



Implementing the 19th ICLS resolution

Why?



Visibility of paid and unpaid activities

The new definition of employment and the separate identification of unpaid forms of work improve our knowledge of the labour market, considering the different policy implications of participation in paid work, unpaid forms of work, and both simultaneously.



Additional measures of labour underutilization

The narrower employment definition improves the relevance of unemployment and time-related underemployment measures. The introduction of the potential labour force and the 4 LU indicators increase our knowledge of labour underutilization levels, patterns and characteristics, and the degree of labour market attachment of different groups.



Gender relevance of labour and work statistics

The gender bias in previous standards resulted in hiding or misrepresenting the amount and types of work done by women. With more detailed information, we can now assess the extent of women's work, and the specific challenges and deficits faced.



Increased relevance for all population groups

The separate identification of different forms of work and the better delineation of employment increase not only the statistics' gender relevance, but also their relevance for all groups strongly involved in unpaid work (youth, rural workers,...)



Improved analysis, research and policymaking

The more detailed knowledge of participation in employment and other forms of work, the labour underutilization, and labour market attachment enable more targeted policymaking and better analysis and research.



Foundational standard and a precondition

It laid the foundation and framework for improved labour statistics, so all subsequent resolutions build on it. Implementing the 19th ICLS resolution is a precondition to implement later resolutions such as the one on work relationships (20th ICLS) and the one on informality (21st ICLS).



Part of the international labour code

After adoption by the 19th ICLS, the standards were accepted by the ILO Governing Body, thus becoming part of the international labour code.



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