: Summing up and pointers for future action <i>Moderated by Mr Heinz Koller, ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia</i></p>	
17.05 -17.30	<p>Tripartite discussion (1 Government, 1 Worker, 1 Employer) Summing up the discussions and providing policy options based upon the Centenary Declaration, and to inform ILO future action in the region.</p>