

Concept Note on the Pacific Regional Consultation

Achieving SDG Target 8.7 - Joining forces globally to end forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour

In September 2015, world leaders adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): 17 interrelated goals and 169 associated targets to guide global development.

The Alliance 8.7 is a coalition committed to achieving SDG Target 8.7 which calls on governments to:

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

The Alliance 8.7 – an inclusive global initiative that brings together all those working towards the sustainable elimination of forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour – was launched in New York, in September 2016.

The Alliance sets out to be inclusive, involving the governments, workers' and employers' organizations, UN agencies, regional organizations, partners for development, the private sector, civil society organizations, academia, experts, the media and other actors supporting the aims of SDG 8.7.

Against this backdrop and in order to galvanize political support and strengthen multi-stakeholder action on Target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the ILO with the support of ILO Constituents in Fiji, will organize a Pacific Islands regional consultation from 03-05 October 2017, in Nadi, Fiji. Similar regional consultations organized in Asia, Africa and Latin America in the past year.

The consultation meeting will contribute to accelerating the pace towards achieving SDG target 8.7 taking into account the important role of Governments, social partners and other organisations. It will offer stakeholders the opportunity to exchange and share knowledge, to develop innovative intervention models, including strategic labour inspection, and collaborating methods needed to achieve target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda. It will promote tripartite and public-private cooperation on this SDG Target as well as put forward clear priority actions to support the achievements of SDG 8.7 in the region.

More specifically, the consultation will:

- Identify common challenges, priorities and good practices in eliminating child labour and forced labour in the Pacific Islands,
- Further consolidate regional commitments in the Pacific to accelerate the pace for achieving the elimination of child labour by 2025 and of forced labour by 2030, as required in Target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
- Develop strategic compliance through labour inspection
- Prepare for the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour (and forced labour) in Argentina in November 2017
- Provide a tripartite+ forum to discuss the operationalization of Alliance 8.7 in the Pacific Islands and to provide concrete recommendations on the way forward.
- Strengthen the capacity of participants, by fostering exchanges of experience between countries.

The outcomes of the regional consultation are expected to feed into the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14-16 November 2017 through the key priority areas for action by a multi-stakeholder alliance on Target 8.7. Most importantly, the outcomes are expected to feed into country level initiatives to accelerate the realisation of Target 8.7 in the 11 member states of the ILO in the Pacific Islands.

