

# Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting (LEMM) Programme

Durban, South Africa



*THEME: ENSURING DECENT WORK,  
DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR ALL*

28 - 29 September 2023

## PROGRAMME

Day 1: Thursday, 28 September 2023

LEMM SESSION I Political Discussion	Chair Honourable Boitumelo E. Moloi, Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour, Republic of South Africa
09:00-09:05	Opening Remarks by Deputy Minister Moloi
09:05-09:20	Welcome Address by the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Siboniso Duma
	<b>Messages of Support</b>
09:20-09:35	Mr Gilbert F. Hounbo: Director-General: International Labour Organisation (ILO)
09:35-09:50	Mr Marcelo Caetano, Secretary General: International Social Security Association (ISSA)
10:05-10:20	Mr Khulekani Mathe, Deputy CEO: Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) on behalf of the Employers
10:20-10:35	Ms Zingiswa Losi, President of Cosatu on behalf of the Workers
10:35-10:50	<b>Keynote Address by Honourable Thembelani W. Nxesi, Minister of Employment and Labour</b>
<b>10:50-11:15</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
11:15-13:00	Visit to the Jobs Fair
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH TIME</b>



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**LEMM SESSION II**  
Technical Discussion  
(Report by the EWG)

14:00-14:30

**Chair Honourable Lindiwe Zulu, Minister of Social  
Development, Republic of South Africa**

**Report by the Chair of the EWG**

Mr Lamati, Director-General

**LEMM SESSION III**  
Technical Discussion  
(Labour Rights)

14:30-14:40

**Chair Honourable Lindiwe Zulu, Minister of Social  
Development, Republic of South Africa**

**Presentation by the ILO on the theme: Ensuring Labour  
Rights at Work**

Mr Gilbert F. Hounbo, Director-General (ILO)

14:40-16:00

**Responses by BRICS Member Countries (7 min each)**

- *Federative Republic of Brazil*
- *People's Republic of China*
- *Republic of India*
- *Russian Federation*
- *Republic of South Africa*

**Responses Guest Countries (5 min each)**

- *Republic of Cuba*
- *Kingdom of Lesotho*
- *Republic of Malawi*
- *Republic of Namibia*
- *Republic of Zimbabwe*

18:30

**Dinner hosted by Minister of Employment & Labour**

Venue: Dukkah Restaurant & Bar, 59 Florida Rd, Durban



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LEMM SESSION IV Social Protection	Chair Honourable Thembelani W Nxesi, Minister of Employment and Labour, Republic of South Africa
09:00-09:10	Opening Remarks by Minister Nxesi
09:10-09:35	<b>Presentation on Social Protection by the ILO and ISSA</b> Mr Marcelo Caetano, Secretary General (ISSA) Ms Laura Thompson, Assistant Director General for External & Corporate Relations (ILO)
09:35-10:45	<b>Responses BRICS Member Countries (7 min each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Federative Republic of Brazil</i></li><li>• <i>People's Republic of China</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of India</i></li><li>• <i>Russian Federation</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of South Africa</i></li></ul> <b>Responses Guest Countries (5 min each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Republic of Cuba</i></li><li>• <i>Kingdom of Lesotho</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of Malawi</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of Namibia</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of Zimbabwe</i></li></ul>



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**LEMM SESSION V**  
**Jobs & Economic Growth**

10:45-11:05

**Chair Honourable Lindiwe Zulu, Minister of Social Development, Republic of South Africa**

**Presentations on Jobs and Economic Growth**

*Closing the Skills Gap in the Informal Economy through Innovation and Enhanced Productivity*

Ms Laura Thompson, Assistant Director General for External & Corporate Relations (ILO)

11:05-12:00

**Responses BRICS Member Countries (7 min each)**

- *Federative Republic of Brazil*
- *People's Republic of China*
- *Republic of India*
- *Russian Federation*
- *Republic of South Africa*

**Responses Guest Countries (5 min each)**

- *Republic of Cuba*
- *Kingdom of Lesotho*
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12:00-12:30

**TEA BREAK**





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12:30-12:50	<b>BRICS Productivity Ecosystem Platform</b> Dr Joni Musabayana, Director, DWT/CO Pretoria (ILO)
12:50-13:25	Discussion  BRICS Member Countries (7 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Federative Republic of Brazil</i></li><li>• <i>People's Republic of China</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of India</i></li><li>• <i>Russian Federation</i></li><li>• <i>Republic of South Africa</i></li></ul>
13:25-13:35	<b>Presentation of the Draft Declaration by the Employment Working Group (EWG)</b> <b>Presentation of a Joint Statement of Labour &amp; Employment Ministers</b> Mr Thobile Lamati, Director-General
13:35-13:40	Adoption of the Declaration by Acclamation
13:45-13:50	<b>Statement of the Next Host Country of the LEMM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Russian Federation</i></li></ul>
13:50-13:55	<b>Closing remarks by the Hon. TW Nxesi, Minister of Employment and Labour, Republic of South Africa</b>  Adjournment of the Meeting

