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ACTRAV's support for trade unions in the Caribbean: Promoting decent work and social protection to address economic, demographic and ecological transformations

Webinar 3 – 3 July 2025

Fostering Formalization through Social Protection: A Comprehensive Approach to Decent Work and just transition

AGENDA

Moderator: Vera Guseva, Specialist, Workers' Activities, ILO DWT/Country Office Port of Spain

10:05 – 10:15	Opening remarks ▪ Ursula Kulke, Senior Social Protection Specialist, Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), ILO Geneva
10:15 – 10:45	Addressing informality and promoting transition to formality for decent work – Resolution and conclusions of the 113th session of the International Labour Conference 2025 ▪ Dr Anthony Baah, Secretary General, Ghana Trades Union Congress.
10:45 – 11:15	Extending social protection coverage to informal economy workers - ILO's two-dimensional social protection policy ▪ Celine Peyron, Senior Social Protection and Employment Policies Specialist, Universal Social Protection Department, ILO Geneva
11:15 – 11:45	How to extend social protection to informal economy workers in the Caribbean countries: case of Jamaica ▪ Khadrea Folkes, Employment Law Expert ▪ Shirley Pryce, General Secretary, Jamaica Household Workers' Union

11:45 – 12:00

Q&A

Discussion

In preparation for the discussion, please consider the following questions:

- Why are informal economy workers in your country not covered by social protection, and what are the barriers to extending coverage to them?
- If you had to make a case for why social protection is important, what would be your elevator pitch?
- Which categories of informal economy workers are closest to the formal economy and could be covered first?
- What specific action can your trade union take to best advocate for the extension of social protection coverage to informal economy workers? How can your trade union support formalization?

We are pleased to share a brief on [Extending social protection coverage to informal economy workers](#) that aims at helping workers' representatives to better understand the complexity of and the challenges for extending social protection coverage to workers in the informal economy, and the different policy choices which countries have implemented to overcome these challenges.