
Questionnaire to Members for the purpose of the evaluation of the impact of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, 2008

Introduction

The ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization (Social Justice Declaration or Declaration), unanimously adopted at the 99th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference, provides a contemporary and dynamic vision of the ILO's mandate and objectives in the context of globalization. The impact of the Declaration is to be evaluated by the 105th Session (2016) of the International Labour Conference, as decided by the Governing Body at its 320th Session (March 2014).

The principal aim of the Declaration is to strengthen the capacity of the ILO to assist its Members in their efforts toward an integrated approach to decent work. Under the Declaration, the ILO Members and the Organization commit to promoting the aims and purposes of the Organization through the integrated pursuit of four equally important strategic objectives: employment, social protection (social security and labour protection), social dialogue and tripartism, and fundamental principles and rights at work (see the Declaration, Part I(A)). By placing employment and decent work at the centre of their social and economic policy, Members contribute to a global and integrated strategy for the implementation of the strategic objectives which optimizes their impact (see the Declaration, Parts I(B) and II(B)).

Each Member determines how to implement the strategic objectives at the national level subject to its existing international obligations and the fundamental principles and rights at work. Governments act in consultation with representative organizations of workers and employers, with due regard to national needs and priorities; the interdependence, solidarity and cooperation among all ILO Members, and international labour standards (see the Declaration, Parts I(C) and II(B)). The Social Justice Declaration reaffirms the relevance of the ILO's means of action in the achievement of its strategic objectives, and places emphasis on the unique advantage of its tripartite structure and standards system. It aims to strengthen the ILO's capacity to assist Members to achieve its objectives both individually and collectively in the context of globalization. To that end, it requires the ILO to enhance its governance and better understand and respond to its Members' needs with respect to each objective (see the Declaration, Part II(A)).

The Declaration also seeks to promote implementation of an integrated approach to decent work through the contributions of international and regional organizations and non-state entities, and through strengthening the ILO's role in the multilateral system (see the Declaration, Part II(C) and (A)(v)).

Purpose of the questionnaire

This questionnaire is one of the tools to be used to collect information for an evaluation by the Conference of the impact of the Social Justice Declaration, as set out in Part III(C) of the Declaration and Part III of its Annex, entitled "Follow-up to the Declaration". The purpose of the evaluation is: to review the impact of the Declaration, in particular the extent to which it has contributed to promoting, among Members, the aims and purposes of the Organization through the integrated pursuit of the strategic objectives;

and to draw conclusions regarding the desirability of further evaluations or the opportunity of engaging in any appropriate course of action.

The Office will prepare a report to the Conference for the evaluation of the impact of the Declaration with information including: actions or steps taken by the Members of the ILO to implement the Declaration; steps taken by the Governing Body and the Office; and possible impact in relation to other interested international organizations (see Follow-up, Part III(B) and (C)).

At its 322nd (November 2014) and 323rd (March 2015) Sessions, the Governing Body expressed support for the sending of a questionnaire to Members to obtain information otherwise unavailable to the Office. The replies to this questionnaire will help to inform the Office report, specifically as to steps taken by Members to implement the Declaration and the ILO's capacity to assist them in doing so.

Rationale underlying the questionnaire and submission of replies

This questionnaire has been developed in consultation with the tripartite constituents. Part I of the questionnaire seeks information on the steps taken by Members with the support of the ILO, where relevant, to promote all four strategic objectives in an integrated manner at the national level, taking into account national circumstances and the collective preferences of the social partners. The second part invites Members' views on the general impact of the Social Justice Declaration, including the mechanisms for its implementation, and on further steps to be considered in this regard.

When preparing their replies to the questionnaire, Members are requested to consult the most representative employers' and workers' organizations, to which copies of the questionnaire are also being sent. Members are also encouraged to make arrangements to carry out the necessary consultations with all relevant ministries and institutions.

