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Purpose of the document

This document provides an update on the Global Coalition for Social Justice (see the draft decision in paragraph 40).

Relevant strategic objective: All.

Main relevant outcome: All policy outcomes and Enabler A: Enhanced knowledge, innovation, cooperation and communication to advance social justice.

Policy implications: Yes.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: None.

Follow-up action required: Yes.

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Related documents: [GB.350/INS/5](#); [GB.349/INS/4](#); [GB.349/PV\(Rev.1\)](#); [GB.347/INS/4](#); [GB.347/INS/4/Additional information](#); [GB.347/PV\(Rev.\)](#); [GB.346/INS/17/1](#); [GB.346/PV](#).

► Introduction

1. At its 349th Session (October–November 2023), the Governing Body endorsed the Director-General's proposal to establish a Global Coalition for Social Justice ("the Coalition") and requested the Director-General to report regularly on the progress of the Coalition at future sessions of the Governing Body.¹
2. This document provides an update on progress made in respect of the establishment of the Coalition, including with regard to the engagement of partners, the work of the Coordinating Group, the 2025 annual Forum and the thematic development of the Coalition.

► A fully operational Coalition

3. The organization of the Coalition, endorsed by the Governing Body in November 2023, is now fully in place, including the Forum, Coordinating Group and secretariat. Its three means of intervention – action and collaboration, communication and advocacy and knowledge dissemination – are operational, with 14 key interventions addressing thematic priorities deployed.
4. Updates have been shared regularly with the ILO Governing Body, which has consistently reaffirmed its support for this initiative and confirmed the value added by the Coalition as a unique platform that connects agendas, mainstreams the ILO mandate within broader policy frameworks, catalyses multi-sectoral action and fosters coherence. Through the voluntary engagement of partners, the Coalition generates a multiplier effect that inspires broader commitments and advances integrated solutions for a people-centred agenda with world of work dimensions at its core, while enabling partners to advance their own mandates and national priorities.
5. The Coordinating Group was created in April 2024, with the Government of Brazil currently serving as Co-Chair.² The Coordinating Group met in May 2024, January 2025 and October 2025. It has reviewed the progress made by the Coalition, provided guidance on its priorities and ensured alignment across different initiatives. Members have played an especially active role in advancing the Coalition's activities. The term of the current Coordinating Group members will come to an end in May 2026, requiring the selection of new members in the second half of 2026.

Engagement of partners

6. Since the Coalition's purpose is to increase the trajectory of progress on social justice above and beyond existing activities, it seeks to create a collaborative space in which partners shape individual and collective opportunities to increase the scale and impact of their actions in pursuit of social justice. Partners are expected to commit to advancing social justice at the national, regional and/or international levels, supporting a joint agenda for a "socially just

¹ GB.349/PV(Rev.1), para. 265.

² The list of members of the Coordinating Group is available on the [Coalition's website](#).

society” and shared prosperity, where all human beings “have the right to pursue both their material well-being and their spiritual development in conditions of freedom and dignity, of economic security and equal opportunity”.³

7. At the time of drafting the present document, over 390 partners from all geographical regions have joined the Coalition, representing governments, employers’ and workers’ organizations, international and regional organizations and bodies, local authorities, enterprises and business networks, international non-governmental organizations and academic and research institutions. Recognizing that these partners have diverse mandates, priorities and areas of expertise, the Coalition fosters engagement by facilitating the development of collaborations tailored to partners’ interests and reflected in their individual engagement plans, with the overarching goal of sustaining meaningful collaboration over time.
8. The Office, both at headquarters and in the field, will continue to engage with potential partners, with particular attention to geographic diversity and the complementarity of mandates. Building a balanced partnership network will strengthen the Coalition’s collective impact.
9. Among the Coalition’s partners, academic and research institutions play a distinctive role by generating and disseminating knowledge, informing evidence-based policymaking and integrating social justice into education and public debate. In order to support their engagement, a dedicated meeting was held on 11 June 2025, the eve of the Forum, at the initiative of the Geneva Graduate Institute through its Thinking Ahead on Societal Change (TASC) Platform.⁴ This discussion explored ways to mobilize the academic network to foster collaboration with other partners, contribute to the thematic development of the Coalition, including through youth engagement, and the implementation of the 14 key interventions. Follow-up discussions are under way, particularly at the regional level in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. Academic partners are also encouraged to generate and disseminate knowledge in more substantial terms through research, teaching modules and student-led or collaborative projects aligned with these key interventions.

