



ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES  
CONSEILS ÉCONOMIQUES ET SOCIAUX ET  
INSTITUTIONS SIMILAIRES (AICESIS)

## PROGRAM

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AICESIS**

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### **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOLLOW- UP TO THE ILO-AICESIS JOINT CONFERENCE**

#### **THEME :**

**« The Role of Social Dialogue and its Institutions in  
Combating Inequalities in the World of Work »**

Abidjan, May 30 - 31 2024

# OPENING CEREMONY OF THE AICESIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Abidjan, May 30 2024**  
**09H00 – 10H00, Plenary Hall**

**07H30 :** **Welcoming and seating of the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Advisors in the Plenary Hall (Main Entrance).**

- The Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Advisors are welcomed upon their arrival by the Protocol Service and seated directly in the Plenary Hall.

**08H00 :** **Welcoming and seating of Participants (Main Entrance)**

- The Participants are welcomed upon their arrival by the Protocol Service and seated directly in the Plenary Hall.

**08H15 :** **Arrival of the procession of the President of the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Council.**

- Welcoming the President of CESEC within the Institution.

**08H20 :** **Working session with the Secretary General, the Director of Cabinet, and the Chief of Cabinet in the President's Office.**

- The Secretary General, the Director of Cabinet, and the Chief of Cabinet join the President of CESEC for a brief working session ;

**08H30 :** **Arrival and welcoming of officials (Presidents of Foreign Institutions, Ministers, and Ambassadors) (Entrance of the President of CESEC):**

The officials are welcomed upon their arrival by:

- The Secretary General of CESEC;
- The Director of Cabinet of the President of CESEC;
- The Chief of Cabinet of the President of CESEC

**08H45 :** **Arrival and welcoming of the Representative of the Head of State (Entrance of the President of CESEC):**

The Representative of the Head of State is welcomed upon their arrival by:

- The President of CESEC

And greeted by:

- The Secretary General of CESEC;
- The Director of Cabinet of the President of CESEC;
- The Chief of Cabinet of the President of CESEC.

**08H50 :** **Meeting with the Representative of the Head of State in the office of the President of CESEC.**

- Brief meeting between the Representative of the Head of State, the President of CESEC, the Secretary General of AICESIS, and the Presidents of foreign institutions present.

**09H00 :** **Arrival in the Plenary Hall of the Representative of the Head of State, Dr. Eugène AKA AOUELE, President of the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Council, and the Presidents of Foreign Institutions.**

- The Representative of the Head of State, the President of CESEC, and the Presidents of Foreign Institutions enter the Plenary Hall. They are announced by the usher;
- The Advisors stand to welcome the President of CESEC and his distinguished guests.

**09H05 :** **Announcements of the main components of the ceremony program:**

- Speech by the President of CESEC
- Address by the President-in-Office of AICESIS via video conference
- Message from the Representative of the Head of State

**09H10 :** **Speech by the President of the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Council.**

- After the speech by the President of CESEC, the master of ceremonies invites the President-in-Office of AICESIS for his address.

**09H15 :** **Address by the President-in-Office of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS).**

*President John JACOBS of Curaçao delivers his speech via video conference.*

- *After his address, the master of ceremonies invites the Representative of the Head of State for his message.*

**09H25 :** **Message from the Government Representative**

- A Following the message from the Government Representative, the master of ceremonies announces the family photo session.

**09H35 :** **Photo Session.**

- The family photo includes only the Representative of the Head of State, the President of CESEC, the Secretary General of AICESIS, the Presidents of Foreign Institutions, the foreign delegations, and the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Advisors (Red Square).

**09H40 :** **Interview (Red Square):**

- The President of CESEC
- The Secretary General of AICESIS
- The Representative of the Head of State
- After the interview, the President of CESEC and his distinguished guests move to the Salle des Pas Perdus for the cocktail reception.

**09H45 :** **Cocktail reception hosted by the President of the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Council in honor of his peers.**

(Location: Salle des Pas Perdus)

- Participants:
  - The Representative of the Head of State;
  - The Secretary General of AICESIS;
  - The Presidents of Foreign Institutions;
  - The Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Advisors;
  - The guests of the President of CESEC;
  - The participants;
  - The foreign delegations;
  - The Administration of CESEC (Secretary General, Director of Cabinet, Chief of Cabinet, Technical Advisors, and Directors).

