STRATEGIC COMPLIANCE PLANNING FOR THE INFORMAL ECONOMY IN MAURITANIA

With the aim of improving the intervention of labour inspection in Mauritania and extending its sphere of action the informal economy, the Labour Inspection, Labour Administration and Occupational Safety and Health Branch (LABADMIN/OSH) in collaboration with the ILO Office in Alger held a workshop on April 17-19, in Nouackchott, for senior officials of the Directorate-General of Labour, of the Ministry of Civil Service, Labour and Modernisation of Administration. This activity is a follow-up of an assessment of the labour administration system carried out by the ILO in 2016.

The workshop provided 29 participants from central and regional offices with an overview of the ILO Approach to Strategic Compliance Planning (SCP) for Labour Inspectorates (and the ILO Participatory Methodology for Labour Inspection in the Informal Economy (PARMI)) two tools developed by the LABADMIN/OSH Branch to enable labour inspectorates to achieve sustained compliance and to improve working conditions in the informal economy.

Through the various steps of the ILO approach to SCP, labour inspectors reflected about their mandate to intervene in the informal economy; mapped the different resources available to maximize their interventions; analysed and diagnosed the reasons for non-compliance in the informal economy and identified traditional and non-traditional stakeholders that could be engaged in identifying and promotion solutions. As a result of the exercise, a short term strategy was defined to target multiple compliance priorities in fast food and retail sectors from the informal economy, including: occupational safety and health, payment of wages, working times and employment contracts. The strategy intends to use a participatory approach that takes into consideration the different needs and opportunities of workers and economic units in the priority sectors to facilitate the transition from the informal to the formal economy.

More information on SCP and PARMI at:
