

Tripartite working group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance

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At the first meeting of the Tripartite working group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD), which was held on 11 December 2020, it was agreed that the members of the working group would be invited to express their views on the understanding and scope of the notion of democratization of the ILO's governance for the purpose of informing the discussions of the second meeting of the working group to be held in January 2021 and developing a possible programme of future work.

Accordingly, the Office has prepared the following questionnaire, bearing in mind that the Centenary Declaration and its accompanying Resolution are the framework within which the TWGD should carry out its work. The Office would be grateful if the replies could be sent by Wednesday 6 January 2021 to JUR@ilo.org.

1. Do you consider that the notion of democratization refers to aspirations of Member States regarding specific aspects of the functioning of governance organs, such as composition, decision-making, voting power, organization and access to meetings? Please elaborate and provide concrete examples.

Democratization refers to the complete, equal and fair participation of all ILO member states in the governance of the ILO.

2. Do you consider that 'democratization of tripartite governance' concerns the ILO Governing Body only or should also cover the International Labour Conference and other aspects of ILO governance?

All aspects of the ILO Governance.

3. Based on the above, which aspects of democratization – in addition to those addressed in the 1986 constitutional amendment – would you consider the TWGD should examine in priority? Please specify.

All aspects of governance should be examined with a view to ensuring equal participation by member-states.

4. In your view, which are the core principles that should be guiding ILO's action towards democratization of its governance? Please specify.

The principle of Equality should be at the heart of the discussions and recommendations.

5. Do you have any concrete proposals for the second meeting of the TWGD and/or its future programme of work?

The TWGD should be time-bound and should provide specific and clear recommendations on the democratization of the ILO Governance Structures whcoh should be tabled for the consideration of the Governing Body.