



Pointing out the particular relevance of Labour Inspection in the ILO's efforts to promote and obtain Decent Work worldwide, Executive Director Assane Diop welcomed the members of the 11th IALI World Congress to the ILO in Geneva. Today the Association accounts for over 100 Members from 87 countries.

At the opening of the triennial IALI World Congress, Executive Director Assane Diop welcomed over 100 delegates from more than 60 countries to the ILO in Geneva. The theme of the eleventh Congress – “Safe, Healthy and Decent Work: The Role of Labour Inspection” bears high relevance for the Agenda of the ILO, since economic constraints and changes in the world of work are pressuring labour inspectors to take on more and more responsibilities to make work safe and healthy.

Assane Diop pointed out that there is the need for global strategies reflected in Decent Work Country Programmes, which should be translated into action in different work places and work situations. On this field the ILO is making significant progress. Together with local authorities the capacity of labour inspectorates should be strengthened through technical assistance and targeted training programmes, facilitating the exchange of practical experiences, and the promotion of international labour standards on labour inspection and on occupational safety and health. As one future strategic field for labour inspectors Assane Diop promoted tackling the pressuring issues linked to the informal economy and HIV/AIDS.

Adrian Ellis, President of the International Association of Labour Inspectors highlighted the excellent cooperation between the ILO and the IALI in the past and expressed the wish to continue this in the future.

As the head of SafeWork's Development of Labour Inspection Systems Department, Gerd Albracht stressed that labour inspection's expertise covers by far more fields than just occupational safety and health. In his address to the congress, he brought up concrete examples how labour inspectors can mainstream Decent Work throughout all sectors of employment and provide crucial aid in fields like migration and forced labour. In the centre of speech he placed a 10 Step Plan to strengthen labour inspection worldwide in order to empower labour inspectorates to prepare them for the new global challenges they are facing. The intensification of training and the development of a common internet platform were identified as decisive elements which will help labour inspectors to tackle their new responsibilities.

A good overview about the activities of labour inspectors can be found in the latest publication of the department: [Labour Inspection Brochure: Conventions 81, 129](#), which is downloadable in English, French and Spanish at the SafeWork Homepage.