

**Global Conference on Child Labour, The Hague, 10-11 May 2010
Programme**

Sunday 9 May 2010			
	Registration		
17:00 – 19:00	Consultation/briefing for workers' and civil society organizations. To be confirmed.		
Monday 10 May 2010			
8:00 – 9:00	Registration		
9:00 – 10:30	High-level Opening <i>(plenary session)</i> The opening session will feature high-level speeches and the launch of the ILO Global Report for 2010 on child labour. This report presents new global statistics and an analysis of child labour trends, helping to evaluate progress to date, pointing out areas in which there have been successes and signalling areas where more work is especially needed. In addition, a more technical interagency report by the ILO, UNICEF and the World Bank will be presented.		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 12:30	High-level Opening <i>(continued)</i> This session will witness high-level speeches and a panel to discuss the 2016 goal and the challenges and suggested solutions to achieving it, from the perspective of the five thematic windows of the conference.		
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16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 18:00	Discussion of the draft roadmap (<i>plenary session</i>) In this session, the draft roadmap will be presented and participants will be invited to share their views and comments on this draft.	
18:00 – 19:00	Reception	
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner	
Tuesday 11 May 2010		
8:00 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 10:00	Focus on Africa (<i>plenary session</i>) No other region has as high child labour rates as Africa. Child labour in Africa is exacerbated by wars, civil strife, disease and governance problems. Yet, the child labour situation in the region is far from homogeneous. A few countries have made important progress. Others are ready to follow in their footsteps. The conference will in this plenary session give an opportunity to sharing good practices from which Africa – but also others – may benefit.	
10:00 – 10:45	Political awareness (<i>semi-plenary session</i>) While attention to child labour and its detrimental impact has markedly increased over the last twenty years, there is a need now to fight “child labour fatigue” and keep the issue high up on national agendas and in the international development and labour debate. This session will provide opportunities to discuss how to further mobilise political will to fight child labour, particularly in light of the social impact of the global economic crisis.	Tripartite action (<i>semi-plenary session</i>) Action against child labour calls for strong alliances based on social dialogue. Industry and trade union action is most effective if carried out in tandem, reaching down the value and supply chains to the informal economy. In this session good practices in this area will be showcased and guidance of how to adapt these models to changing contexts will be provided.
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:30	Parallel technical workshops under political awareness <i>1. Action against slavery</i> The session will discuss children’s vulnerabilities to forced and bonded labour, trafficking, and armed conflict, specific ways to assist hardest to reach children, and ways to address root causes. <i>2. Action against commercial sexual exploitation of children and illicit activities</i> The session will discuss children’s vulnerabilities to sexual exploitation, organised crime, organised begging and drug trafficking, specific ways to assist hardest to reach children, and ways to address root causes. <i>3. Action against child labour in agriculture</i> Agriculture is the sector with the largest number of child workers. This session reviews the scope and nature of child labour from industrial plantations to household farms, from fishing to forestry; and discusses some of the current challenges and new opportunities. <i>4. Action against hazardous work</i> Children are still being exposed to extremely	Parallel technical workshops under tripartite action <i>1. Social dialogue for effective responses to child labour</i> This session will discuss social dialogue - from workplace to global agreements - as a vehicle for change in the formal and informal economies, including agriculture; how business practice affects child labour from global value chains to local economies; and the role of cooperatives and multi-stakeholder initiatives. <i>2. Labour law, inspection and Corporate Social Responsibility</i> This session will discuss the role of tripartite consultation in developing good law and public policy; enforcement through (state) labour inspection; and the role of public services and Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives in promoting a culture of compliance and supporting remediation.

	dangerous work in construction, mining, metal- and woodworking, and services of many kinds including domestic work. This session will present research on effects of hazardous work on children and adolescents and suggest some practical strategies for action.	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 16:30	Closing ceremony <i>(high-level plenary session)</i> In the closing ceremony it is expected that several special invitees will participate and that the conference's outcome document, the roadmap, will be adopted.	