Annual Forum

10. The annual Forum of the Coalition is the annual gathering of partners to discuss thematic issues related to social justice, as well as the challenges, opportunities and potential solutions for advancing the Coalition’s objectives. Building on the inaugural 2024 edition, the 2025 edition of the Forum brought together over 1,000 participants in person and 5,000 online viewers from governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations, civil society and international institutions. The Forum featured a keynote speech by the President of the Dominican Republic and the active participation of 47 ministers, leaders of social partners’ organizations and representatives from international organizations, the private sector, international non-governmental organizations and academic institutions, reflecting the Coalition’s multi-stakeholder nature.⁵
11. The 2025 Forum combined a high-level plenary with interactive sessions focused on the Coalition’s key interventions, highlighting the Coalition’s unique ability to bring diverse actors together around actionable, people-centred solutions including at the national level.

³ ILO, [Declaration of Philadelphia](#), Part II(a).

⁴ Geneva Graduate Institute, [TASC Platform](#).

⁵ Video recordings of the Forum and the Record of Proceedings are available on the Coalition’s website.

Throughout the discussions, partners consistently reaffirmed the value of the Coalition as a powerful platform for coordinated action, peer learning and inclusive policy innovation that could move beyond dialogue to real delivery on social justice.

12. Consultations with partners indicate that the 2025 Forum was widely regarded as a success. The 2026 edition of the Forum is proposed to be held during the 114th Session of the International Labour Conference (2026), to capitalize on the presence of diverse constituents. Consideration is also being given to providing greater opportunities for partners to lead or co-lead specific sessions, as well as dedicated spaces for presentations and dialogues, thereby further reinforcing the Coalition's collaborative and multi-stakeholder character.

► Thematic development

13. Guided by the Governing Body's previous discussions and decisions and led by the ILO, the Coalition's thematic development focuses on the six thematic areas endorsed by the Governing Body at its 347th Session (March 2023) which served as the point of departure for the Office's discussions with partners⁶ Building on partner inputs, the Coalition has identified key interventions within these thematic areas that can drive transformative, multi-stakeholder action. These areas emerged from a combination of interactive partner webinars and thematic exchanges during the inaugural Forum, which helped define shared priorities and collaboration opportunities among Coalition partners. Preliminary proposals were submitted to the Governing Body at its 352nd Session (November 2024) for guidance from ILO constituents and subsequently presented to the Coordinating Group for final guidance. The Office finalized the list of interventions through a series of meetings held between March and April 2025. The list is not exhaustive and may evolve over time, with new opportunities emerging. The interventions vary in scope and maturity: some are broad frameworks, while others focus on specific activities or knowledge-sharing platforms; some are already operational, while others continue to be developed and depend on the mobilization of additional resources.
14. Partners have been invited to support one or more of these key interventions in addition to any other collaborative or individual actions to which they wish to commit. Each intervention is coordinated by the ILO, led by a policy department and/or other unit, in full alignment with the ILO's programme and budget. A core group of partners is being established for each intervention to finalize the modalities, facilitate communication among partners and monitor and showcase results, in alignment with existing ILO and Sustainable Development Goals monitoring frameworks. The Office, together with United Nations (UN) institutions and representatives of workers' and employers' organizations, has organized working discussions in preparation for making active contributions to specific interventions aligned with partners' mandates.
15. Many partners have already contributed to the Coalition's thematic areas through specific actions at national, regional and global levels, as highlighted at the 2025 kick-off meetings and the annual Forum and in bilateral exchanges with the secretariat. Initiatives include policy and

