The ILO Centenary Declaration is taken forward by the ILO’s Strategic Plan and its associated Programmes and Budget. Together, they establish the Organization’s strategic objectives for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The ILO’s development cooperation is a key means of action for delivering decent work priorities, especially at the country level.

The ILO’s development cooperation contributes to achieving the SDGs and supports the UN reform as well as the efforts of ILO member States to counter the impact of multiple crises – conflict, the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis and climate change. ILO development cooperation is key to realizing decent work for social justice.

Development cooperation is a key means of ILO action for delivering decent work outcomes.

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The ILO Development Cooperation Strategy, 2020-25

The ILO Development Cooperation Strategy, 2020-25 is the road map for the ILO Development Cooperation Strategy for 2020-25, which the ILO’s Governing Body adopted in November 2020. The Strategy details how the ILO promotes better services, partnerships, resources and results for sustainable impact on people’s lives.
Global Accelerator on Jobs and social protection for just transitions

In September 2021, the United Nations Secretary-General launched the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions, with the ambition of bringing together member States, international financial institutions, social partners, civil society and the private sector to help countries create 400 million decent jobs, including in the green, digital and care economies, and to extend social protection coverage to the 4 billion people currently excluded.

Mid-term Review* - Progress on the four strategic areas:

1. Services to constituents
   - Constituents’ capacity to engage with UN programming and partnerships at the country level and through SSTC in targeted policy areas has been strengthened.
   - Guidance for ILO staff on developing constituents’ capacity and increasing their involvement in project design and implementation needs to be accelerated.

2. Partnerships for policy coherence
   - Partnerships for policy coherence and financing of policies have been forged, centred on the Global Accelerator
   - ILO services for constituents on policy support and financing have expanded and further integration of decent work into national financing frameworks and UNSDCFs is needed.

3. Partnerships for funding
   - Funding for the ILO’s work has been maintained at previous years’ levels, mostly through earmarked contributions.
   - More efforts for diversifying voluntary funding sources – including with IFIs, domestic funding, private sector and other non-State actors, emerging partners and SSTC partners – are needed.

4. Efficiency, decent work results and transparency
   - Performance in transparency, country services and communication is on track overall.
   - More work is needed on communicating the ILO’s comparative advantage in partnerships as well as on enhancing the ILO Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF), with a special focus on measures against sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment.

* Progress as at 15 February 2023

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