

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.

Nigeria is of the view that democratization refers to their aspirations regarding specific aspects of the functioning of governance organs, in particular composition and decision-making through the instrument of 1986 ILO Constitution amendment or any other possible means as captured in the Centenary Declaration.

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?

Nigeria restates that democratization of the ILO governance concerns all ILO tripartite governance and in particular, the Governing Body should be addressed as a priority. It should primarily start from the Governing Body.

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.

The 1986 Amendment and its contents should be given priority attention.

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

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

Our primary concern will be for the TWGD to focus on the 1986 Amendment. The challenge of the members of the Chief Industrial Importance should be examine by engaging some of them who are yet to ratify the amendment for bilateral discussion with a view to explaining reason(s) for their immediate action.