⁶ Addressing inequality, discrimination and exclusion; realizing labour rights as human rights, ensuring human dignity and meeting basic needs; expanding access to and capabilities for productive and freely chosen employment and sustainable enterprises; providing protection and building resilience; strengthening just transitions and the social dimension of sustainable development, trade and investment; reinforcing institutions of social dialogue.

legislative measures to strengthen labour rights and social justice, decisions to serve as a pilot for one of the interventions or to integrate just transition principles into national development strategies and climate action plans, supported by social dialogue and inclusive consultation processes. Partners have reaffirmed their commitment to policy coherence across the multilateral system, while political advocacy and communications efforts have intensified in key global and regional forums. New commitments are being incorporated into partners' action plans, reflecting the multiplying effect of the Coalition on the advancement of social justice goals, including through advocacy and participation in key global and regional forums such as the 30th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 30), the Second World Summit for Social Development ("World Social Summit"), as well as in meetings of the G7, the G20 and Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa (the BRICS countries).

16. The ILO's contribution to the Coalition's thematic development strengthens the efforts of the Office to enhance policy coherence and amplifies action across all programme and budget outcomes. Each key intervention is led by a policy department in order to ensure its alignment with the ILO's normative mandate, strategic priorities and tripartite guidance, while coordinating internal inputs. This integrated approach seeks to create synergies across ILO initiatives, avoid duplication and enhance the impact of tripartite-endorsed strategies and work plans. The successful implementation of the Coalition is expected to generate stronger partnerships, greater investment in decent work and more effective delivery of social justice outcomes at global, regional and national levels. The ILO's leadership – both as initiator of the Coalition and host of the Coalition secretariat – reinforces its role in shaping multilateral responses and promoting coherent policy approaches grounded in international labour standards and tripartism, while elevating the social dimension of sustainable development and ensuring that decent work remains at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Key interventions: status update

17. Since the most recent Governing Body update in November 2024, the Coalition's key interventions have advanced steadily. Kick-off meetings held between March and April 2025, combined with a broad outreach campaign and call for partner expressions of interest, set the stage for implementation. Most interventions are now operational, with activities under way and work plans expanding as partner engagement grows. Some activities remain to be finalized through the end of 2025, reflecting varying levels of progress across key interventions. Depending on their state of advancement and potential to achieve the intended results in the current context, as reflected by the ambition and activity plan defined; the governance and operational model in place; the delivery capacities and resources available; and the number of confirmed partners, adjustments to specific interventions may be considered in order to realign their scope. A summary of key developments for each intervention is provided below.⁷
18. The inclusion of the Coalition in the agreed text of the draft political declaration of the World Social Summit signals the strong recognition of its role as a platform supporting implementation of the declaration, once adopted. A special event at the Summit will highlight the Coalition's role, showcasing concrete initiatives and partnerships that demonstrate collective action for decent work and social justice, drawing on the 14 key interventions.

⁷ Detailed presentations and concept notes are available on the Coalition's website.

Looking ahead, the focus will shift to measurable impact and results, reinforcing the Coalition's value in fostering alignment, coherence and collective action.

