

## **BIAC meets G20 Labour Ministers in Moscow**

**Paris, 19 July 2013** – BIAC and the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) met yesterday with G20 Labour Ministers in Moscow to discuss necessary policies for growth and job creation.

At the 18 July consultation with G20 Labour Ministers, BIAC and the IOE were supported by their Member Organisations as part of the B20 delegation led by the Russian Employers (RSPP). Trade union representatives were also present.

At the consultation, BIAC Secretary General Bernhard Welschke emphasised that in the current environment of uneven growth, fiscal constraints, low confidence and high unemployment especially among youth, what is really needed now is a commitment to structural reform and consistent policies that will encourage companies to invest and to innovate. This is the necessary underpinning for sustainable job creation. OECD analysis and guidance is a key reference for policy makers in face of these objectives. A joint IOE-B20-BIAC Statement to the G20 Labour Ministerial is also available [here](#).

Ronnie Goldberg, Chair of the BIAC ELSA Committee, stated that the competitiveness of our economies and advancement of our societies rests on individuals having the necessary education and skills to innovate, adapt, productively engage and excel in the work environment of today. Early education is a critical foundation for lifelong employability, social and economic mobility, and it is critical that all stakeholders work together to establish clear pathways linking basic, vocational, and lifelong education to employment and career opportunities.

In advance of the consultation, BIAC and IOE representatives also met with EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion László Andor, to discuss the IOE/Biac Global Apprenticeship Alliance in conjunction with the EU initiatives on apprenticeships and the youth guarantee.

Earlier this week the B20/L20 had a joint session to highlight the joint business labour commitment made to identify key elements of quality internships. B20/L20 also sent a joint letter to G20 Labour and Finance Ministers urging that the G20 Employment Task Force continue to focus on implementation of its commitments towards job creation and activation, and that implementation of these commitments continue as priorities under the Australian G20 Presidency.

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