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## Agreements concluded with other international organizations

Agreement between the International Labour Organization and the Pacific Islands Forum and Supplementary Arrangement to the 1947 Agreement between the International Labour Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**Summary:** This document informs the Governing Body of two agreements concluded with the Pacific Islands Forum and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in April and May 2024 respectively.

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**Related documents:** None.

## ► Agreement with the Pacific Islands Forum

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1. On 26 April 2024, during the Pacific Tripartite High-Level Dialogue on Decent Work and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, the ILO and the Pacific Islands Forum signed an Agreement for the purpose of establishing a framework for cooperation between the two organizations.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Pacific Islands Forum is an international organization established for the purpose of strengthening regional cooperation and integration, including through the pooling of regional resources of governance and the alignment of policies, in order to further Forum members' shared goals of economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security. It is governed by the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum, which was signed at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on 27 October 2005. It is composed of 18 member countries and is based in Suva, Fiji.
3. The Pacific Islands Forum's main decision-making organ is the annual Forum Leaders Meeting, which is attended by the Heads of Government of all the member countries. The Forum also comprises an executive committee, composed of one representative of each member country of the Forum, and a secretariat, headed by a Secretary General.<sup>2</sup>
4. Under the Agreement, the ILO and the Pacific Islands Forum have identified areas of cooperation including: private sector development to promote inclusive, job-rich economic growth; promotion of regulatory and policy reforms with regard to innovation, support for small enterprises and enhancement of skills development; capacity-building for governments in relation to fundamental principles and rights at work; promotion of regional coordination to address common labour market issues; and promotion of universal access to comprehensive, adequate and sustainable social protection. The modalities of cooperation will include joint research, technical meetings, technical advisory services, training, and preparation of manuals, guidelines, tools and methodologies. The Agreement has an initial duration of five years and may be extended for subsequent periods of the same duration.

## ► Supplementary Arrangement to the 1947 Agreement between the International Labour Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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5. On 27 May 2024, the ILO and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) signed a Supplementary Arrangement<sup>3</sup> to the main Agreement of 11 September 1947, which was approved at the time by the Governing Body. The Supplementary Arrangement updates the framework for the cooperation between the two organizations in order to meet the challenges of the agreed global development agenda, in particular the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Under the Supplementary Arrangement, the ILO and the

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<sup>1</sup> See [the text of the Agreement](#). On the same occasion, a [Statement](#) was also agreed by the meeting participants.

<sup>2</sup> More information about the Pacific Islands Forum is available at [www.forumsec.org](http://www.forumsec.org).

<sup>3</sup> See [the text of the Supplementary Arrangement](#).

FAO will collaborate in a number of thematic areas of joint strategic interest in relation to agriculture, food systems and rural development such as employment and entrepreneurship; occupational safety and health; rural development in humanitarian, forced displacement and protracted crisis settings; and climate change and just transition. The Supplementary Arrangement replaces three supplementary arrangements concluded in 1951, 1955 and 2004.