

Agenda: Labour and Employment Ministerial Meetings



9 – 11 September 2014
Melbourne, Australia

Tuesday 9 September 2014

Melbourne Cricket Ground

17:30	Transfer from the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins to the Melbourne Cricket Ground
18:00 – 19:45	<p>Welcome function</p> <p><i>Invitees: G20 delegations, international organisation delegations and engagement group representatives</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks by Senator Eric Abetz, Minister for Employment (Australia)</i></p>

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Sofitel Melbourne, 25 Collins Street, Grand Ballroom

Social Dialogue on the G20 Labour and Employment Agenda

Participants: G20 delegations, international organisation delegations and engagement group representatives

8:00	Registration
9:00	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p><i>Australia will make some opening remarks.</i></p>
9:10	<p>Session 1: Engagement group recommendations for the G20 agenda</p> <p><i>Engagement group representatives will discuss their recommendations with G20 Labour and Employment Ministers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>B20, L20, C20 and Y20 representatives</i> <i>Lead remarks: EU, Germany, Argentina, Mexico, France</i>
10:30	Morning tea
11:00	<p>Session 2: Progressing reform</p> <p><i>Ministers and delegates will be able to continue on the engagement group recommendations and broaden their discussion to progressing reform – success factors and opportunities for business, labour and civil society to support employment objectives.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion may refer to key issues on the G20 agenda, such as Employment Plans, addressing informality, skills development, youth employment and female participation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Professor Gary Banks (The Australia and NZ School of Government)</i> <i>Lead remarks: Spain, Saudi Arabia, Italy, L20</i>
12:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>The B20 and L20 delegations will make some closing remarks, followed by Turkey and Australia</i></p>
13:00	<p>Lunch between Ministers, heads of international organisations and engagement group representatives. <i>The Australian G20 Finance Minister, Joe Hockey, will deliver some remarks.</i></p> <p>Separate lunch for other delegates</p>

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G20 Labour and Employment Ministerial Meeting:	
Preventing structural unemployment, creating better jobs and boosting participation	
<i>Participants: G20 and international organisation delegations</i>	
14:30	Opening and welcoming addresses <i>Australia, Russia and Turkey</i>
15:00	Session 1: Employment Plans and Growth Strategies <i>Following an overview of labour market conditions by the ILO, Ministers will review progress on the Employment Plans and consider how they can be strengthened for the G20 Leaders Summit. While a more thematic discussion is encouraged, some delegations may wish to share their approaches.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lead remarks: Germany, Argentina, India, South Africa, Myanmar</i>
17:00	Close of Day One
19:00	Dinner for Ministers and heads of international organisations <i>The Dome, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne. A closed, informal event.</i>

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G20 Labour and Employment Ministerial Meeting (continued)	
9:00	Session 2: Creating better jobs <i>Ministers will discuss the challenges and opportunities for creating better jobs, in terms of levels of employment, productivity and wellbeing. A key issue is creating a suitable business environment to support hiring. Ministers will consider recommendations on local job strategies, addressing informality, and promoting safer workplaces.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lead remarks: China, Korea, Turkey, EU, Mexico, Brazil</i>
10:30	Morning tea
11:00	Session 3: Boosting participation and reducing structural unemployment <i>Ministers will discuss the challenges and opportunities for boosting participation in the workforce. As part of this, Ministers will consider strategies to support labour supply, labour market adaptability and prevent unemployment from becoming structural (with persistent underemployment, long-term unemployment and skills mismatch particularly relevant).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lead remarks: UK, US, Canada, Singapore, Russia, India</i>
12:00	Lunch for Ministers and heads of international organisations <i>A closed, informal event.</i> Separate lunch for other delegates
13:30	Session 4: Supporting women and youth <i>Ministers will discuss collective commitments to boost female participation and address youth unemployment, including priorities for accelerating progress in both areas.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lead remarks: OECD, Japan, UK, France, Italy, Spain, India</i>
15:30	Afternoon tea
16:00	Closing remarks and adoption of a Declaration <i>Australia and Turkey</i>
16:45	Close
17:00	Press conference