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BMAS and ILO Collaboration – An Overview

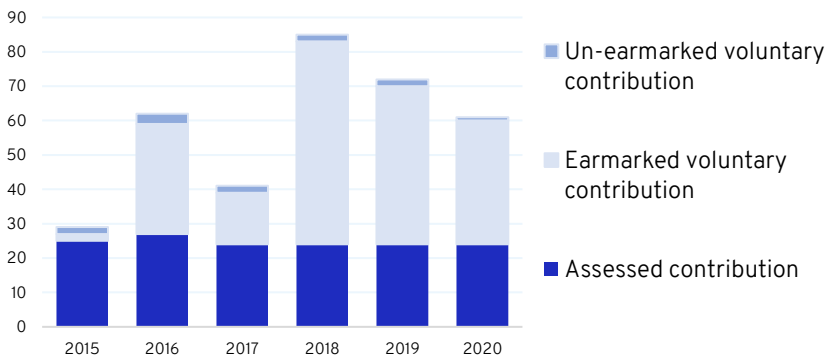
The Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) is the German ministry to represent the German government in the International Labour Organization (ILO) governance structures. It further provides the core contributions to the organization. Germany has been a member of the ILO from 1919 to 1935 and is a member again since 1951. In its capacity,

- ▶ BMAS represents the German Government in the ILO’s Governing Body as well as during the International Labour Conference.
- ▶ The ministry is responsible for coordinating the ratification of ILO Conventions in Germany.

Assessed contributions German government 2018 to 2020 (BMAS)

Assessed contribution to ILO’s Regular Budget


72.7 million US\$



Ratifications of ILO Conventions in Germany


85
ratifications

- 8 Fundamental Conventions
- 4 Governance Conventions
- 73 Technical Conventions
- 2 Protocols

 View all ratifications of the ILO in [NORMLEX](#).

ILO governance and membership of Germany

- ▶ **The ILO Governing Body (GB)** is the executive body of the ILO, meeting three times a year: discussing the agenda setting, adopting the Programme and Budget of the organization, electing the Director-General and taking decisions on ILO policies.
- ▶ **The International Labour Conference (ILC)** serves as the parliament of the ILO: drafting and adopting international labour standards, supervising application of standards on national level and discussing issues of the world of work.

 Germany is one of 10 permanent members of the **GB**. The GB encompasses 56 representatives (28 governments, 14 employers and 14 workers). At the **ILC**, Germany takes part as one of 187 member states. Social partners of all member states are equally represented.

BMAS represents the German Government.

DGB represents German workers organizations, **BDA** represents German employer organizations.

How does an International Labour Convention come into being?



- ▶ The GB serves as agenda setting body of the ILO: It places an item on the agenda of the ILC and marks the starting point of legislative procedures. The ILO secretariat drafts a report on the topic of concern.
- ▶ BMAS, like other ILO member state representatives, provides comments on the report on behalf of the German government. At the ILC, a first discussion of the agenda item takes place among all ILO members.
- ▶ BMAS annotates the summary report of this discussion by the ILO. ILO revises the documents, including feedback from all parties.
- ▶ The next ILC discusses the revised documents again.
- ▶ The ILC adopts a new Convention with a 2/3 majority.

Promoting due diligence in global supply chains

▶ The Alliance 8.7 - Eradicating child- and forced labour


BMAS is partner of the [Alliance 8.7](#), a multi-stakeholder initiative geared towards the eradicator of forced labour and child labour. Jointly with ILO member states, NGOs, social partners and research institutions, the BMAS participates in the dialogue and action linked to supporting countries in their path towards the abolition of these human rights violations.

 [The Alliance 8.7 Web Portal](#)



▶ BMAS partner of the Vision Zero Fund

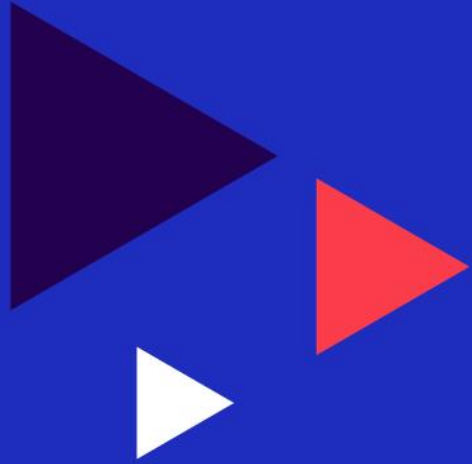
Initiated though Germany in the G7 and institutionalized through G20, the [Vision Zero Fund](#) convenes state and non-state actors, amongst them companies, to fight for occupational safety and health at work. ILO serves as its secretariat. BMAS is part of the Fund's Steering Committee.

 Find out more about [occupational safety and health](#) in the work place and the [Vision Zero Fund activities](#) and points of engagement.





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