**10H00 :** **Departure of the Representative of the Head of State and end of the opening ceremony.**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 30, 2024

10H00 – 13H00, Plenary Hall

## **PROGRAM**

- 10H15 : Seating of Participants.**
- Participants are welcomed upon their arrival by the Protocol Service and seated directly in the Delafosse Hall.
- 10H25 : Seating of the Presidents of Institutions.**
- Seating of the Presidents in the Delafosse Hall.
- 10H30 : Announcements of the main components of the meeting program:**
- Opening of the meeting
    - Welcome speech by the President of AICESIS
    - Roll call and confirmation of quorum
    - Approval of the agenda
  - Financial report
  - Activity report
  - Report on the main theme of the presidency
  - ILO-AICESIS cooperation agreement
  - ILO and ECOSOC working groups
  - Website
  - New applications
  - General Assembly in Shanghai, China;
  - Miscellaneous issues;
  - Closing speech by the President of AICESIS.
- 10H35 : Opening of the meeting.**
- The master of ceremonies, after a brief introduction, invites the President-in-Office of AICESIS for his welcome speech;
  - Then the roll call and confirmation of quorum;
  - Finally, the approval of the agenda.
- 10H40 : Financial report (AICESIS).**
- December 2023 – May 2024
- 11H00: Activity report.**
- December 2023 – May 2024
- 11H20 : Report on the main theme of the presidency.**
- 11H30 : ILO – AICESIS cooperation agreement.**
- 11H45 : ILO and ECOSOC working groups.**
- 11H55: The website.**
- 12H05 : New applications.**
- Zimbabwe
- 12H15 : General Assembly in Shanghai, China.**
- Details of the upcoming General Assembly.
- 12H25 : Miscellaneous issues.**
- 12H30 : Closing speech by the President of AICESIS.**
- 12H40 : End of the meeting (adjournment).**
- 13H00 : Lunch in the Salle des Pas Perdus.**

# **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

**Abidjan, May 30, 2024**

**14H00 – 17H00, Plenary Hall**

**14H00 :** Welcoming and seating of the Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Advisors in the Plenary Hall (Main Entrance).

- The Economic, Social, Environmental, and Cultural Advisors are welcomed upon their arrival by the Protocol Service and seated directly in the Plenary Hall.

**14H15 :** Welcoming and seating of Participants (Main Entrance).

- Participants are welcomed upon their arrival by the Protocol Service and seated directly in the Plenary Hall.

**14H30 :** Welcoming of the Presidents of institutions and Heads of Delegation.

- The Presidents and Heads of Delegation are welcomed upon their arrival by the Chief of Protocol and seated in the waiting room. Welcoming the President of CESEC within the Institution.

**14H55 :** Seating of the Presidents and Heads of Delegation in the Plenary Hall.

- The Presidents and Heads of Delegation are then escorted to the Plenary Hall for the opening session of the international workshop following the ILO-AICESIS joint conference.

**15H00 :** Address by the President-in-Office of AICESIS or his representative:

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**15H10 :** Speech by the Secretary General of the Economic and Social Council of Curaçao, Presidential Council of AICESIS.

- The Secretary General presents the actions undertaken as the Presidential Council to combat inequalities in the world of work.

**15H30 :** Panel I : Africa.

**Moderator: Mr. René N’GONGO**

- *Sub-theme: Introductory remarks and reflections on trends and actions in Africa to combat inequalities in the world of work. Best practices of strategic actions undertaken to ensure that social dialogue in the DRC combats inequalities in the world of work, with a focus on recent efforts based on lessons learned and national, regional, and international partnerships.*

## **END OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST DAY**

**17H00 :** Departure of Presidents of Institutions and Heads of Delegation.

**19H30 :** Official dinner hosted by the President of CESEC.

# **FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024**

## **Plenary Hall**

### **10H45 : ILO Intervention**

- **Youcef Ghelab**, (online) from the Social Dialogue and Tripartism Unit of the Governance and Tripartism Department of the ILO;
  - ***Presentation Title: Implementation of the Athens Declaration at the national level and possible support from the ILO.***
- **Alessandro Batazzi**, (online) ILO Specialist on Inequalities;
  - ***Presentation Title: ILO's strategy to combat inequalities and its links with the Athens Declaration.***