19. **Centre of excellence on inequalities:** Since April 2025, co-convening partners have engaged in outreach and resource mobilization to establish the centre, with a launch planned for early 2026. Bilateral discussions with interested partners are under way to identify synergies with other initiatives and secure technical and financial support. At national level, integrated approaches to address inequalities and meet basic needs are also advancing in pilot countries, led by national stakeholders. In the Congo, the Government has initiated the process through an inter-ministerial task force, under the coordination of the UN Resident Coordinator and involving social and development partners, enterprises and technical agencies. An action plan aiming to promote economic inclusion, strengthen access to formal markets and extend social protection to micro-entrepreneurs, with particular attention to young people and women, is being deployed. In Colombia, a diagnostic study on inequalities in the world of work is under way since it was identified as a pilot country to develop a country-specific approach. Discussions are under way with other countries interested in piloting this approach. These country experiences will inform the development of a shared framework on inequality analysis and guide the design of country-specific policy reforms to meet basic needs and reduce inequalities.
20. **Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC):** In 2025, EPIC has made important strides towards strengthening stakeholder engagement and building momentum around the global movement for equal pay for work of equal value. The efforts of the EPIC Secretariat to raise awareness and mobilize commitments have led to renewed interest; an additional 6 members have joined EPIC, including 3 governments, while 11 envisage doing so. The Global Coalition was instrumental in bringing three of the new members to join. Two major EPIC events were held in New York in 2025, namely, the EPIC Annual Technical and Steering Committee Meeting (18–19 September) and the celebration to mark International Equal Pay Day on 18 September. These gatherings also provided the opportunity for EPIC to convene its Steering Committee and endorse its plan of work for 2026. In 2026, continued outreach and inclusive engagement will be central to sustaining progress and advance the peer-to-peer learning. The EPIC Secretariat will maintain its efforts to mobilize political and financial support, and the ILO will continue to provide a wide range of technical assistance to countries through training and new tools.
21. **Human rights economy:** Launched in April 2025, this intervention has advanced conceptually and operationally, under the leadership of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the ILO, in collaboration with the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and with inputs from a wide range of partners at the kick-off meeting and the 2025 Forum. The objective of this intervention is to advance fundamental principles and rights at work, social protection, occupational safety and health and access to justice, tied to national implementation of human rights and related labour rights and to greater respect for voluntarily undertaken obligations in economic and policy decisions. A knowledge-sharing initiative with OHCHR included the ninth Conference of the Regulating for Decent Work Network (Geneva, 2–4 July 2025). Additionally, further knowledge products and tools are being explored with interested partners, notably the ITUC. At the national level, pilot initiatives are under way in Rwanda and Kenya, at the request of their governments, through joint ILO–OHCHR action and with the involvement of the social partners, and further pilot initiatives are under discussion with other countries, building on existing efforts and initiatives such as Alliance 8.7. Priorities for the remainder of 2025 and into 2026 include finalizing the multi-partner work plan with the core group; advancing country-

level implementation; and strengthening global advocacy, research and tools on the economic impacts of international human rights and related labour standards.

22. **Equitable food systems:** This intervention has been reshaped, following the kick-off meeting and partner feedback, to effectively address rising food insecurity and poverty, particularly in rural areas, through the promotion of decent jobs, living incomes and wages and by strengthening social protection systems, advancing workers' rights and supporting the transition to formality. It is guided by the ILO strategy on decent work in the rural economy, the ILO policy guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the agri-food sector, the conclusions on formalization adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 112th Session (2024) and the guidance of the ILO Meeting of Experts on wage policies, including living wages. Women's empowerment, inclusive governance and stronger coordination with the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty forged by the Government of Brazil were also identified as priority areas for action. Next steps for late 2025 and 2026 include consolidating the core group, advancing strategic partnerships, advocacy and knowledge-sharing and initiating country-level activities, building on ongoing discussions with interested partners.
23. **Productivity Ecosystems for Decent Work and Social Justice:** In 2025, implementation progressed across the four strategic pillars of this programme, namely, research and knowledge generation, partnership development, strategic coherence and scaling up. Global and national studies expanded evidence on policies and interventions strengthening productivity and decent work, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises. New partnerships advanced, including with the Government of Egypt, with funding secured for the next phase and additional proposals under review to expand activities to more countries. Engagement with regional institutions to explore joint initiatives under the Coalition framework is also ongoing. Priorities for 2026 include mobilizing resources, deepening partners' engagement and promoting greater coherence between productivity and employment strategies at country and regional levels, alongside efforts to secure enhanced collaboration and broad-based support to scale up the approach in new national contexts. The global strategic advisory committee – which includes the Governments of Switzerland and Norway, ITUC, IOE, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as members – will continue to oversee the programme, complemented by additional partners such as the International Council for Small Business.
24. **Responsible business for inclusive and sustainable societies:** Launched in April 2025, this intervention has attracted broad interest from governments, employer and business member organizations, trade unions, international organizations and other stakeholders, further boosted by the spotlight session at the 2025 Forum. Major milestones and contributions from partners in 2025 include the International Business and Human Rights Conference (Troisdorf, Germany, 6 May 2025), the establishment of the Trade Union Competence Centre for Human Rights Due Diligence and dedicated sessions at the 29th World Investment Conference (Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, 22–24 October 2025) and the 14th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights (Geneva, 24–26 November 2025). In Asia, the first Regional Dialogue on Social Justice, hosted by the Government of India, emphasized responsible business practices, showcased ten case studies and highlighted the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in advancing workers' rights and sustainable growth. In parallel, several countries have introduced responsible business conduct frameworks – such as due diligence legislation, sustainability reporting, the inclusion of sustainability chapters in trade and investment agreements, national action plans on responsible business conduct/business and human

