

Conducive environment for sustainable enterprise, including COOPs

"An environment conducive to the creation and growth or transformation of enterprises on a sustainable basis combines the legitimate quest for profit – one of the key drivers of economic growth – with the need for development that respects human dignity, environmental sustainability and decent work."

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The ILO supports governments, employers' and workers' organizations to establish policies and regulations which contribute to an environment conducive to the creation and growth of sustainable enterprises, including cooperatives, by:

- developing information resources, tools and methodologies to support enterprises improving productivity as well as compliance with labour standards;
- providing guidance on ways that policies and regulations can support improved working conditions, an enabling business environment, and the formalization of economic units;
- gathering and disseminating information on the relationship between policies responding to cross-cutting social issues, such as gender and the need to empower women, and the development of sustainable enterprises;
- providing support to employers' and workers' organizations to expand their representational base, improve their capacity to analyse the dynamics of their business and labour environment, and influence public policies;
- providing technical assistance to support start-ups, micro- and small and medium-sized enterprises to become sustainable through, for example, upgrading regional and global value chains and clusters.