Hemispheric RIAL Workshop against Child Labor:  
“Moving toward better horizons for children and adolescents of the Americas”

AGENDA

Date and Location:  February 21 and 22, 2013  
Hotel Radisson - Calle Central y Tercera Av. 15, San José, Costa Rica

Objectives:

- Advance and deepen the mandates of the Summits of the Americas and the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, especially those contained in the Declaration and Plan of Action of San Salvador, on the prevention and eradication of Child Labor and its worst forms.

- Promote the exchange of best practices and successful experiences and identify lessons learned and recommendations for the prevention and eradication of child labor and its worst forms among the countries of the region.

- Provide input at the regional level and contribute to the hemispheric participation in the Third Global Conference on Child Labor to be held in Brazil in October 2013, taking into account the inputs resulting from regional and sub-regional forums on child labor conducted to date.

- Discuss lessons learned and policy recommendations to promote multi-stakeholder participation in the fight against child labor. Analyze and highlight the close relationship between child labor, education, health, and social inclusion.

- Assess obstacles and propose measures to accelerate progress in the prevention and elimination of child labor and its worst forms to bring the region into compliance with the goals of the ILO’s Hemispheric Agenda on Decent Work.

DAY 1 – February 21, 2013

7:30 – 8:30  Participant registration

8:30 – 8:50  OPENING CEREMONY – WELCOMING REMARKS

- Evelyn Jacir de Lovo, Director of the Department of Social Development and Employment, Organization of the American States
- Oscar Morales, Vice Minister of Labor of El Salvador, representing the President of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor of the OAS
- Carlos Roverssi Rojas, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica
- Minister Olman Segura Bonilla, Minister of Labor and Social Security of Costa Rica
8:50 – 9:10

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- The III GCLC process and the importance of a collective contribution from the Americas – Leonardo Soares de Oliveira, Consultant from the Labor Inspection Secretariat of the Ministry of Labor and Employment of Brazil.

9:10 – 10:00

INTRODUCTORY SESSION - CHILD LABOR: INJUSTICE AND OBSTACLE TO THE PROGRESS OF SOCIETY AND THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.

Presentations from international organizations about the principal challenges and recommendations for dealing with child labor:

- Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN) - Víctor Giorgi, Coordinator of Area of Promotion and Protection of Children’s Rights
- International Labor Organization (ILO) - Virgilio Levaggi, ILO Director for Central America
- Question and Answer Session

10:00 – 10:15
BREAKE

10:15 – 12:45
PANEL 1 - ROLE OF THE STATE IN THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR, SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES.

Presentations by the Ministries of Labor:

- Mexico - José Rubí Salazar, Undersecretary of Labor Inclusion, Secretariat of Labor and Social Welfare
- Jamaica - Marva Pringle-Ximinnies, Director of the Child Labour Unit, Ministry of Labour and Social Security
- Colombia – Eduardo Bejarano, Director of Fundamental Labor Rights, Ministry of Labor
- Costa Rica – Juan Manuel Cordero, Vice Minister of the Social Area, Ministry of Labor and Social Security

Open dialogue among all participants

Guiding questions for the discussion and presentations:

- What strategies, policies or programs is your government developing to prevent and eliminate child labor?
- What are the challenges, successful elements, and lessons learned from the above strategies, policies and programs?
12:45 – 14:15 LUNCH BREAK

14:15 – 16:30 PANEL 2 – EXPERIENCES OF INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION AND ARTICULATION FOR THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR

Presentations by Ministries of Labor:

- **Argentina** – Vanesa Fernanda Paz, Technical Team of the National Commission for the Eradication of Child Labor, Min. of Labor, Employment and Social Security
- **United States** - Marcia Eugenio, Director of the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking, Bureau of International Affairs and George Victory, District Director, Columbus, Ohio District Office, Department of Labor
- **Ecuador** – María del Carmen Velasco, Manager of the Eradication of Child Labor Project, Ministry of Labor Relations

Open dialogue among all participants

**Guiding questions for the discussion and presentations:**

- Does your country have a national strategy against child labor that involves different government agencies? If so, please indicate both the coordination and articulation mechanism used to achieve the strategy’s objective as well as the key elements of said strategy. If not, has the development of such a strategy been considered, and at what stage of its development does it currently stand?

- What are the primary challenges and successes that your government has encountered in achieving an effective coordination between different government agencies in the battle against child labor?

16:30–17:00 CONCLUSIONS AND ADJOURNMENT – Evelyn Jacir de Lovo, Director of Social Development and Employment and Guillermo Dema, Regional Specialist on Youth Employment and Child Labor
DAY 2 – February 22, 2013

8:30 – 10:00  PANEL 3 – THE ROLE OF EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR

Presentations:
- **Employers** – Shane Todd, Canadian Employers Council Lawyer, representing the Business Technical Advisory Committee on Labor Matters, CEATAL
- **Workers** - Marta Pujadas, Vice President of the Trade Union Technical Advisory Council, COSATE
- **Civil Society** – Claudia Aparicio, Executive Director, Foundation Telefonica Colombia

Open dialogue among all participants

**Guiding questions for the discussion and presentations:**
- Which initiatives (programs, projects, etc.) to eliminate child labor led by employers’, workers’ and/or civil society organizations stand out in your country? Please elaborate on their successful elements and lessons learned.

10:00 – 10:15  BREAK

10:15 – 13:00  PANEL 4 – WORK IN SUB-GROUPS - RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR AND ITS WORST FORMS

Introduction to work in sub-groups:
- **OAS** – Evelyn Jacir de Lovo, Director of Social Development and Employment

**Division into 4 Sub-groups, each one nominates a moderator and a supporting reporter**

**Guiding questions for work in sub-groups:**
- In light of your experience, what recommendations could you formulate to accelerate progress towards the elimination of child labor and its worst forms and fulfill the Roadmap established in The Hague in 2010?
- Looking towards the Global Child Labor Conference to be held in Brazil in October 2013, what proposals to eliminate child labor do you think that the Americas should present at this meeting?
13:00 – 14:30  LUNCH provided by the RIAL/OAS, with the support of the Canadian government

14:30 – 15:45  SESSION TO ELABORATE PROPOSALS FROM THE AMERICAS FOR THE GLOBAL CHILD LABOR CONFERENCE (BRAZIL 2013)

- Presentations by the 4 moderators of the subgroups on their conclusions, which will serve as input to the general discussion
- Discussion and agreements among the participants about the messages and proposals from the Americas for the Global Child Labor Conference

15:45 – 16:00  BREAK

16:00 – 17:00  FINAL SESSION (Continuation):
- Review of draft with recommendations at the Americas-wide level for the Global Child Labor Conference

17:00 – 17:15  CLOSING SESSION

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