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Cooperation Agreement with the Labour Centre of the Organisation of Islamic and Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding between the International Labour Organization and the Andean Development Corporation

Summary: This document informs the Governing Body of two agreements concluded with the Labour Centre of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Andean Development Corporation, respectively in September 2024 and January 2025.

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► Cooperation Agreement with the Labour Centre of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

1. On 12 September 2024, the International Labour Organization and the Labour Centre of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) signed a cooperation agreement to strengthen the cooperative relations between them to facilitate the effective exercise of their mutually complementary activities.¹
2. The Labour Centre was inaugurated in Baku on the sidelines of the 5th session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) of the Member States in November 2023. It has a large mandate in the fields of labour, employment, social protection and human capital development and may use diverse means to attain its objectives, including the formulation and supervision of regional strategies, policies and programmes, implementation of technical cooperation projects, conduct of research and studies, convening conferences and meetings, as is set out in more detail in its Statute.² The Labour Centre is a specialized institution of the OIC enjoying the “status of fully-fledged legal person as an international organisation”. Of the 57 Member States of the OIC, 19 have to date become Member States of the OIC Labour Centre: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Türkiye, Uzbekistan and Palestine.
3. Under the Cooperation Agreement, the ILO and the OIC Labour Centre will hold consultations on a regular basis in order to exchange views on matters of common concern. They will explore areas for cooperation and will, subject to available resources, offer assistance to each other in support of future joint action, particularly with regard to the promotion of the ratification of Conventions adopted by the International Labour Conference and their implementation, and the respect, promotion and realization of fundamental principles and rights at work. This may include the holding of joint meetings or conferences. The Agreement specifies that each organization may invite the other to its relevant meetings.
4. The Cooperation Agreement is signed for an indefinite duration. It may be terminated by either party with six months’ notice.

¹ [Cooperation Agreement](#) between the ILO and the Labour Centre of the OIC, signed at Geneva on 12 September 2024.

² [OIC/3-ICLM/2015/STATUTE.FINAL](#).

► Memorandum of Understanding with the Andean Development Corporation

5. On 30 January 2025, the ILO and the Andean Development Corporation (Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF)) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of establishing a framework for cooperation between the two organizations.³
6. The agreement establishing the CAF, was signed on 7 February 1968 by six countries. The CAF is a multilateral financial institution. Its mission is to support the sustainable development of its shareholder countries and regional integration, serving the public and private sectors by providing multiple financial products and services to a broad portfolio of clients, consisting of governments, financial institutions, and public and private enterprises. Its shareholders are: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and 13 private banks in Latin America. Its headquarters are situated in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
7. The CAF's supreme decision-making body is the annual Assembly of the Shareholders. The CAF also comprises a board of directors, and a secretariat, headed by an executive president.⁴
8. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, the ILO and the CAF have identified areas of cooperation including: youth employment and employability; technical and vocational education and training; skills development and promotion of lifelong learning; just transition and green jobs; promotion of sustainable entrepreneurship with a focus on formalization, inclusion and digital transformation; gender equality in the world of work; innovative development finance mechanisms; supply chains; employment policies, as well as sectoral and trade policies for more and better jobs; and promotion of South–South Cooperation. The modalities of cooperation will include exchange of information and knowledge; development of joint events and meetings; joint research activities and publications; training activities and exchange of experiences; joint project development; and transfer of knowledge to third parties. The Memorandum of Understanding has a duration of four years.

³ [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the International Labour Organization and the Andean Development Corporation.

⁴ More information about the CAF is available at <https://www.caf.com/>.