



INTERNATIONAL
LAWYERS ASSISTING
WORKERS NETWORK



THIRD GLOBAL CONFERENCE CASABLANCA, MOROCCO AGENDA

ILAW NETWORK CONFERENCE - DAY 1 (October 9)

Venue: Hotel Barcelo Anfa

8:00AM-9:00AM REGISTRATION

9:00AM-9:30AM **WELCOME REMARKS, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFERENCE POLICIES**
SHAWNA BADER-BLAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOLIDARITY CENTER
HIND CHERROUK, SC MENA REGIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR
JEFFREY VOGT, SC RULE OF LAW DIRECTOR, ILAW NETWORK CHAIR
MARINA COLBY, SENIOR LABOR ADVISOR USAID

9:30AM - 10:00AM **WELCOME BY HOST COMMITTEE:**
MILOUDI MOUKHARIK, UMT GENERAL SECRETARY

10:00AM-12:00PM **PLENARY: TECHNOLOGY AND THE WORKPLACE**

Increasingly, new technologies are being introduced into the workplace that further shift power away from workers and towards employers, from unaccountable algorithmic management systems, near permanent surveillance, and the collection of personal data. Further, many workers in digital supply chains are exposed to mentally and physically abusive working conditions. This session explores the ways in which workers and unions are fighting back for control over their lives in the workplace.

Moderator: MONIKA MEHTA

Panelists: ELIZABETH LENJO (KENYA)
JUAN MANUEL OTAVIANO (ARGENTINA)
SHUNJI SUGA (JAPAN)
ANNE MARIE PECCARO (FRANCE)

12:00-1:00PM: LUNCH

1:00-3:00 PLENARY: FEMINISM AND LABOUR LAW

Labour law simply does not adequately take into account gendered realities. Feminist legal scholars have attempted to foreground a feminist approach to legal analyses, place social reproduction and care work fully within the boundaries of labour law and expose the ways in which labour and social security laws remain premised on a masculine (rather than neutral) model of work, and articulate the ways in which feminist critique is not confined to gender, but could more broadly revitalise labour law. This session will explore the ways in which workers and their advocates are trying to shape an inclusive, feminist labour law.

Moderator: CASSANDRA WATERS

Panelists: KAYAN LEUNG (SOUTH AFRICA)
SANDRA MUÑOZ (COLOMBIA)
GAYATRI SINGH (INDIA)
NVAR D PILIPOSYAN (ARMENIA)

3:00PM-3:45PM TEA BREAK & NETWORKING

3:45PM-5:00PM Learning Opportunities (choose 1)

1. Platform Convention (Ruwan Subasinghe, Monika Mehta)

This track will provide an overview of the ILO standard setting process for a convention on decent work on digital labor platforms, starting at the 2025 International Labor Conference.

2. Regional Human Rights (Ziona Tanzer, Yessika Hoyos, Celine Moreau)

This track will provide updates on the innovative work undertaken by ILAW members in the regional human rights courts.

3. ILO and Informal Economy (Pamhidzai Bamu, Jeffrey Vogt)

This track will introduce new resources from ILAW and WIEGO to lift up the issues relevant to workers in the informal economy within the ILO system, including various reporting and complaints mechanisms.

5:00PM GROUP PHOTO

**ILAW NETWORK CONFERENCE - DAY 2
(October 10)**

9:00AM-11:00AM PLENARY: RIGHT TO A JUST TRANSITION

The negative impacts of climate change on the world of work around the world are serious and certain to worsen. Further, the actions needed to mitigate and adapt to these impacts will be deeply disruptive. This panel explores the efforts workers and unions are undertaking to ensure decent work for all in the context of the climate crisis.