rights – and set up support centres for businesses or promoted the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy through national focal points. Capacity-building is being expanded through the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) portfolio on responsible business conduct and through regional development cooperation projects, including, notably, Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean, a project encompassing nine countries. Priorities for 2026 include sustained outreach, research and resource mobilization to broaden partnerships, support evidence-based policy and enhance collective action.

25. **Empowering Youth for Social Justice:** Since its launch, this intervention has advanced efforts to strengthen youth engagement and embed young voices in global social justice discourse, in implementation of the UN Youth Strategy. The ILO has initiated outreach and awareness-raising among Coalition partners to foster alignment and mobilize support around youth priorities. A high-level intergenerational dialogue held during the 2025 Forum of the Coalition brought together partners and youth representatives to exchange views and reinforce collaboration, with the UN Youth Office as a leading partner. Building on these initiatives and exchanges, preparations are under way for the upcoming global Youth Employment Forum (Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea, 15–17 December 2025) on the theme “Youth, Provinces and the Future of Work.” This forum will gather over 100 young participants alongside policymakers and experts to generate actionable, youth-led recommendations. In 2026, a webinar series entitled “Youth Empowered for Social Justice” will be launched on the YouthForesight platform, further developing both forums’ discussions and leveraging the African Youth Network for Social Justice and the 2025 Ideathon for Social Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean.
26. **AI for social impact:** Building on existing initiatives, this intervention leverages collective efforts to promote the social impact of artificial intelligence (AI). Since the April 2025 kick-off meeting, progress has been made in strengthening engagement and shaping the implementation plan. Two key milestones were achieved: the Collaborative Network of Observatories on AI at Work was established, in collaboration with the French Ministry of Labour and the OECD; and the ILO joined the AI Skills Coalition, convened by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in July 2025, providing a platform for partners’ collaboration on AI-related capacity-building. The interactive dialogue on AI for social impact held during the 2025 Forum of the Coalition created a space for partners to exchange experiences and perspectives, highlighting strong interest in practical AI use cases, the role of social dialogue in AI governance and evidence-based policymaking. The next phase will expand knowledge-sharing and document lessons learned, while building on existing platforms such as the Network of Observatories, the AI Skills Coalition and the ITU’s AI for Good initiative. Planned outputs for late 2025 and 2026 include the second meeting of the Network of Observatories, a dedicated webinar series and continued collaboration on skills development and regulatory approaches related to AI and the world of work.
27. **Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions:** In 2025, the Global Accelerator has expanded engagement across 18 pathfinder countries. Eight countries have endorsed their national road maps, with seven others at various stages of development. Road maps supporting and driving integrated reforms for social protection, decent work and just transitions are implemented through 14 UN and 9 UN–World Bank joint programmes, such as in Uzbekistan where a new Social Insurance Law aims to extend coverage to the 44 per cent of the population that is currently unprotected. The Technical Support Facility continues to provide tailored assistance, including macroeconomic diagnostics, expenditure reviews and monitoring frameworks, in pathfinder countries. South–South learning has also advanced through regional forums. The second funding round attracted 51 proposals, and 20 countries

