



11th PSI Local and Regional Government Global Workers' Network #1/2026

Session #1 (1): Americas & Caribbean /Anglophone & Francophone Africa and Europe

Wednesday 1 April 2026 | 4:00 - 7:30 pm CEST

Time (CST) **San José – Mexico 8-11.30 am** // Time (CST) **Quito 9-12.30 am** // Time (EDT) **Ottawa - D.C. 10am-1.30pm** // Time (BRT/ART/CLST) **São Paulo – Buenos Aires - Santiago 11am-2.30pm** // Time (GMT) **Dakar 2-5.30 pm**
Time (BST/WEST) **London – Rabat 3-6.30 pm** // Time (CEST) **Paris-Rome 1-4.30 pm** // Time (EEST/EAT) **Beirut-Nairobi 5-8.30pm**
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Languages : **ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH**
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Time (CEST) Paris-Rome	Agenda items
4:00 – 4:15 pm	<p>Opening & Agenda (15’)</p> <p>Moderation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Joseph, President, Dominica Public Service Union (DPSU) • Daria Cibrario, Senior Policy Officer, LRG & Utilities Sectors, OSH, Global Research, PSI • Sandra Van Niekerk, Policy Officer, LRG & Utilities Sectors, Climate Change, PSI
4:15 – 5.30 pm	<p>Part §1. LRG Workplan & Activities 2026 (75’)</p> <p><i>The PSI Secretariat, Affiliates & allies will update the Network on the 2025-2026 activities since last October and will brief it on ongoing and forthcoming work in the LRG sector, followed by a plenary discussion. Affiliates and PSI staff are invited to input, contribute, engage in the activities, and make proposals for future initiatives and actions.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calendar of Activities & Events (10’) Reports from October 2025 activities so far + Q&A Calendar of activities 2026-2027 and LRG Report to EB-167 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daria Cibrario, Senior Policy Officer, PSI • Sandra Van Niekerk, Policy Officer, PSI 2. Organising in the LRG sector (35’) Update on the PSI Global LRG Organising Conference (new proposed dates : 4-5-6 November 2026) - Presentations followed by Plenary Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daria Cibrario, Senior Policy Officer, PSI • Sandra Van Niekerk, Policy Officer, PSI • Arsen Igitan, Organizational Affairs and External Communications Officer, USLGPSEA 3. Building dialogue with LRG Employers (30’) Update on the negotiation of a Global Social Dialogue Agreement with UCLG - Presentations by members of the PSI Technical Negotiation Group - followed by Plenary Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Joseph, President, Dominica Public Service Union (DPSU) • Rebeca Cespedes, ANEP, COSTA Rica • Nadia Koubia, Deputy Secretary General, National Federation of Local Government Employees

	and of Delegated Services Management, Municipality of Al Hoceima, UMT, Morocco
5.30 – 5.45 pm	Break (15')
5.45 - 6.30 pm	<p>Part §2. LRG Workplan & Activities 2026 (continued) (45')</p> <p>4. <u>OSH in the LRG sector</u> (25') Update and key outcomes from the forthcoming ILO Report “<i>Enhancing Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) for Local and Regional Governments Workers</i>” Presentation followed by Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joaquín Pintado Nuñez, Branch Chief, Occupational Safety and Health and Working Environment Branch (OSHE), International Labour Organization (ILO). ● Acran Salmen – Navarro, MD, MSc, AEP Occupational Medicine and Ergonomist - Bellevue / NYU Occupational Environmental Medicine Clinic NYU Grossman School of Medicine – ILO Consultant ● Igor Bello, MOSH, MErg, PhD, Chair ICOH Women, Health and Work SC, Teacher – Researcher PhD Programme in Labour Studies, University of Carabobo – ILO Consultant <p>5. <u>Strategic alliance building</u> (20') What is the “Right to the City” and how does it intersect with workers’ and trade union rights, and with the rights to water, energy, health, care and housing? What Can PSI and the Platform do together globally and locally? How can we work together with LRGs to advance social justice? Presentation followed by Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lorena Zárate Soneyra, Global Platform for the Right to the City
6:30 – 7.25 pm	<p>Part §3. LRG Updates & Actions from the Regions (55')</p> <p><i>Affiliates and PSI Regions and Subregions are invited to highlight the current challenges, union actions and activities currently ongoing in the LRG sector in their communities, countries, regions and subregions. They are also invited to make proposals for relevant activities & initiatives for 2026.</i></p> <p><u>Interamerica</u> (20')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>North America</u> Tbc ○ <u>Caribbean</u> Steve Joseph, President, Dominica Public Service Union (DPSU) ○ <u>Central and Latin America</u> CONTRAM-PSI update - Rebeca Cespedes, ANEP, COSTA Rica <p><u>Europe + EPSU Update</u> (20') Presentation of the report “<i>Employment in the Public Sector and Municipalities in Turkey</i>” EMAR Genel-Is Labour Research Department followed by Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Özgür Doruk, International Officer, GENEL-IS, Turkey ● EPSU update - Pablo Sanchez Centellas EPSU, Policy Officer, LRG Sector, Firefighters and Public Services <p><u>Africa and Arab Countries</u> (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daniel Oberko, Regional Secretary for Africa, PSI ● Fambisa Tichaona, PSI Sub-Regional Secretary for Southern-Africa ● Sandra Van Niekerk, Policy Officer, PSI
7:25 – 7:30 pm	AOB, Wrap up and Next Steps (5')