Decent work in supply chains

For more resilient, inclusive and sustainable supply chains
Supply chains in a changing world of work

In today’s rapidly changing world, the future of work is being shaped by:

- technological advances,
- climate change,
- demographic shifts,
- geopolitics,
- trade turbulences and
- emerging governance frameworks.

These drivers of change are transforming global production networks and supply chains. Supply chains contribute to economic growth, job opportunities and poverty reduction. But they can be associated with significant governance gaps and downward pressure on working conditions.

The ILO–European Union’s Sustainable Supply Chains to Build Forward Better project supported governments, employers’ and workers’ organizations and other sectoral actors to advance decent work in five supply chains by equipping them with new knowledge, tools, guidance, policy advice, technical assistance and training.

The research carried out during the project highlighted decent work challenges and opportunities in the five countries and sectors. Each sector contributes to each country’s continued growth and development in different ways, but employers and workers in these sectors experience formidable challenges in terms of advancing decent work.

Learn more about the project intervention and results: ilo.org/SSCBFB
Building on the results and good practices of the just-completed project, the ILO and European Union continue to support governments, employers’ and workers’ organizations and other sectoral actors to arrive at more resilient, inclusive and sustainable global supply chains.

With funding from the European Union, the ILO provides technical assistance and policy advice to constituents and actors in the three supply chains to continue the valuable work towards more resilient, inclusive and sustainable supply chains.

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Changing and improving people’s lives in supply chains

Initiatives like this are important because they recognize us and they give us the courage to work and move forward.

Hony Avilez, The first certificated woman recognized as a coffee picker

An impactful partnership with lasting results

Thanks to the project, Hony Avilez became the first certified national coffee picker in Colombia. She has been collecting coffee beans for almost two decades and she never received any kind of certification until the Sustainable supply chains to build forward better project recognized her 17 years of work in the coffee sector.

Watch her full story here video.