

Tripartite working group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance

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At the first meeting of the Tripartite working group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD), which was held on 11 December 2020, it was agreed that the members of the working group would be invited to express their views on the understanding and scope of the notion of democratization of the ILO's governance for the purpose of informing the discussions of the second meeting of the working group to be held in January 2021 and developing a possible programme of future work.

Accordingly, the Office has prepared the following questionnaire, bearing in mind that the Centenary Declaration and its accompanying Resolution are the framework within which the TWGD should carry out its work. The Office would be grateful if the replies could be sent by Wednesday 6 January 2021 to JUR@ilo.org.

1. Do you consider that the notion of democratization refers to aspirations of Member States regarding specific aspects of the functioning of governance organs, such as composition, decision-making, voting power, organization and access to meetings? Please elaborate and provide concrete examples.

In our view, the notion of democratization should be referred, in line with the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work, to full, fair and equal participation of all ILO Member States in all decision-making processes and meetings, seeking full transparency and inclusion. We fully agree that all regions should have the right to be represented equally. However, the process of democratization should not stick only to the ratification of the 1986 Constitutional Amendment.

2. Do you consider that 'democratization of tripartite governance' concerns the ILO Governing Body only or should also cover the International Labour Conference and other aspects of ILO governance?

The democratization of the tripartite governance should cover all aspects of the ILO work, including the Governing Body, ILC and other tripartite/experts meetings, including informal consultations.

3. Based on the above, which aspects of democratization – in addition to those addressed in the 1986 constitutional amendment – would you consider the TWGD should examine in priority? Please specify.

TWGD should address the democratization of the ILO as it had been adequately defined in the resolution on the Centenary Declaration, the wording of the Centenary Declaration should be preserved to avoid complications.

4. In your view, which are the core principles that should be guiding ILO's action towards democratization of its governance? Please specify.

ILO's actions towards democratization of its governance shall be guided by the principles of equality among Member States, transparency and fair representation of all regions.

5. Do you have any concrete proposals for the second meeting of the TWGD and/or its future programme of work?

For the next meeting of the TWGD, concrete proposals regarding further steps towards the democratization of the ILO could be elaborated.