Moderator: **RUWAN SUBASINGHE (ITF)**

PANELISTS: MICHAEL FELSEN (UNITED STATES)
 SAMBATH HONG (CAMBODIA)
 ABDULLA NAHID (MALDIVES)
 ANGELICA MARIA PALACIOS MARTINEZ (COLOMBIA)

11:00PM-1:00PM PLENARY: SUPPLY CHAIN ACCOUNTABILITY & REMEDY

Over decades, a global system to produce goods and services has been built—by design—to push as much economic risk as possible down the supply chain onto workers and to pull up most of the economic benefits to MNEs. At the same time, the legal rights and interests of MNEs tend to be well protected in courts and arbitral tribunals while workers have few effective means to hold these MNEs accountable. This panel looks at the way workers are using creative legal tools to fight back. The panel will also highlight a draft ILO convention on supply chain accountability commissioned by the ILAW Network.

Moderator: **JEFFREY VOGT**

Panelists: BEN VANPEPERSTRAETE (GERMANY)
 SAHIBA KAUR GILL (INDIA)
 MARY JOYCE CARLSON (UNITED STATES)
 SHYAMALI RANARAJA (SRI LANKA)
 SHELLY MARSHALL (AUSTRALIA)

1:00PM-2:00PM

LUNCH

2:00PM-3:30PM

Regional Roundtables (Choose 1)

Sub-Saharan Africa (Jacqueline Wamai)

MENA (Sara Khatib)

Latin America and the Caribbean (Paulo Yamamoto)

North America (Jon Hiatt)

Asia (AKM Nasim)

Europe & Central Asia (Tamar Gabisonia)

3:30-4:00 PM

TEA BREAK

4:00PM-5:00PM

REPORT BACK FROM REGIONS

7:00PM

GROUP DINNER

Venue: La Cascade (transportation will be provided)

ILAW NETWORK CONFERENCE - DAY 3
(October 11)

9AM-11:00AM

PLENARY: INFORMAL ECONOMY

About 61% of the world's workers are within the informal economy, approximately 2 billion workers worldwide. These workers have been consistently excluded from legal recognition and protection, driven by discrimination based on race, caste, sex, gender, ability, age, migration status, etc. However, workers and unions have made important advances in promoting and defending their worker rights. This panel will explore these innovative efforts.

Moderator: ALLISON CORKEY (WIEGO)

Panel: SIBUSISO NHLABITSU (ESWATINI)
MADHULIKA TATIGOTLA (INDIA)
MUNYARADZI GWISAI (ZIMBABWE)
HALA AHED (JORDAN)
RAISA LIPARTEILANI (GEORGIA)

11:00-12:30PM

PLENARY: The Role of Lawyers in Union Growth

Lawyers have a role to play in supporting trade unions in developing strategies to organize new members and thus to grow in numbers and in strength. This session will reflect on the experiences of ILAW members in their role as lawyers to grow the ranks of their client unions.

Moderator: JON HIATT

Panel: SAAD MOHAMMED (PAKISTAN)
MARCO TUFO (ITALY)
PAAPA DUNQUAH (GHANA-ITUC)
SYLVIA BONILLA (ECUADOR)
MARY JOYCE CARLSON (UNITED STATES)
AMANDA THRELFALL (AUSTRALIA)

12:30PM – 1:30PM

LUNCH

1:30PM-2:30PM

ILAW Network Priority Setting for 2025-26 (World Café Format)

This session will introduce ongoing and upcoming ILAW projects and lead to an open discussion with ILAW members to set the issues and priorities that should be the focus of this global network.

2:30-4:30PM

PLENARY: RIGHT TO STRIKE

According to the ITUC, the fundamental right to strike is routinely violated in law and in practice around the world. This session will discuss how trade unions are working to defend the right to strike at the national, regional and international levels. We will also preview the new Right to Strike Resource Center.

Moderator: MATIAS CREMONTE

Panel: PAAPA DANQUAH (GHANA-ITUC)
SAMIRA RAIS (MOROCCO)
HEEWON SUH (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)
MONICA TEPFER (ARGENTINA)

Special Presentation: Right to Strike Resource Center

4:30-5:30PM

REPORT BACK AND CLOSING SESSION

Special Guest Speaker: Kelly Fay Rodriguez,

US Special Representative for International Labor Affairs

7:00 PM

ILAW Network Advisory Board Dinner Meeting