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*The Missions of China and European Union and ILO cordially invite you to the side-event*

## **Proactive Employment Policies: challenges and opportunities in ensuring equal access to the workplace in the changing labour market**

*Monday, 11 February 2019, 13:15-14:30*

*Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters*

At the World Summit for Social Development (WSSD), held in March 1995 in Copenhagen, world leaders pledged to make the goal of full and quality employment part of the three overriding objectives of development. After 24 years, however, unemployment and a lack of quality jobs remain a major challenge in many parts of the world.

The key role of full employment and decent work for all was highlighted in the 2030 Agenda, and in particular Sustainable Development Goal 8, which commits States to “*promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all*”.

In our efforts to to achieve this goal, we must leave no-one behind, and create an inclusive environment that ensures equal access to the labour market for al without discrimination, including women, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons, migrant workers and people living in rural areas. We must also improve the quality of jobs.

Rapid technological change including digitalisation and artificial intelligence, economic restructuring and migration are transforming the landscape of labour market and the future of work. It is becoming ever more urgent for international community to respond to the challenges of the “new normal economy” and the changing world of work.

### **Objective**

The side event will provide an important opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to identify challenges facing labour markets and exchange concrete experiences and practices in

addressing employment issues and advancing decent work for all.

### **Format**

The Ambassadors of China and European Union will briefly set the stage and present general pictures of employment policies within their own country/region. There will then be a moderated panel discussion followed by an interactive dialogue between panelists and audience around the following questions.

1. What does proactive employment policy mean for Governments?
2. How can governments support employment among vulnerable groups and ensure equal opportunities for all, including women, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons, migrant workers and people living in rural areas? What can governments do for the re-employment of laid-off and unemployed workers as a result of economic restructuring? What can governments do to address the informal economy?
3. How can we better adapt to the impact of technological revolution on the future of work and innovative employment policies and measures? How can technological innovation (including AI) support public employment services in job search support?
4. What are successful partnerships between governments and other stakeholders in delivering public employment policies and services?

### **Programme**

#### **13:15-13:20 Welcome and Introduction**

**Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro**, Director of the International Labour Organization New York Office

#### **13:20-13:35 Opening statements (5 minutes each)**

**H.E. Mr. Ma Zhaoxu**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations

**H.E. Mr. Gustavo Martin Prada**, Ambassador and Acting Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (TBC)

**13:35-14:05 Presentation of the panellists (7-10 minutes each)**

**Mr. Hao Bin**, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of China

**Mr. Rudi Delarue**, Deputy Head, International Issues Unit, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

**Expert from ILO** (TBC)

**14:05 Q&A**

**14:25 Closing**

**Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro**, Director of the International Labour Organization New York Office

*Please join us in the panel discussion and explore best practices to promote employment in the changing labour market. All delegations and stakeholders participating CSoCD 57 are welcome. For further information, contact Mr. Chu Guang via [guangchuun@gmail.com](mailto:guangchuun@gmail.com).*