

ILO Depository Libraries Policy

The Depository Libraries Policy explains the scope of the programme, designed to disseminate ILO knowledge including research and documentation on labour standards, labour law, and labour statistics through libraries around the world.

Scope

Depository Libraries play an active role in disseminating ILO knowledge, including research, labour standards, labour law, and labour statistics.

Selection of Partners

Libraries are selected for the programme on the basis of agreement to establish partnership in disseminating ILO knowledge. There is usually one Depository Library in a country, however additional libraries of major universities or institutes active in ILO-related areas of work may request to join the programme.

The Partnership

The ILO Library provides Depository Libraries with

- ILO publications in print or digital format in language(s) requested without charge;
- support with reference assistance; and
- promotion of Depository Libraries on the ILO website

Depository Libraries

- make ILO knowledge accessible through
 - on-site consultation of print or digital material,
 - library catalogues, ILO databases and other ILO resources, and
 - reference assistance;
- promote ILO knowledge, including through exhibits, web page links to ILO resources, acquisition lists or information sessions; and
- lend documents to the ILO Library upon request, when possible

The ILO undertakes to work with libraries that are appropriate for the programme, and review the policy on an on-going basis, soliciting the views of partners, to further develop the programme.