



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

**Session # 1 (2): Asia-Pacific / Anglophone Africa & Europe / English-speaking Arab Countries**

**Thursday 2 April 2026 | 9:00 - 12:30 pm CEST**

Time (GMT) **London – Accra** 8-11.30 am // Time (CEST) **Paris-Rome** 9-12.30 am // Time (EEST/EAT/SAST) **Beirut-Nairobi-Cape Town** 10am-1.30 pm // Time (EEST) **Amman** 11am -2.30 pm // Time (IST) **New Delhi** 1.30-5 pm // Time (WIB) **Jakarta** 3-6.30 pm  
Time (PHST) **Manila** 4-7.30 pm // Time (JST) **Seoul - Tokyo** 5-8.30pm //Time (AEST) **Melbourne** 7-10.30 pm

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## DRAFT AGENDA

Languages : **ENGLISH**

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Time (CEST) Paris-Rome	Agenda items
9:00 – 9:15 am	<p><b>Opening &amp; Agenda</b> (15')</p> <p>Moderation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sandra Van Niekerk</b>, Policy Officer, LRG &amp; Utilities Sectors, Climate Change, PSI</li> <li>● <b>Daria Cibrario</b>, Senior Policy Officer, LRG &amp; Utilities Sectors, OSH, Global Research, PSI</li> </ul>
9:15 – 10.30 am	<p><b>Part §1. LRG Workplan &amp; Activities 2026</b> (75')</p> <p><i>The PSI Secretariat, Affiliates &amp; 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"> <li>1. <b>Calendar of Activities &amp; Events</b> (20') Reports from October 2025 activities so far + Q&amp;A <a href="#">Calendar of activities 2026-2027</a> and <a href="#">LRG Report to EB-167</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sandra Van Niekerk</b>, Policy Officer, PSI</li> <li>● <b>Daria Cibrario</b>, Senior Policy Officer, PSI</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Organising in the LRG sector</b> (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"> <li>● <b>Sandra Van Niekerk</b>, Policy Officer, PSI</li> <li>● <b>Daria Cibrario</b>, Senior Policy Officer, PSI</li> <li>● <b>Arsen Igitan</b>, Organizational Affairs and External Communications Officer, USLGPSEA (video)</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Building dialogue with LRG Employers</b> (20') 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"> <li>● <b>Annie Geron</b>, President, PSLINK, the Philippines, PSI Asia Pacific Vice President</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
10.30 – 10.45 am	<p><b>Break</b> (15')</p>

<p>10.45 - 11.30 am</p>	<p><b>Part §2. LRG Workplan &amp; Activities 2026 (continued) (45’)</b></p> <p><b>4. <u>OSH in the LRG sector</u> (20’)</b>  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"> <li>● <b>Joaquín Pintado Nuñez</b>, Branch Chief, Occupational Safety and Health and Working Environment Branch (OSHE), International Labour Organization (ILO).</li> <li>● <b>Acran Salmen – Navarro</b>, MD, MSc, AEP Occupational Medicine and Ergonomist - Bellevue / NYU Occupational Environmental Medicine Clinic NYU Grossman School of Medicine – ILO Consultant (video)</li> <li>● <b>Igor Bello</b>, MOSH, MErg, PhD, Chair ICOH Women, Health and Work SC, Teacher – Researcher PhD Programme in Labour Studies, University of Carabobo – ILO Consultant (video)</li> </ul> <p><b>5. <u>Strategic alliance building</u> (20’)</b>  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"> <li>● <b>Lorena Zárate Soneyra</b>, Global Platform for the Right to the City (video)</li> </ul>
<p>11:30 am– 12.25 pm</p>	<p><b>Part §3. LRG Updates &amp; Actions from the Regions (55’)</b></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 &amp; initiatives for 2026.</i></p> <p><b><u>Asia-Pacific</u> (20’)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tbd</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Africa and Arab Countries</u> (15’)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Daniel Oberko</b>, Regional Secretary for Africa, PSI</li> <li>● <b>Fambisa Tichaona</b>, PSI Sub-Regional Secretary for Southern-Africa</li> <li>● <b>Sandra Van Niekerk</b>, Policy Officer, PSI</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Europe + EPSU Update</u> (20’)</b>  Summary updates from the 11<sup>th</sup> Global LRG Network #1/2026 Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Daria Cibrario</b>, Senior Policy Officer, PSI</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of the report “<a href="#"><i>Employment in the Public Sector and Municipalities in Turkey</i></a>”  EMAR Genel-Is Labour Research Department followed by Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Özgur Doruk</b>, International Officer, GENEL-IS, Turkey (video)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Interamerica</u></b>  Summary updates from the 11<sup>th</sup> Global LRG Network #1/2026 Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Daria Cibrario</b>, Senior Policy Officer, PSI</li> </ul>
<p>12:25 – 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>AOB, Wrap up and Next Steps (5’)</b></p>