are expected to receive support. Efforts to align public development bank financing are ongoing. The Global Accelerator has gained recognition in major global forums, including the Finance in Common Summit, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (Seville, Spain, 30 June–3 July 2025) and the Sevilla Platform for Action, the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the G20, and is being featured in a dedicated side event at the World Social Summit. During the remainder of 2025 and in 2026, efforts will be focused on road map implementation, funding disbursement, technical support and strategic engagement in global processes.

28. **Initiative on living wages:** Following the kick-off meeting in 2025, this initiative gained traction. The growing engagement of governments, employers' and workers' organizations and enterprises underscores the increasing recognition of living wages as a driver of social justice. Key milestones included a high-level meeting with ILO constituents and partners on 28–29 April to discuss ways to advance living wages through collaborative action. Additionally, the spotlight session at the 2025 Forum of the Coalition strengthened the momentum and visibility of the initiative. The high-level regional dialogue entitled "Shaping the Living Wage Agenda in Asia and the Pacific" (Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23 September 2025) deepened regional engagement. The initiative will also be showcased during the World Social Summit at a side event entitled "Advancing Living Wages for Social Justice and Sustainable Development", reflecting its growing relevance in global policy discussions. The agreed text of the draft political declaration of the World Social Summit offers an opportunity to broaden support and partnerships, particularly in the global South, while the initiative is well positioned to catalyse support and strengthen implementation of the ILO Living Wage Programme through synergies and strategic inputs to amplify its impact.
29. **A just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all:** Since its launch, this intervention has gained visibility and support through various global engagements. At the second Hamburg Sustainability Conference (2–3 June 2025), a dedicated session entitled "A Just Transition for All: From Concepts to Action" promoted scalable job creation, social protection and inclusive social dialogue, with a focus on youth and women's participation. The 2025 Forum provided a platform for cross-sectoral exchange on energy transitions, nationally determined contributions and just transition strategies. A side event at the UN Climate Change Conference (Bonn, Germany, 16–26 June 2025) brought together governments, workers and employers' organizations, focusing attention on job-related transitions through social dialogue. Partners are increasingly joining the initiative, with growing momentum around the Call to Action and new signatories, including the South African Presidential Climate Commission and the Federation of Somali Trade Unions). Priorities in 2025 and in 2026 are to deepen engagement in key global platforms, notably COP 30, focusing on the social and economic opportunities of the ecological transition, ensuring inclusive growth and job creation. To this end, efforts will focus on strengthening partnerships both through the ILO and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) project and initiatives led by Coalition partners, enabling the delivery of country support to scale up impact and translate global commitments into tangible results on the ground.
30. **Partnership for Cotton:** Steady progress was made in 2025 with several strategic milestones reached. At the April Steering Committee meeting in Cairo, Cotton 4+ (C4+) country reports were validated, international financial institutions presented how their instruments could support national investment priorities and the governance framework was revised. National consultations on the draft ten-year cotton, textiles and garment sector development plan were completed by March. Capacity-building activities were expanded at the request of C4+ governments to include a regional workshop in Bamako on 10–11 November 2025 for

governments, international financial institutions and stakeholders to align investment and development cooperation priorities. Upcoming deliverables include the development of national investment promotion strategies, a high-level session at the upcoming 21st UNIDO General Conference (Riyadh, 23–27 November 2025) investment forum and targeted outreach to brands and retailers. Following requests from Member States, planning is under way to mobilize broader support for the Partnership at the upcoming 14th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (Cameroon, 26–29 March 2026), towards the long-term target of US\$5 billion in sustainable investment and the creation of 500,000 decent jobs, especially for women and young people.

