

CHINESE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SOCIAL SECURITY ~ EUROPEAN COMMISSION

JOINT CONFERENCE

"THE IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL CRISIS AND THE ROLE OF RECOVERY MEASURES ON EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS IN CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION"

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, BRUSSELS, 12-13 OCTOBER 2009

DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

9:00-9:30 **Registration of the participants**

Welcome and Opening Session

9.30-9.45 **Opening speech** by Mr Vladimír Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

9.45-10.00 **Opening speech** by [REDACTED], Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of China (MoHRSS)

10.00-10.30 *Coffee break*

10.30-12.00 **Setting the Scene: Overview of Labor Markets and Macro Economic Policies responding to the Global Economic Crisis**

Chair: [REDACTED], Head of Unit, European Commission

Chinese Panellist: [REDACTED], Deputy Director General for General Office, MoHRSS

EU Panellist: [REDACTED], Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission

This session will set the context for the conference by providing background information: an overview of the broad economic recovery efforts in EU and China.

- Overview of the labour market situation
- The impact of the global financial crisis on the labour markets
- Macro-economic policies for economic recovery

Discussion

12.00-13.30 *Lunch break*

1st working session: Policies and measures on Maintaining Employment and Creating Jobs

14.00-15.30 Chair: [REDACTED], Director General of Employment Promotion Department, MOHRSS

- An overview of employment policies;
- The employment policies responding to the global financial crisis
- Challenges and ways forward

Chinese Panellist: [REDACTED], Deputy Director General for the Department of International Cooperation, MOHRSS

European Panellist: [REDACTED], CEO Caden Corporation

Discussion on commonalities and differences in the challenges and policy responses

15.30-16.00 *Coffee break*

2nd working session: Support to the Most Vulnerable

16.00-17.30 Chair: [REDACTED], Director General of Employment Promotion Department, MOHRSS

- Supporting measures for youth employment
- Supporting measures for employment of migrant workers
- Supporting measures for employment of long-term unemployed and low-skill workers

European Panellist: [REDACTED], Head of Unit, European Commission

Chinese Panellist: [REDACTED], Deputy Director General for Department of Employment Promotion, MOHRSS

Discussion on commonalities and differences in the challenges and policy responses

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

3rd working session: Upgrading Skills, Promoting Employment and Economic Growth

9.00-11.00 Chair: Mr X. Prats Monne, Director, European Commission

- Global impact on skills needs in key sectors
- Training policies responding to the global financial crisis
- Overall review of vocational training and relevant policies; challenges and policy options on vocational training
- Responsiveness of education and training policies to labour market needs short- and long-term
- Better anticipation and identification of skills and labour market needs

Chinese Panellist:

██████████, Director General for Department of Vocational Capacity Building, MOHRSS

European Panellists:

██████████, Head of Unit, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

██████████, Head of Research and Policy Analysis, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)

Discussion on commonalities and differences in the challenges and policy responses

11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*

Concluding and Closing Session

11.30-12.00 Chair: Mr X. Prats Monne, Director, European Commission

- Concluding remarks from European perspectives
- Concluding remarks from Chinese perspectives

This session will summarize the outputs and consensus of the Conference and set scope for dialogue and cooperation in 2010.

12.00-13.30 *Lunch*