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Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on Child Labour and Forced Labour

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Join us in our fight against child labour and forced labour



► Why it matters

Over 160 million children and 28 million people are trapped in child labour and forced labour globally. The Asia-Pacific region accounts for 48.7 million girls and boys in child labour and 15.1 million forced labour victims. Commitments to ending child labour and forced labour are being realized through initiatives at both the regional and country levels. The 2024 Asia Pacific regional meeting in Bangkok aims to bolster these efforts, emphasizing the need for stronger action on fundamental principles and rights at work.

► Our objective

This gathering marks the first in-presence regional meeting post-Covid-19, aiming to revitalize collaboration, build capacity and foster knowledge exchanges on eliminating child labour and forced labour. Participants will delve into effective and innovative strategies, discuss the implementation of the Durban Call to Action on the Elimination of Child Labour and the ILO Singapore Statement (2022), and explore the integration of fundamental principles and rights at work (FPRW) into broader socio-economic frameworks. The meeting signifies a united effort to eliminate child labour and forced labour, emphasizing stronger tripartism and increased social dialogue across the region.

► Key highlights

- Exchange good practices and knowledge, enhance capacity, and prioritize future actions to accelerate action on the elimination of child labour and forced labour across the Asia-Pacific.
- Promote fundamental principles and rights at work in addressing trade, social protection, crisis management, and other broad socio-economic topics.
- Align with the Durban Call to Action on the Elimination of Child Labour and the Singapore Statement (2022) and showcase Alliance 8.7 successes.

► Participants

Governments, workers' and employers' organizations of Asia-Pacific countries, regional bodies, UN agencies and regional CSOs

► Be part of the change

Your expertise and voice are vital. Together, we can shape the future of fundamental labour rights in the Asia-Pacific region.

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