31. **Sustainable investment for social justice:** Since its launch, this intervention has advanced in building partnerships and laying the groundwork for future activities. The Geneva Graduate Institute and the ILO partnered to develop an evidence-based narrative linking sustainable investment to decent work outcomes. In May 2025, the ILO contributed to a dialogue on aligning development finance with inclusive, low-carbon goals at the 50th anniversary of the Association of African Development Finance Institutions, and began collaborating with European guaranteed institutions to enhance impact measurement practices. Joint work with the UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative has produced draft banking guidance for financial institutions on setting decent work targets, presented at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development. The ILO also joined a high-level panel on financing occupational safety and health at Expo 2025 (Osaka, Japan) and the Steering Committee of the Taskforce on Inequality and Social-related Financial Disclosures. Planned outputs for late 2025 and 2026 include operationalization of the Just Transition Finance Hub, holding of targeted dialogues with financial sector actors, promotion of social impact measurement practices and engagement with the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, with the 2025 Building Bridges Summit as a key outreach platform. Looking ahead, priorities include formalizing a core group, strengthening engagement with development finance institutions and guarantee networks and identifying solutions to unlock capital for social justice outcomes.
32. **Advocating for social dialogue as a governance tool for promoting social justice:** Since its launch, this intervention has built strong momentum for social dialogue through partner engagement, notably during the session on fostering a just transition through social dialogue at the 2025 Forum, which underscored interconnections and led to real commitments announced by partners. A landmark outcome was the Ministerial Declaration on Social Justice, led by the Government of Peru and signed by the Ministers of Labour of Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay and Peru, with the option for further signatures. This regional pledge aims to institutionalize social dialogue as a tool of governance and foster the exchange of experiences. In parallel, the Government of Cyprus is developing a capacity-building programme to strengthen national institutions and provide Coalition partners with a practical tool for implementing social dialogue. The Coalition has also broadened dissemination of the Social Dialogue Report 2024, promoting it in Saint Lucia, China, Switzerland and Canada, with further events planned in October.
33. The foregoing list of key interventions, shaped through dialogue with partners, will continue to evolve. From that dialogue, informality has emerged as an element with significant impact on advancing social justice, realizing decent work, ensuring sustainable development and extending access to essential services. The 113th Session of the Labour Conference (2025) featured a general discussion on innovative approaches to addressing informality and promoting the transition to formality for decent work. Recalling the full relevance of the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204), and acknowledging the challenges to address the root causes of informality, the conclusions

concerning the general discussion build on lessons learned and emerging opportunities to accelerate a transition to formality leaving no one behind to support integrated and coordinated strategies combining national, local and sectoral approaches.

- 34.** The conclusions explicitly call on the ILO to build on the momentum generated by the Coalition, the Global Accelerator and the World Social Summit to further foster joint commitments towards effective formalization and strengthen domestic and international financing to support a transition to the formal economy. Promoting the transition to formality is central to the objectives of the Coalition and calls for enhanced collaboration across the UN and multilateral system, including with international financial institutions and public development banks, while harnessing the ILO's tripartite mandate to advocate for coherent, inclusive and sustainable solutions. Within the framework of the Coalition, the theme of formalization is at the core of several key interventions, notably:
- (a) Productivity Ecosystems for Decent Work and Social Justice, a key policy area identified by the 2025 conclusions concerning the general discussion and an important pathway to operationalizing the formalization component of the political declaration adopted at the World Social Summit;
 - (b) the Global Accelerator, where addressing informality is already a core programme component;
 - (c) equitable food systems addressing rural poverty and food insecurity, where the transition to formality component is already tackled through ILO programmes such as the ILO Strategy for the Promotion of Formalization in Latin America and the Caribbean (FORLAC 2.0) and the Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in supply chains in Africa (ACCEL Africa) project.