### **12H00 : Intervention Ms. Belghanem,**

- **Ms. Belghanem**, (online) Head of the Social Cohesion and Protection Division of the National Economic, Social, and Environmental Council of Algeria.
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices of strategic actions undertaken to ensure social dialogue in Algeria, combat inequalities in the workplace with an emphasis on integrating inequality issues, and how to reduce and prevent them while considering the impact of climate change or conflicts.***

### **12H30 : Lunch in the Hall of Lost Steps**

### **14H00 : Panel II : Latin America and the Caribbean**

- **Moderator: Mrs. Mme Miloushka Sboui-Racamy**, senior Advisor, coordinator of international and regional affairs of the Economic and Social Council of Curaçao (SER)
  - ***Sub-theme: Introductory remarks and reflections on trends and actions in Latin America and the Caribbean to combat inequalities in the workplace.***
- **Ms. Monica Veloso**, (online) council member, and **Ms. Marcela Marris**, (online) General Coordinator of International Affairs and Cooperation, Executive Secretary of the Council for Sustainable Economic and Social Development of Brazil.
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices of strategic actions undertaken to ensure that social dialogue in Brazil combats inequalities in the workplace, with an emphasis on their potential actions to establish ad hoc or permanent working groups on specific aspects of workplace inequalities and/or contributions to the development and implementation of national policies to reduce and prevent inequalities.***
- **Mr. Renzo Cárdenas Morales**, (online) Coordinator of Coordination and Activities, Secretary General, National Council for Labor and Employment Promotion (CNTPE) of Peru.
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices of strategic actions undertaken to ensure that social dialogue in Peru combats inequalities in the workplace, with an emphasis on possible recent actions following the Athens conference.***

**14H50 : Panel III : Asia, Eurasia and the Middle East.**

- **Moderator: Ms. Oakyi Son**, Head of the International Relations Department of the Economic and Social Council of South Korea, Economic and Social Development Commission of South Korea.
  - ***Sub-theme: Introductory remarks and reflections on trends and actions in Asia and the Middle East to address inequalities in the world of work***
- **Ms. Olga Golysheva**, Deputy Chairperson of the Committee of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation on Economy and Labour Relations, Chairman of the Coordination Council of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation for the Development of Communities of Young Professionals
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices of strategic actions undertaken to ensure that social dialogue in the Russian Federation combats inequalities in the world of work with a focus on the latest efforts based on lessons learned and national, regional and international partnerships.***
- **Mr. Li Mingxing**, Member of the Economic and Social Council of China, Vice-President of the China Federation of Enterprises, Honorary President of the China Association for the Promotion of Procurement of the United Nations, Consultant for the Asia-Pacific region of the Association of World Trade Centers
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices of strategic actions undertaken to ensure that social dialogue in the Peoples Republic of China combats inequalities in the world of work, with a focus on the latest efforts to identify opportunities to raise awareness of the challenges and consequences of inequalities in the world of work.***

**16h10 : PANEL IV : Europe**

- **Moderator: Mr. Daniel Becker**, Secretary, Economic and Social Council of Luxembourg
  - ***Sub-theme: Introductory remarks and reflections on trends and actions in Europe to combat inequalities in the world of work***
- **Mr. Larry O'Connell**, Director, National Economic and Social Council Ireland
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices for strategic actions taken to ensure that social dialogue in the Netherlands combats inequalities in the world of work.***
- **Ms. Alexandra Van Selm**, Director of Policy, Economic and Social Council of the Netherlands (SER);
  - ***Sub-theme: Best practices for strategic actions taken to ensure that social dialogue in Ireland tackles inequalities in the world of work***
- **Mr. Apostolos Xyrafis**, Secretary General (SG), AICESIS.

The SG will provide as conclusions of the workshop some of the most common and effective best practices mentioned during the workshop, but also some of the most often mentioned supporting actions needed by the ILO to address inequalities in the world of work.

**17h00**      **Completion of the work**

**17h10**      **Closing Session**

- Word of thanks from the President of CESEC
- Closing speech by the current President of AICESIS
- Closing message from the representative of the Head of State.