

Integrating Trade and Decent Work

Quarterly Newsletter - September 2022

Welcome to the quarterly newsletter of the ILO INTEGRATE Programme. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the ILO's activities on trade and decent work. Please reach out to us for more information on any activity!

Yours sincerely,

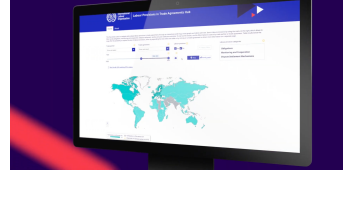
The Globalization Team (ILO/RESEARCH)

INTEGRATE Programme Activities



Second Advisory Committee meeting on Integrating Trade and Decent Work May 2022

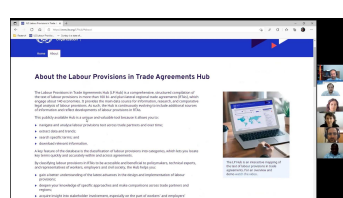
The [virtual meeting](#) provided an opportunity to share information on the latest developments related to trade and labour issues among tripartite members. RESEARCH also presented a draft study on "Promoting and enforcing compliance of labour provisions in trade agreements".



LP Hub - Updates September 2022

The [Labour Provisions in Trade Agreements Hub](#) was recently updated, covering now 356 RTAs of which 113 include labour provisions.

The Multinational Enterprises and Enterprise Engagement Unit (ILO/MULTI) developed a list of [references to the MNE Declaration in trade and investment agreements](#) based on the LP Hub.

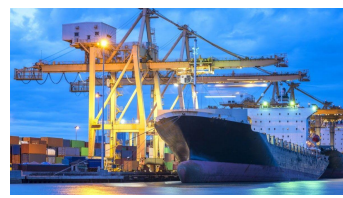


LP Hub - Trainings July 2022

Gaia Grasselli presented the LP Hub in a [session on trade, investment, and decent work](#) at the VII United Nations Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ira Postolachi presented the LP Hub at the [Master in Industrial and Employment Relations](#) offered by the International Training Course of the ILO.

Trainings and Workshops



Session at ILERA European Congress September 2022

Franz Christian Ebert delivered a panel presentation on "Tackling forced labour through trade and supply chain governance" at the [ILERA 2022 European Congress](#).



Session at Université Paris Dauphine September 2022

Marva Corley-Coulibaly participated in a Policy Panel on managing the labor market consequences of international trade at the [Université Paris Dauphine Workshop on Globalization and Workforce Composition](#).



Session at ITCILO Global Youth Forum July 2022

Marva Corley-Coulibaly delivered a 90-minute presentation on "Trade policy for decent work" at the [ITCILO Summer Global Youth Forum 2022](#).



Session at UN ESCAP online course May 2022

Marva Corley-Coulibaly delivered a presentation on "Labour provisions in FTAs" at the [UN ESCAP Online Course on Sustainable Development Provisions in Free Trade Agreements](#).

Regional Activities



Latin America July 2022

In the context of the [CERALE project](#), ILO/MULTI co-organized the [VII United Nations Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean](#), where the LP Hub was also presented (see above).



Africa July 2022

ILO/ACTRAV is implementing a four-year project titled "[Decent Work in Trade and Investment Agreements: Role and Actions of Trade Unions in Africa](#)", with target countries being Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, and Uganda. Marva Corley-Coulibaly participated in the hybrid [opening workshop](#) in Windhoek, Namibia, with a presentation on "Free trade agreements and labour provisions". For more information, [contact Hilma Mote](#).



Asia and the Pacific June 2022

Christian Viegela delivered a presentation on labour provisions at the [2022 ASEAN-CER Integration Partnership Forum](#), focused on how environmental and labour concerns and priorities can be approached in a trade context.



Middle East and North Africa May 2022

The Mainstreaming Employment into Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood (METI) programme recently launched Policy Working Groups in Jordan and Egypt, and published a [Thematic Report](#) as well as a [Country Report for Jordan](#).



Europe and Central Asia March 2022

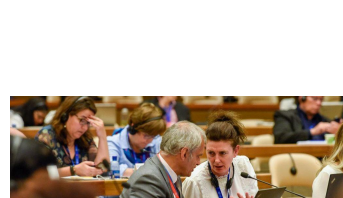
In March, the Cotton Campaign lifted the labour-motivated global boycott of Uzbekistan cotton products, [with the move welcomed by the ILO](#). The ILO also conducted an [interview with economist Zuzana Zavorska](#) on the potential for nearshoring to create economic opportunities for the Western Balkans.

ILO-wide Activities



RESEARCH Director's participation in Aid for Trade July 2022

Director of RESEARCH Richard Samans participated as a speaker, together with WTO and OECD representatives, in a [session on "Accelerating progress towards the SDGs through Aid for Trade"](#) at Aid for Trade 2022.



Tripartite Working Group on decent work in supply chains July 2022

The discussions that followed the Tripartite Working Group on Options to Ensure Decent Work in Supply Chains produced a document titled "[Building blocks for a comprehensive strategy on achieving decent work in supply chains](#)".

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