Agenda: Taskforce on **Employment meeting**



5-7 February 2014 Sydney, Australia

Tuesday 4 February 2014 18.00-20.00 Welcome reception for delegates Bar Eleven, Four Points by Sheraton hotel, 161 Sussex Street, Sydney Welcome remarks by an Australian Government representative

Wednesday 5 February 2014 Dockside function centre, balcony level, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney			
Comprehensive e	Comprehensive employment plans		
8.00	Registration and coffee Preferences will be sought at registration for the Friday site visits.		
9.00	Welcome and introductions Co-chairs will deliver welcoming remarks.		
9.15	Session 1 – Overview of the 2014 agenda and working arrangements Following a presentation by the Australian co-chair on terms of reference, delegates will develop a common understanding of the work program and schedule, and discuss how to best liaise with other groups.		
10.15	Session 2 – Labour market situation, challenges and opportunities Following a scene-setting report by the ILO, delegates will be invited to discuss the global labour market outlook, including the main risks, opportunities and broad policy implications.		
11.00	Morning tea		
11.20	Session 3 – Employment plans and progress reporting: G20 strategic context Remarks by the Australian co-chair and Finance Track representative. Collaboration between the Taskforce and other working groups will be discussed by delegates, including ambitions for country employment plans and economic growth strategies.		
12.30	Lunch		
13.30	Session 3 (cont.) – Employment plans and progress reporting: anticipating the deliverables Following a presentation by Australia, delegates will settle the practicalities of developing the employment plans under G20 processes and monitoring progress on past commitments - including a broadly comparable approach, timing and review. Delegates will also be asked to anticipate the key themes in their country-specific employment plans.		
15.10	Afternoon tea		
15.30	Session 4 – Panel session with engagement groups: 'Enablers of Participation' A panel session will be held with representatives of the G20's official engagement groups (B20, L20, C20, T20 and Y20). They have been invited to provide a one-page overview of their priorities and discuss a common theme, enablers of participation, before we open the floor for discussion.		
16.45	Closing remarks		



17.00	Family photo
18.30	Transit to Official Dinner Attendees to gather by this time at a designated point on the Darling Harbour wharf for a chartered ferry to the Official Dinner.
19.00	Official Dinner All registered delegates and observers are welcome, including engagement group representatives. Dinner to be held at Fort Denison Restaurant, which is located on an island in the middle of Sydney Harbour. Further information can be found at www.fortdenison.com.au A ferry will return from Fort Denison to Cockle Bay at approximately 22.00.

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Dockside function	n centre, balcony level, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney		
8.00	Registration for newcomers and coffee		
9.00	Introductory remarks		
9.15	Session 5 – Boosting participation, especially among women: identifying potential returns and obstacles Following presentations by Australia and the OECD, drawing on the expertise of other international organisations, delegates will be invited to discuss the potential returns from boosting workforce participation and the substantial contribution which participation measures can make to G20		
	growth strategies. Countries may identify different priority groups and the obstacles to their participation. Delegates will be asked to discuss options for a potential headline commitment at the Leaders' Summit, with further development out-of-session in collaboration with Sherpas and Finance Deputies.		
11.00	Morning tea		
11.20	Session 5 (cont.) – Boosting participation, especially among women: policy principles and recommendations The second part of the discussion will focus on countries sharing best practices with respect to boosting participation, especially among women. An objective of the session is to identify some key policy principles and recommendations for G20 Labour and Employment Ministers, which will be refined out-of-session.		
12.30	Lunch		
13.30	Session 6 – Effective local job creation and participation strategies: identifying potential returns and obstacles Following presentations by Australia and the OECD, drawing on the expertise of other international organisations, delegates will be invited to discuss the potential returns from effective local job creation and participation strategies, and the main reasons for persistent differences in labour market performance and disadvantage at the sub-national level.		
15.10	Afternoon tea		
15.30	Session 6 (cont.) – Effective local job creation and participation strategies: policy principles and recommendations The second part of the discussion will focus on countries sharing best practices with respect to local strategies. An objective of the session is to identify some key policy principles and recommendations for G20 Labour and Employment Ministers, which will be refined out-of-session.		
16.45	Closing – summary of key outcomes and next steps		
17.00	Delegates' own arrangements		



Friday 7 February			
Site visits and cultural activity			
9.30-12.00	Site visits All buses to depart from the Four Points by Sheraton hotel. Each delegate will have the opportunity to visit one of the following three employment projects in Sydney: • The Bread and Butter Project • Koori Job Ready program • The Big Issue Women's Subscription Enterprise Further information on each of the projects can be found in the Administrative Circular.		
12.30	Lunch and cultural activity Tribal Warrior lunch and ferry tour on Sydney Harbour		
15.30	Return transfer to the Four Points by Sheraton hotel		
16.00	Delegates' own arrangements		