

Labour International

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International Labour Congress

Madrid, November 13th & 14th.

Program



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The era in which we are living is characterized by rapid change and widespread instability, in addition to a general rise in reactionary political currents that threaten to undermine labour and social rights enshrined for decades in international instruments and national laws.

While it has generated opportunities, economic globalization has also exacerbated inequalities, making the situation of workers the world over more precarious and insecure and negatively affecting their physical and mental health.

In many countries, being in employment is no longer a guarantee of sufficient income for a decent standard of living, which has led to growing in-work poverty. Structural unemployment, informal and atypical work, and labour instability, far from declining, are on the rise; occupational accidents and diseases continue to reach unacceptable figures; and real and effective equality and diversity at work have yet to be achieved.

A new movement of labour activism is growing, both in the traditional sectors of the industrial economy and in the new sectors of the gig economy, both in the Global North and in the Global South.

With the International Labour Congress, to be held in Madrid in November 2024, we are seeking to advance towards an international labour movement that is a global movement of defenders of workers' rights and to facilitate an exchange of analyses and critical perspectives of the current situation worldwide. We intend to debate new ideas and design policies that will address the challenges of the 21st century, to learn from the most promising legislative initiatives and to mobilize international support.

The commitment to these objectives will be sealed with the signature of the Global Charter of Labour Rights, an international framework of reference establishing new universal rights, guaranteeing a minimum level of protection to ensure that workers in every country of the world live in dignity and freedom.



International Labour Congress

Wednesday, November 13th.

18:30h. Patio Room. Meliá Castilla Hotel

Welcome and Opening session.

Yolanda Díaz

Second Vice-President and Minister of Labour and Social Economy of Spain

Unai Sordo

Secretary General of Spanish Trade Union CC.OO.

Pepe Álvarez

Secretary General of Spanish Trade Union UGT

Introduced by: Afra Blanco

Trade unionist

Video intervenciones de:

Juan Somavía
Former ILO Director General

Bernie Sanders
US Senator.



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Thursday, November 14th.

9:30h. Patio Room. Hotel Meliá Castilla

Session 1: Safeguard the power of workers and trade unions in the Workers' Statutes of the 21st century.

Towards a true democracy at work.

Moderator: Isabelle Ferreras

Research Director Professor at the Universities of Leuven, Harvard and Oxford

Li Andersson

Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament

Miriam Roquel

Minister of Labour and Social Welfare of Guatemala

Sarah Jaffe

Journalist and author of "Work Won't Love You Back", "Necessary Trouble" and "From the Ashes"

Luka Mesec

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunity of Slovenia

Antonio Baylos

Full Professor of Labour Law at the University of Castilla-La Mancha. Coordinator of the Journal of Social Law

Joaquín Pérez Rey

Secretary of State of Labour of Spain

Oliver Röpke

President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)



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11:15h. Patio Room. Hotel Meliá Castilla

Session 2. Govern transitions and expand labour rights.

Tackle slavery to algorithms and the climate emergency.

Moderator: Remedios Zafra

Essayist and Vice-Director of the Institute of Philosophy at the Spanish National Research Council

Leila Chaibi

Member of the European Parliament

Fernando Elísio

Freire de Andrade

Minister of State, Family, Inclusion and Social Development of Cape Verde

Nicolas Schmit

European Commissioner for Employment and Social Rights

Paris Marx

Author, writer, podcaster

Lucie Studničná

EESC Workers' Group President

Nico Countouris

Full Professor of Labour Law and European Law at University College London

*12:30h.: family picture



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14:15h. Patio Room. Hotel Meliá Castilla

Session 3: Depatriarchalize work.

A new Labour Movement that is feminist and diverse.

Moderator:

Adoración Guamán

Counsellor at the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Economy. Full Professor of Labour Law and Social Security of the Universitat de València

Nomakhosazana Meth

Minister of Employment and Labour of South Africa

Simona Bucura-Oprescu

Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity of Romania

María Fernanda Carrascal Rojas

Member of the House of Representatives of Colombia

Laura Calafá

Full Professor of Labor Law. Università di Verona

Raquel C Kisper de Olmos

Former Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security of Argentina

Catherine Barnard

Full Professor of EU law and Employment Law at the University of Cambridge

Owen Jones

Journalist, writer and political activist (United Kingdom)

Online connection:

Francia Márquez

Vicepresident of Colombia



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Session 4. A united front for workers' rights that brings together the Global South and North.

Assessment of current situation and next steps.

Moderator: Antonio Loffredo

Professor of Labour Law at the University of Siena

Wilmer Javier Fernández

Minister of Labour and Social Security of Honduras

Enas Dahadha Attari

Minister of Labour of the State of Palestine

Sharat Singh Bhandari

Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security of Nepal

Yankhoba Diémé

Minister of Labour, Employment and Relations with Institutions of Senegal

Ana Mendes

Member of the Portuguese Parliament and former Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal

Gloria Ramírez

Minister of Labour of Colombia

Andrea Orlando

Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and former Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Italy



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17:00h. Patio Room. Hotel Meliá Castilla

Signing of the Global Charter of Labour Rights.

Closing event.

Esther Lynch

General Secretary of the European
Confederation of Trade Unions (ETUC)

Luc Triangle

General Secretary of the International
Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Yolanda Díaz

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