



3rd Asian-European Labour Forum

“Wages and Economic Policies”

June 23-25, 2011

Venue: Fafo

Oslo (Norway)

Meeting room (tba.)

Accommodation: Thon Hotel Spectrum

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Background

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (office Shanghai) initiated the Asian-European-Labour Forum (AELF) to bring together labour research institutes, labour training institutes and think tanks closely linked to trade unions to exchange views on common interest in labour policy issues. The Forum is an annual event which is hosted by participating institutions in a rotational arrangements. The 1st AEFL was organized by the Hans-Böckler-Stiftung (HBS) in Düsseldorf (Germany) in 2009, while the 2nd AEFL was hosted by the Institute of Workers and Trade Unions (IWTU) of the Vietnam General Congress of Labour (VGCL) in Ha Long in 2010. The 3rd AEFL will have Fafo (Norway) as host.

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung acts as a co-secretariat to all events and has agreed to provide some basic funding.

The 2nd AEFL has agreed that the agenda for the 2011 Forum will consist of two sections:

- 1-day discussion on wage policies with special focus on wage-led recovery for rebalancing the world economy;
- 1 or 1,5 day discussion on draft country reports for a book on: “Minimum Wages, Collective Bargaining and Economic Development in Asia and Europe – A Comparative Labour Perspective”

Logistical Notes:

- The 3rd AELF will be prepared by a steering committee with the following members:
 - Fafo (host of 3rd AELF)
 - IWTU/ Institute for Workers and Trade unions (Host of 2nd AELF)
 - Hans-Böckler-Stiftung (HBS) (coordinator of book publication)
 - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Office Shanghai (Co-secretariat and Co-Sponsor).
- Funding principle:

FES covers travel cost for one representative of invited institutions. Additional participants from institutions may attend on own cost. FES may accept coverage of expenses for more than one representative of invited institutions based on individual merit application and through separate agreement.
- Language
Working language is English. Organizers are not in a position to provide translation.
- All speakers are expected to use PowerPoint for their presentation

3rd AELF Draft Programme

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

- All day Arrival of participants
- 17.30 Meet at Hotel reception for departure to Restaurant
18:00 Welcome dinner (informal)
Venue: Restaurant Egon, Karl Johans gate
37<http://www.egon.no/restaurant/Egon+Karl+Johan#mapdata>

Thursday, June 23, 2011

- 08:30 Meet Fafo representative at Hotel reception – Walk to conference venue at
Fafo, Borggata 2 B

09:00-09:30

Opening

Welcome by: May-Len Skilbrei, Managing Director, Fafo Institute for Applied
International Studies
Welcome by: Rudolf Traub-Merz, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Shanghai office
Welcome by: Ellen Stensrud, Secretary Treasurer, The Norwegian Confederation
of Trade Unions (LO)

09:30-10:00

Self-Introduction of Participants

Maximum of 2 Minutes for each institute!!!

Moderator:

ASIA
Europe
Others

15 min Coffee / tea break

10:15-12:30

Presentation of the Draft Book Chapters Round 1

15 Minutes for each presentation + 15 minutes discussion

Moderator: NN

- Minimum Wages, Collective Bargaining and Economic Development in Asia and Europe – A Comparative Labour Perspective”

Countries to be discussed:

- 15 min+15 ➤ China:
- 15 min+15 ➤ Korea:
- 15 min+15 ➤ Vietnam:
- 15 min+15 ➤ Japan:

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-17:30

Presentation of the Draft Book Chapters Round 2

15 Minutes for each presentation + 15 minutes discussion

Moderator: NN

- Minimum Wages, Collective Bargaining and Economic Development in Asia and Europe – A Comparative Labour Perspective”

Countries to be discussed:

- 15 min+15 ➤ Pakistan
- 15 min+15 ➤ India
- 15 min+15 ➤ Thailand:
- 15 min+15 ➤ Indonesia:
- 15 min Break
- 15 min+15 ➤ France
- 15 min+15 ➤ Italy:
- 15 min+15 ➤ Netherlands

