Informal Economy and Labour Inspection

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Informal Economy

“All activities that are, in law or practice, not covered or insufficiently covered by formal arrangements.” – ILC Resolution (2002)

Linked to other issues of concern for labour inspection:

- Forced labour
- Child Labour
- Unsafe working conditions
Challenges

- Evidence that informal economies are continuing to increase;
- Reduction in funding and resources for many labour inspectorates;
- Difficulties in identifying the existence of unregistered workplaces;
- Challenges in targeting and reaching employers and employees within the informal economy;
- Target the exploiters, not the exploited.
The Role of Labour Inspection

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Business

Insurance

Public / Social Pressures

Media

Economic Pressures

Market Pressures

Labour Inspection

International Businesses

Unions / Workers

Customers

Trade Bodies

Investors
Joint Working & Regional Co-operation

- Co-ordinated, integrated effort required;
- IALI has developed tools to support members to find new means of establishing joint approaches;
- International Common Principles to provide the basis for a common approach;
- Based upon requirements for ethical, effective labour inspection