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“The thinking and approach of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan go beyond adopting swadeshi and ‘vocal for local’. Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is an ‘abhiyan’ of creating crores of employment opportunities from villages to cities.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The Indian G20 Presidency organized the 3rd Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting from May 31 – June 2, 2023, at ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. It is a G20 tradition since the inception of the EWG, to organize an Employment Working Group at the side-lines of the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s annual International Labour Conference in Geneva.

78 delegates from G20 member countries, 09 guest countries and 04 International Organizations attended the meeting. The Ministry of Labour & Employment's international knowledge partners i.e. International Labour Organisation (ILO), Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD), International Social Security Association (ISSA), World Bank (WB) and a domestic knowledge partner i.e. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, attended the meeting to provide their technical expertise to the Group.

This meeting of the EWG was a crucial step towards building consensus amongst the participating G20 countries on the outcomes of the three key priority areas for EWG 2023 selected by the Indian Presidency. These priority areas encompass three crucial topics including:

1. Addressing global skill gaps
2. Gig and platform economy and social protection
3. Sustainable financing of social protection

These priority areas have broad relevance to all member and participating countries and beyond, as they reflect current challenges and opportunities in the global context.

The meeting commenced with the opening remarks of Ms. Arti Ahuja, the Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and the Chair- EWG, who urged the EWG to be mindful of its responsibilities and come out with concrete outcomes with clear deliverables for the sake of the countries' populations and their prosperity.

The opening session was followed by the annual update. An annual update on the progress made by the G20 countries towards the achievement of Brisbane and Antalya goals by ILO and OECD was shared.



These sessions were followed by exhaustive negotiations by the participating countries on further refinement of the Ministerial Declaration and the outcome documents of the EWG under the Indian Presidency. The Indian Presidency achieved significant success in the Guwahati EWG meeting by the finalization of the majority of the Ministerial Declaration. India is confident to build consensus on the Outcome Documents too in this meeting, before the ultimate EWG meeting and Labour & Employment Ministerial Meeting to be organized at Indore, India next month.

The proposed significant outcomes of the key priority areas under the Indian Presidency include the development of an international reference classification of occupations by skill and qualification requirements to facilitate cross-country comparability and mutual recognition of skills and qualifications, and extension of coverage of ILO and OECD's Skills for Jobs Database to G20 countries through comparable indicators to map skill gaps globally. They also include commitments by the G20 countries to work towards

providing adequate social protection for all including gig and platform workers and ensure sustainable financing of social protection.



The G20 3rd EWG meeting crossed a major milestone towards building consensus on the outcomes of the three key priority areas for

EWG 2023 under the Indian Presidency. The third meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chair where the contributions of all stakeholders involved in the successful organizing of this meeting especially the ILO and Permanent Mission of India to UN, Geneva, were acknowledged.

References:

[3rd Employment Working Group Meet, ILO, Geneva](#)

[G20 3rd Employment Working Group Meeting concludes successfully in Geneva](#)

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