

Inter-sectoral Workshop: Accelerating action towards the elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in the ASEAN sub-region



On 16-18 December 2013, 54 participants from 9 ASEAN member states (including representatives from government, employers' and workers' organisations) together with 22 representatives from civil society and international organisations gathered in Jakarta for an inter-sectoral child labour workshop hosted by the ASEAN Secretariat. The Workshop was supported by the ILO and provided an opportunity to share and reflect on country-level initiatives, progress and challenges in combating the worst forms of child labour and to discuss strategies, actions and priorities for accelerating efforts. The agenda covered a comprehensive range of thematic areas of critical importance in eliminating

child labour, namely education, social protection, labour market policy, knowledge and data, national legislation and enforcement, child domestic labour and child labour in agriculture. Workshop participants identified promising strategies (particularly in relation to education and social protection) as well as areas in which further action is necessary (particularly in relation to the need to tackle child labour in the informal sector, labour market policies and supply chain governance, internal and cross-border migration and the difficulties in implementing child labour policies at the local level). Participants also increased their understanding of the benefits that inter-sectoral cooperation and coordination - within countries and between ASEAN sectoral bodies - can bring in accelerating action against child labour.

