



*The Future of Work,
Labour After Laudato Si*



“Social justice in the world of work and beyond: from common values to common engagement and action”

Date and Time: Friday 9 June, 9:30am-5pm & Saturday 10 June, 9:30am-4pm

Venue: Room G1, St John XXIII Parish, Rue de Montbrillant, 57, 1202 Geneva

Organisers: “The Future of Work – Labour after *Laudato si*” Project and the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), in cooperation with COMECE, Aggiornamenti Sociali, CERAS, WCC, ATD Quart-Monde, CIOs, with the participation of WIEGO and international networks of workers in the informal economy.¹

Background

- Today’s world is facing a series of important crises: from the unresolved climate transition to the continuation of ongoing challenges to the welcoming of migrant workers without forgetting the current conflict in Ukraine. Many Catholic Church actors and Catholic-inspired organisations (CIOs), together with other faith actors and values-based actors, are engaged toward the promotion of social justice.
- Their understanding of social justice is grounded in a holistic approach, centred on the value of the human person and its dignity, therefore extending beyond providing access to income and reducing wealth inequalities. It understands that conflict can only be resolved through organised dialogue.
- Churches, communities and grass-rooted organisations are caring for our common home. They are able to identify and raise the voice of people enduring the transformation from a marginal position and peripheries in societies and bring them to the center.

¹ Global Alliance of Waste Pickers, Homenet International, Streetnet International, International Domestic Workers Federation.

- These organisations are also already engaged in actions, projects, and processes to ensure an imaginative, innovative, peaceful and more equitable common building of our common future. They stand ready to share their existing experience and build on it to contribute to the promotion of social justice.
- This event is an opportunity for a common undertaking and a common social discernment, at the time when the Catholic Church is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Encyclical Letter *Pacem in terris* by Saint John XXIII, and entering a synodal global reflection, when the ILO is proposing to launch a Global social justice coalition (to be finalized with other interests)

Objectives

- Initiate a process of common social discernment by bringing together Catholic Church actors, Catholic-inspired organisations (CIOs), other faiths groups and value-based organisations to engage in work-related social justice.
- Agree on common values as the foundation to promote of work-related social justice.
- Identify key challenges and possible answers to promote work-related social justice.
- Share examples of effective action in this field.
- Agree on a joint statement and a roadmap for the promotion.

Agenda

Day 1

- 09:30-10:00
Opening remarks and introduction to the FOWLS Project

Moderator: Pierre Martinot-Lagarde, Special advisor on religious affairs, International Labour Organization - ILO

- Msgr. Anthony Ekpo, Under Secretary, Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development
- Msgr. John Putzer, Counsellor at the Holy See Mission to the UN in Geneva
- Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission - ICMC
- Ignacio Alonso Alasino, Project manager, “The Future of Work – Labour after *Laudato si’*” Project

- 10:00-11:15

First session: Common Values for the promotion of work-related social justice

Moderator: *Pierre Martinot-Lagarde, Special advisor on religious affairs, International Labour Organization - ILO*

- Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mtata, Programme director for Public Witness and Diakonia, World Council of Churches - WCC
- Fr. Luis Okulik, Secretary of the Commission for Pastoral Care of Social Issues of the Council of European Bishops' Conference - CCEE
- Fr. Leonir Chiarello, Superiore generale, Scalabriniani
- Mr. Emmanuel Reynaud, Representative to the UN, ATD Quart Monde

- 11:15-11:45

Coffee break

- 11:45-13:00

Second session: Critical issues in the world of work and beyond, an introduction and Q&A.

Moderator: *Ignacio Alonso Alasino, Project manager, "The Future of Work – Labour after Laudato si'" Project*

- Mr. Paolo Foglizzo, Editor, Aggiornamenti Sociali
- Reaction from Ms. Christine Nathan, President of ICMC and Ms. Emilce Cuda, Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America

- 13:00-14:00

Lunch break

- 14:00-14:45

Introduction to the methodology and to the Workshops focusing on promotion of work-related social justice and solutions in relation with three thematic areas:

Moderator: *Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission - ICMC*

- **1) People living in extreme poverty and/or facing discrimination, access to employment and income in conditions of dignity.**

- Ms. Floriana Polito, Delegate of Caritas Internationalis to the UN in Geneva
- Ms. Karin Pape, Deputy Director, WIEGO
- Mr. Emmanuel Reynaud, Representative to the UN, ATD Quart Monde

- **2) Migration across borders and within countries: challenges to access decent work and ensure social protection** – resource for labor in areas with demographic declines, interlinks between migration and development, how can we make migration a choice rather than a necessity?²
 - Ms. Christine Nathan, President of ICMC
 - Fr. Leonir Chiarello, Superiore generale, Scalabriniani
 - Ms. Oumou Diallo, Associate Policy and Communications Officer, International Catholic Migration Commission - ICMC

- **3) Social justice transition taking care of our common home in the face of economic and social challenges, including the Eastern European crisis, impacting the world of work.**
 - Ms. Athena Peralta, Programme Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice, World Council of Churches - WCC
 - Mr. Michele Turzi, Policy Adviser for Economic and Social Affairs, COMECE
 - Fr. Marcel Rémon, Director, CERAS

- 14:45-16:15
World Café: three tables, the participants spend 30 minutes on each table, complement the approach, issues, mention them, and everything is consolidated on a poster.

Moderators per thematic area:
 - 1) Ms. Floriana Polito, Delegate of Caritas Internationalis to the UN in Geneva
 - 2) Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission
 - 3) Mr. Paolo Foglizzo, Editor, *Aggiornamenti Sociali*

- 16:15-16:30
Coffee break

² Theme chosen by Pope Francis for 2023 World Migrant and Refugee Day is: "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

- 16:30-17:00
Wrap up and last session of the day: Identification of essential challenges

Day 2

- 09:30-10:45
Opening, posters and wrap up of solutions
 - Presentations of existing actions, solutions, to address challenges will be made.
 - Discussions will follow to identify priorities and areas of work.
- 10:45-11:15
Coffee break
- 11:15-12:30
Workshops: Exploring and sharing possible solutions (continuation of Day 1)
- 12:30-13:15
Lunch
- 13:15-15:30
Way forward - General discussion

Moderators: Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission and Pierre Martinot-Lagarde, Special advisor on religious affairs, International Labour Organization

- Possible next steps and discussion of a roadmap
 - Comments on what was achieved and synergy between topics
 - Proposals for a roadmap
 - Priorities
 - Announcing the next steps
- 15:30-16:00
Coffee break and farewell words