

ILO Global Information Network

Objective: to strengthen the ILO's capacity to deliver high quality information to ILO officials, ILO constituents and users of ILO information by modernizing and harmonizing the ILO's information services.

The Network works as a team to:

1. **improve the visibility of ILO knowledge and ILO values** by providing a central access point to ILO publications and ILO databases.
2. **improve the impact and reach of regional information/knowledge** within and across the regions worldwide.
3. **ensure that local (regional) information is easily available to all officials worldwide**, and **can be readily used to inform development projects and ILO research**.
4. **showcase the ILO as a centre of excellence** through its comprehensive, worldwide coverage of empirical literature on the world of work.
5. **simplify access to ILO publications** by creating a "one-stop shop": local databases will be integrated into Labordoc which provides direct access to the full text of ILO publications.
6. **increase access to information/knowledge of ILO staff in the field** by making available the electronic information resources purchased by the ILO Library.
7. **ensure that ILO field offices will benefit more quickly from new information technologies** used to provide information services.
8. **reduce or eliminate costs** by eliminating duplication of effort and the purchase of duplicate copies of electronic information resources, and reducing costs on software and IT support.
9. **enable information specialists in the regions and at headquarters to share experiences and good practices**, which will improve their capacity to provide excellent information services.

Four ideas lie behind the development of an ILO Global Information Network:

to encourage ILO information specialists to work as a team;
to provide a forum for information specialists to share their knowledge and experiences within a community of practice; and
to make ILO knowledge easier to find and simpler to access by ILO constituents, partner institutions, researchers and the wider public
to strengthen the support to the ILO's research and development activities.