The Office, and in particular its field structure, has put in place arrangements to promote understanding of the questionnaire and provide support to Members to assist in the preparation of their replies.

Replies to the questionnaire should be sent by **Friday, 4 September 2015** to the Office of the Deputy Director-General for Management and Reform, International Labour Office, Route des Morillons 4, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland; by email to: SJD@ilo.org; or by Facsimile to: +41 22 7996941.

The questionnaire and the text of the Social Justice Declaration can be downloaded from the following address:
http://www.ilo.org/global/meetings-and-events/campaigns/voices-on-social-justice/WCMS_099766/lang--en/index.htm.

Questionnaire

I. Action taken by your country to implement the Social Justice Declaration

- 1.** What action(s) has your country taken to implement the ILO's four strategic objectives in an integrated manner at the national level, and what challenges have been faced? Please describe, with specific examples, the impact of these actions including any progress

achieved or lessons learned and the impact of the ILO's role, if any. Please also include any action that has involved related economic and social policy or other coordination across ministries, institutions, or departments (see the Declaration, Part II(B)(i), (ii), (v)).

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2. What action(s) has your country taken to give effect to the Declaration at the regional level, and what challenges have been faced? Please describe, with specific examples, the impact of these actions including any progress achieved or lessons learned and the impact of the ILO's role if any.

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3. What steps has your country taken to achieve increasing coverage of each of the strategic objectives, including through a review of the situation regarding the ratification and implementation of ILO instruments? Please include specifically in your reply the core labour standards and instruments that are significant from the viewpoint of governance¹ (see the Declaration, Part II(B)(iii) and its Follow-up, note 1).

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4. Have consultations been held with representative organizations of employers and workers concerning national-level implementation of the Social Justice Declaration? Please describe the nature and the concrete results of such consultations.

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5. What steps has your country taken to ensure coordination between the action you have taken under the Declaration and the positions your country has taken in other international or multilateral forums? Please describe, with specific examples, the impact of this coordination and indicate the international forums and organizations concerned (see the Declaration, Part II(B)(iv)).

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6. Please provide information on how your country has collaborated with other ILO Members, bilaterally or at multilateral levels, in efforts to give effect to the principles and objectives of the Declaration. Please describe, with specific examples, the impact of this collaboration including through any relevant ILO role (see the Declaration, Part II(A)(iv) and (B)(vii)).

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II. Views on the impact of the Social Justice Declaration and on any further action required

7. To what extent has the Social Justice Declaration contributed to mainstreaming the Decent Work Agenda through an integrated pursuit of the four strategic objectives at the national, regional and/or international levels? Please include in your reply any action that involves

¹ The Declaration lists the instruments that significant from the viewpoint of governance as: the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), the Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122), the Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129), and the Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), and those standards identified on subsequently updated lists. See Follow-up, at note 1.

placing full and productive employment and decent work at the centre of economic and social policies.

Level and type of contribution	National level	Regional level	Other groupings of States	International level
Significantly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moderately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A little	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide specific examples and include areas in which ILO assistance has been particularly effective.

- 8.** Since 2010, the International Labour Conference has conducted recurrent discussions on each of the four strategic objectives. To what extent have the preparation, outcomes, and follow-up of these discussions contributed to the ILO better understanding and responding to the needs of your country in relation to the strategic objectives:

Significantly	<input type="checkbox"/>	A little	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moderately	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain, with specific examples, the impact of the recurrent discussions at national level, and include any suggestions for increasing their impact.

- 9.** Is there any further action that would be desirable for the ILO to take, to reinforce the impact of the Declaration and further strengthen its capacity to assist its Members to implement the strategic objectives in an integrated manner, including through the use of tripartism and international labour standards? If so, please specify.

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- 10.** Please state whether you have received any information or comments from the representative organizations of employers and workers as regards your reply to the questions set out above. If so, please attach a copy of the information or comments received together with any other comments that you may consider useful.

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