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**ABSTRACT:**

Globalization has had an enormous impact on the world of work. The implementation of the Core Labour Standards and the laws and regulations that give effect to them at national levels can be significantly enhanced if the capacities of national labour inspectorates are built up and strengthened. Labour inspectors have a crucial role to play because they are the only ones with the authority to directly access and impose changes in the workplace.

Effective and efficient labour inspection is an essential part of any civilized government and of any successful economy. Labour inspectors have a pivotal role in promoting compliance with ILO core labour standards (CLS), in particular those relating to Decent Work, and giving advice and information about how those standards can be met in practice. At an international level, labour inspection is considered a door opener for technical cooperation as it is the most important tool at the national level for the enforcement of legal provisions. Labour inspectors are the controlling authority for many work-related activities and can be involved with a variety of work-related issues, such as health and safety, social dialogue, the drafting of new legislation, market control mechanisms, child labour, etc. A preventative approach for the reduction of accidents and diseases needs to be linked to labour inspection advisory services. Strengthening labour inspection is crucial for ensuring a high standard in labour protection, contributing to overall economic stability.

Examples of successful campaigns will be presented as best practices and policies of national and international institutions. The policies, strategies and practices aim at ensuring sustainable development to improve the working environment, reduce accidents, illnesses, lost working hours and increase the overall OSH standards in the supply chain management.