

## Minister of Labour Highlights ILO's Success in Tackling Various Labour Issues

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Geneva, June 11 (QNA) – HE Minister of Labour Dr. Ali bin Samikh Al Marri highlighted the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s success in addressing labour issues through a collaborative approach that considers the diverse interests among its constituents. During his address on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries at the 112th International Labour Conference in Geneva, His Excellency said that after over a century of existence, ILO should be evaluated based on its impact on social justice on the ground. His Excellency emphasized the ILO Director-General's report's focus on social justice goals for two consecutive years, highlighting the significance of the new social contract and tripartite representation in enhancing the social dialogue process and evaluating the commitment of governments, employers, and workers.

HE the Minister of Labour emphasized that the Director-General's report recognized the extent of difficulties, which necessitate united actions from all countries, international organizations and entities in more comprehensive collaboration frameworks among powerful international forces and entities, stressing that the force of change is greater than the complexities of reality and able to resolve crises such climate change, technological advancement, unorganised economy, debt crisis and other challenges impacting the work environment.

HE Dr. Ali bin Samikh Al Marri emphasized the GCC countries' work to ensure safe labour mobility pathways with good governance, fair employment, and decent work through innovative programs, effective systems, and advanced technology in contracting, wage, and social protection.

His Excellency discussed the first meeting of the Doha Dialogue that includes GCC countries, Jordan, Lebanon, and African nations sending labour, forming a voluntary platform for dialogue between labour-receiving and sending nations. The Minister thanked the ILO for hosting the International Labour Conference and facilitating idea exchanges among governments, employers, and workers. He expressed appreciation to all delegations for their productive suggestions that aim to enhance prosperity and development for present and future generations.

The Ministry of Labour's participation at the International Labour Conference with a high-level delegation reflects its commitment to engaging with international organizations and exchanging views on international labour sector matters.

Nearly 5,000 attendees from 187 member states comprising governments, employers, and workers are participating in the current session of the International Labour Conference. The conference, continuing until next Friday, will review reports from the Chairman of the ILO Board of Directors and the Director General of ILO. It will also evaluate the ILOs programmes and budget and examine information and reports concerning the implementation of labour standards, recommendations, and conventions.

The conference's plenary session will also address biohazard protection and the strategic goal of fundamental principles and rights at work, decent work, and the care economy.

The International Labour Conference, also called the International Labour Parliament, convenes every year in Geneva to establish ILO policies, such as conventions and recommendations. Decisions regarding the ILO's overall policy, work program, and budget are made by the  $Conference, which also chooses the \,members \,of the \,Governing \,Body.$