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ILO GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK ON FORCED LABOUR

Driving action, scale and sustainability through collaboration

The Global Business Network is a collaborative forum convened by the ILO. Designed for companies, employer organizations, and business networks to come together its ultimate aims to leverage comparative advantages and collective action towards the elimination of forced labour and human trafficking.

A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Forced labour and human trafficking persist despite the proliferation of public and private initiatives to combat the issues. They are an epidemic that constrain the positive economic and social progress that businesses can drive. No employer, anywhere, wishes to be associated with these crimes, yet there is a need to recognize that conventional supply chain approaches fail to reach most firms globally. Companies of all sizes continue to have difficulty in determining how to most effectively take action. No single instrument, stakeholder, or leverage point can deliver large scale transformative change across sectors and geographies.

A collective approach is urgently needed to bring business and employers together in a structured and inclusive way to advance collaboration at the global and country levels. Such an approach supports the call for a broader-based, expanded response which tackles the structural issues undermining progress and threatening sustainability.

The capacity to bring this coalition of actors together under one umbrella requires an organization with very specific expertise and mandate. In this regard, the ILO is uniquely placed through its tripartite structure, global network, and world leading subject matter expertise. As the United Nations agency mandated to address labour and social policy issues, this partnership with the ILO also promises to ensure the initiative complements the broader program of policy dialogue and work on these issues internationally.

KEY FOCUS AREAS



Coordination and Collaboration

Create space for membership networks, industry coalitions and businesses of all sizes to work together on improving how initiatives are coordinated. Foster a culture of inclusive collaboration to build on and continuously develop subject-matter and industry expertise.



Catalyzing Innovation

Identify, invest in and promote the approaches and tools needed to translate ideas into action at scale by small enterprises in high-risk sectors and geographies.



Structural Change

Support business to play a more active role in national policy and program formulation so as to promote a coherent response across agencies, sectors and geographies and to keep the structural issues that undermine progress and threaten sustainability in focus.



Work with us to end forced labour.

Join the Collaboration

As a business-only network membership is open to firms of all size and sector, as well as Employer's and Business Membership Organizations (EBMO) including industry trade groups and sectoral associations. Other business-led initiatives with complementary mandates and expertise wanting to support the initiative may qualify for recognition as Partners.

SHARE THE COMMITMENT

By joining the ILO Global Business Network on Forced Labour members will be called upon to:

- **Reject** forced labour and human trafficking and call on all personnel/business partners/ members to share this commitment.
- **Advocate** for a more comprehensive, coordinated, and expanded response.
- **Uphold** the principle of inclusive leadership and collaboration.

BENEFITS OF GETTING INVOLVED

- 1 Be recognized as a global leader by joining forces with businesses across sectors, geographies, and points in the supply chain to leverage collective knowledge and experience;
- 2 Tap into the ILOs unparalleled global convening power among governments, workers and employers organizations to drive action through strategic alliances with experts, policy makers, and other actors;
- 3 Draw on the collective insight and experience of leading industry initiatives, global brands, and ILO for improved understanding of the nuances of work across jurisdictions, sector, and geographies;

- 4 Receive support to navigate the complex landscape of actors, mechanisms, and resources to tackle forced labour and human trafficking across different regulatory landscapes and supply chains;
- 5 Get access to a growing suite of knowledge products and tools on effective models for human rights' due diligence, collaboration and work with SMEs in supply chains;
- 6 Contribute to an open evidence base for country and sector risk profiling and as well as hard-to-find data on regulatory regimes and emerging trends;
- 7 Take up opportunities to partner with ILO in dedicated technical work to deliver solutions on the ground;
- 8 Make officially recognized and measured contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals by supporting the Global Business Network to deliver on the pledges put forward under the Alliance 8.7.

For more information

The ILO serves as the secretariat for the Global Business Network on Forced Labour and facilitates its activities. Any enquiries can be directed to fl-businessnetwork@ilo.org.



In providing an interface for business with the Alliance 8.7, the ILO Global Business Network on Forced Labour will serve as a vehicle for the private-sector to make recognized contributions towards the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goal 8, Target 8.7: 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. Where objectives are aligned and as appropriate, the Global Business Network on Forced Labour will provide support to take forward specific actions identified for work by the Alliance 8.7 Supply Chains Working Group, and stands together with this entity in recognizing the value of local ownership and a strong focus on country level action with governments in the driving seat.