The same theme also presents opportunities for joint calls to action with partners, particularly in the context of the interventions on responsible business for inclusive and sustainable societies, the centre of excellence on inequalities, and AI for social impact.

- 35.** The conclusions further call for the development of a global and time-bound road map, in consultation with the tripartite constituents, towards effective formalization that can be tailored to national contexts, that has short-, medium- and long-term goals and a clear monitoring framework. Such a document would both improve implementation of Recommendation No. 204, worldwide and support the political declaration adopted at the World Social Summit, fostering joint commitments and strengthening financing for the transition to formality. A call for contributions will be shared with Coalition partners in due course.

Communication, advocacy and knowledge management

- 36.** Advancing social justice requires coordinated action by diverse stakeholders across different sectors, regions and institutions. In order to build this movement, the Coalition has prioritized strategic advocacy and communication as core levers for mobilizing support, shaping narratives and driving policy influence. Its strategy is built around two pillars, namely: elevating social justice in political discourse to influence public policy; and fostering multilateral collaboration by positioning the Coalition as a central platform for coordinated action. Since the Coalition operates on a voluntary basis and relies on the willingness of partners to take ownership of the common agenda, they are encouraged to engage actively in advocacy and communication efforts to make the case for social justice, raise awareness and mobilize

policymakers. Partners are also invited to include a social justice component in the major international or regional forums in which they participate.

37. In order to translate the vision of advancing social justice into action, the Coalition secretariat has developed a comprehensive advocacy and communication plan, endorsed by the Coordinating Group. The Coalition's website serves as a central hub for information, events and partner engagement and includes dedicated sections on the Coalition Forum and the World Day of Social Justice. Regular updates ensure that the Coalition's evolving agenda and impact remain consistently visible. The Coalition has expanded its outreach through high-engagement channels, including a growing [LinkedIn](#) community (approaching 1,000 members) and a monthly newsletter reaching over 1,000 stakeholders, both of which reflect strong partner interest in regular, transparent communication. A dedicated partner platform launched in April 2024 further supports real-time exchange of ideas and tools, strengthening collaboration and shared ownership of the Coalition's mission.
38. As part of its global advocacy campaign, the Coalition has featured and referenced key events led by partners and supported by its secretariat, spanning all continents on a range of topics aligned with its priorities. From Bujumbura to Beirut, Osaka to Astana, Brussels to Abidjan, Sevilla to Lima, New Delhi to Ankara, New York to Doha, these events have brought visibility to the Coalition's efforts and aligned stakeholders around shared goals. They include regional dialogues, ministerial declarations, global summits, high-level meetings and side events and all reflect the Coalition's commitment to translating advocacy into action. The Coalition will further strengthen its advocacy and communication efforts at the upcoming World Social Summit. Events to mark the World Day of Social Justice on 20 February 2026, among other events, will ensure that the Coalition's work remains visible.
39. The Coalition's third means of intervention is the development and dissemination of knowledge on social justice to promote policy coherence and shape debates and actions at global, regional and national levels. This involves gathering and disseminating relevant knowledge and data and building on new insights to inform actions. In order to advance this activity, a knowledge generation and dissemination plan was presented to the Coordinating Group in January 2025. Based on this plan, preparations have started for Coalition partners to share their data, information and practical experience in connection with the 14 key interventions online, on the Coalition website. This online platform, already available for partners, facilitates interaction, exchange on knowledge challenges and needs and collaboration. Partners with extensive networks of experts are also encouraged to collaborate with others to share and expand these networks. In the coming months, this means of intervention will be reinforced and its structure will be finalized in 2026, leveraging the roll-out of the key interventions and user-friendly tools to navigate partners' achievements and shared information. ILO constituents and partners are encouraged to support these efforts.

► Draft decision

40. **The Governing Body took note of the update on the Global Coalition for Social Justice provided in document GB.355/INS/5 and requested the Director-General to take into account its guidance in the further development of the Coalition.**