End of Day One

17:30 Welcome drink in the Fafo garden

18:00 Dinner and garden party. Venue: The Fafo garden (bring warm jacket)

Friday, June 24, 2011

09:00–12:00 Wage development and wage policies: Towards a wage-led economic recovery strategy

20 Minutes for each presentation + 20 min discussion

Moderator: Frank Hoffer

- 20 min+20 • Sangheon Lee, ILO (conf.)
“The ILO Wage development report”
- 20 min+20 • Eckhard Hein, Professor of Economics, Berlin School of Economics and Law (conf.)
“A wage-led growth model embedded in a Keynesian New Deal”
- 15 min Break
- 20 min+20 • Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies UNCTAD, Geneva (conf.)
“Towards a new wage policy – a global perspective”
- General discussion

12:00-14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00–17:00 Wage development and wage policies: cont'd

20 Minutes for each presentation + 20 min discussion

Moderator

- 20 min+20 Presentation 4: Kristine Nergaard, Fafo (conf.)
“Wages and collective bargaining in the Nordic Model”
- 20 min+20 Presentation 5: Rostislav Kapelyushnikov (conf.)
“Wage Policy and Economic Development in Russia”
- General discussion
- 17:00 Drinks and snacks at Fafo/free time
- 19:15 Meet Fafo representative at the hotel reception folr walk to the dinner venue
- 19:30 Dinner
Venue: Kaffistova, Rosenkrantz gate 8
<http://www.kaffistova.com/index.php/home?language=en-GB>

Saturday, June 25, 2011

09:00-11:30 Presentation of the Draft Book Chapters Round 3

15 Minutes for each presentation + 15 minutes discussion

Countries to be discussed:

- 15 min+15 ➤ Germany:
- 15 min+15 ➤ Eastern Europe
- 15 min+15 ➤ Nordic States
- 15 min Break

45 min **Future Steps for the Book Project**

11:30–12:00 Which way forward to the 4th AELF?

Moderator: NN

Proposal 1
Proposal 2.....

12:00–12:30 Closing

12:30--13:15 Lunchat Fafo

End of 3rd AELF

- 13:15 Departure from Fafo
- 14:00-17:00 Excursion on invitation of Fafo. Guided walk along the river Akerselva. The walk gives insight into Oslo's history, industrial development, sociology, geology, flora and fauna. Bring good shoes!
- 18:45 We meet by the entrance of the Opera house – Welcome Drink
- 19:10 Short guided tour on the architecture and history of the new Opera House
- 19:30 Dinner at Brasserie Sanguine in the Opera House
<http://www.brasseriesanguine.no/en/>

Departure

Organisations to be invited :

ASIA

- China – CIIR (China Institute for Industrial Relations)
- India
- Indonesia :Trade Union Rights Center (TURC)
- Indonesia : Akatiga
- Indonesia: Center for Labour & Development Studies – Dr. Bomer Pararibu
- Japan – Rengo-Rials
- Korea: FKTU-Research Center
- Korea: Korea Confederation of Trade Unions – Research Center
- Pakistan: PILER (Pakistan Institute for Labour Education and Research)
- Singapore: ONG TENG CHEONG
- Thailand: (Sakdina Chatrakul Na Ayudhya
- Vietnam: Institute of Workers and Trade Unions of VGCL

Europe

- Brüssel - European Trade Union Institute (ETUI): Andrew Watt
- France: IRES
- Germany - Hans-Böckler-Stiftung (HBS), Düsseldorf: Dr. Thorsten Schulten / Dr. Reinhard Bispinck
- Italy IRES
- Netherlands - AIAS-Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies: Maarten van Klaveren
- Norway - FAFO–Institute for Labour and Social Research
- Eastern Europe

Other

- Global Labour University – GLU – Hansjörg Herr
- ILO-Actrav - Dr. Frank Hoffer
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung - Dr. Rudolf Traub-Merz, FES-Shanghai