



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in
Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development,
and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation**

Third session

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva
25 and 26 February 2019

PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

Monday, 25 February

10–10.30 a.m.

Opening plenary

Agenda item 1: Election of officers

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks by James Zhan, Officer-in-Charge, UNCTAD

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Agenda item 3: How labour and macroeconomic policies can contribute towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

Introduction

Richard Kozul-Wright, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Session 1

The role of the State, employment policies and organized labour in addressing the challenges of employment creation in an increasingly globalized world economy

Presentations

- **Sandra Polaski, former Deputy Director General for Policy, International Labour Organization:**
Labour, inequality and bargaining power in the globalized economy: The role of the State
- **Sangheon Lee, Director, Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organization:**
New directions in employment policies: Reinvigorating the global commitment to full employment
- **Georgios Altintzis, Economic and Social Policy Officer, International Trade Union Confederation:**
Wage-led, rights-based policies to reduce inequality and sustain economic growth
- **Jeronim Capaldo, Economist, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University, and Servaas Storm, Professor, Delft University of Technology:**
Labour institutions and development under globalization

Question and answer session and discussion from the floor

3–6 p.m.

Session 2

Global and macroeconomic challenges to overcome gender inequalities in employment and earnings

Presentations

- **Jill Rubery, Professor, University of Manchester:**
Why we need a new global deal for gender equality
- **Ipek Ilkkaracan, Istanbul Technical University, and Visiting Professor, Sapienza University of Rome:**
Investing in the care economy: A gender equitable strategy for employment generation and inclusive growth
- **Maria Karamessini, Professor, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens:**
Improvement of formal childcare under harsh austerity: The Greek paradox

Question and answer session and discussion from the floor

Tuesday, 26 February

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Session 3

Labour institutions and macroeconomic policies for structural transformation and job creation

Presentations

- **Janine Berg, Senior Economist, International Labour Organization:**
Protecting workers for the benefit of economies and societies: The role of labour market institutions
- **Alemayehu Geda, Professor, University of Addis Ababa:**
The elusive quest for structural transformation in Africa and its implications for job creation and poverty reduction
- **Rolph van der Hoeven, Professor Emeritus of Employment and Development Economics, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam; Member, Committee for Development Policy, United Nations Economic and Social Council:**
The future of work and of income: Which role for macroeconomic policies?

Question and answer session and discussion from the floor

Closing plenary

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting