The International Labour Organization’s (ILO) Global Business Network on Forced Labour (GBNFL) brings together the ILO with businesses of all sizes and sectors, and their networks, from around the globe to eradicate forced labour.

There are an estimated 25 million people in forced labour globally. Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aims to eradicate forced labour by 2030. Join us and help make this vision reality.

WHO ARE WE?

ILO GBNFL is a network of members and partners.

ILO GBNFL members are businesses of all sizes and sectors, as well as business networks including employer and business membership organizations, industry trade groups and sectoral associations.

ILO GBNFL partners are business-led initiatives whose mandates are similar, or complementary, to that of ILO GBNFL.

All ILO GBNFL members and partners publicly commit to:

Eradicate. Take concrete steps to eradicate forced labour in all its forms in their organizations, supply chains, member organizations, sectors and beyond.

Advocate for a comprehensive and coordinated response to forced labour, including in dealings with government bodies.

Uphold the principles of inclusivity and collaboration when working with other stakeholders to end forced labour.

A full list of members and partners can be accessed on flbusiness.network

WHY JOIN?

Our impact is greater when we pool our skills, experience and knowledge. Together we can achieve more, especially where we tap into the ILO’s unparalleled global convening power among governments, workers, and employers.

As a result of our partnership, more businesses and governments will take more, better and faster action to end forced labour. What’s more, our collaboration will help that action be evidence-based, targeted and align
And there are further benefits.

- Gain visibility through ILO, ILO GBNFL and UN communications, including through joint publications and events.
- Draw on the expertise and experience of leading companies, industry initiatives, and the ILO.
- Get help navigating the complex landscape of actors, mechanisms, and resources that tackle forced labour across different sectors and geographies.
- Partner with the ILO in technical work, delivering solutions on the ground.
- Receive official recognition for measured contributions to the SDGs and contribute to Alliance 8.7, the global partnership set up to achieve Target 8.7.

WHAT DOES PARTNERSHIP INVOLVE?

There are many ways to contribute to the network and its aims. Options for involvement include, but are not restricted to, those below.

- Help set the direction of the network by providing input to ILO GBNFL’s workplan.
- Join expert working groups, which find solutions to, and take action on, specific issues.
- Share good practice, lessons learned or tools and resources, for instance by co-hosting or participating in a webinar or a country-level technical workshop.
- Mobilize your own networks to maximize the reach and positive impact of ILO GBNFL.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Business-led initiatives with a similar or complementary mandate may join ILO GBNFL free of charge in exchange for in-kind support. Following initial discussions with the ILO GBNFL Secretariat, potential partners send a formal expression of interest, signed by the head of the organization, committing to the agreed-on support.

Once the Steering Committee has approved the application, new partners may be asked to sign a partnership agreement with the ILO and ILO GBNFL. Partnerships are evaluated annually.

To join us, and for further information, please contact: mailto:fl-businessnetwork@ilo.org or visit flbusiness.network