ILO Global Information Network

The ILO Library in Geneva and the libraries in over 40 ILO Offices worldwide work together to provide information services to ILO officials, constituents, and partner institutions. In addition, partner libraries around the world provide local access to ILO publications. Any library that offers an inter-library loan service can request publications from the ILO Library’s collection.

You can find a list of ILO information centres close to you at: http://www.ilo.org/dyn/depolib/.

ILO Bookshop

The ILO Bookshop is located in the Reading Room of the ILO Library and is open from Monday to Friday 11:00-12:00 and 15:00-16:00. ILO sales publications can be purchased or ordered from ILO Offices around the world or directly from ILO Publications in Geneva. Ministries of Labour, and employers’ and workers’ organizations receive a 50% discount. E-mail: pubvente@ilo.org; Fax: +41 22 799 6938 http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/lang--en/index.htm.

Visit us

The ILO Library in Geneva, Switzerland, is located on the R-2 level (south) of the ILO Headquarters building, 4, route des Morillons, between Route de Ferney and Avenue Appia. Buses 8, 28 and F all stop at the ILO (BIT) and timetables can be consulted at www.tpg.ch. From the “BIT” bus stop, follow the arrows to the entrance. If arriving by car, enter the visitors’ garage and go to the doorway labelled “Nord” (north). The visitors’ entrance (ID required) is at the north end of the ILO building.
Visit the Reading Room

We invite ILO staff at Headquarters and in the field, staff in governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations and partner institutions, and researchers and the general public to use the Library as a key resource on the world of work.

The Library’s collections include:
- over 2 million books, reports, and journals in many languages;
- 45,000+ ILO publications from 1919 to date;
- publications from other inter-governmental organizations;
- digital collections;
- legislation and statistics on labour and social issues.

The Library provides:
- Internet access for research purposes;
- wireless Internet access (WiFi);
- photocopying and word processing facilities;
- a collaborative work space that can be used by ILO departments;
- a computer access space for training.

Information and research services

A team of information professionals will help you:
- carry out labour-related research;
- access information on the world of work, via Labordoc and other databases;
- find ILO publications and publications of other inter-governmental organizations;
- use the Library’s electronic resources;
- find statistics and labour legislation.

If you have any questions about how to use the ILO Library and its information resources, don’t hesitate to ask a librarian at the Information desk (or send an email to informs@ilo.org).

The ILO Library also offers training courses to ILO staff on its information resources and services.

Information resources

Researchers will find a wealth of knowledge on topics such as:
- child labour;
- employment;
- gender issues in the workplace;
- globalization;
- labour relations;
- labour standards;
- social protection;
- social dialogue.

The Labordoc database (http://labordoc.ilo.org) offers access to the world’s literature on the world of work. It covers all aspects of work and sustainable livelihoods and work-related aspects of economic and social development, human rights and technological change. Labordoc can be searched in English, French or Spanish.

Opening hours

Monday: 10:30-17.00, Tuesday to Friday: 10:00-17:00 (except public holidays).

During the International Labour Conference sessions:
- 9:00 to 18:00, Monday through Friday.
- Computer access space is open seven days a week.

The Library website provides:
- information on the Library’s services and collections;
- access to online information resources;
- guidance and tools for information specialists working with labour information.