

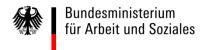


## **G7** Initiative and Vision Zero Fund (VZF)

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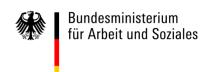


## **Prevention: A Global Challenge**

- Every year, 2.3 million people die as a result of their work
- Losses of US\$ 1.25 trillion caused by occupational accidents and diseases (4% of annual global GDP)

Source: ILO







### **G7-Initiative: "Action for Fair Production"**

#### Prevention

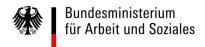
- Vision Zero Fund to support prevention in producing countries
- Capacity-Building on sustainable development strategies

#### Transparency

- Multi-Stakeholder-Networks for standard implementation
- Labels to inform consumers about standards
- **Support to SMEs** on sustainable supply chain management

#### Complaint Mechanisms

G7 Peer reviews of the National Contact Points of the OECD
MNE Guidelines → peer learning and outreach





#### At the Focus: The Vision Zero Fund

- **G7-Leaders** (Elmau, 7-8 June) "We support a Vision Zero Fund to be established in cooperation with the ILO"
- **L7-Outreach** (with Chancellor Merkel, 23 March) "Trade unions support the idea of establishing a fund for preventing work-based accidents"
- B7-Outreach (with Chancellor Merkel, 19-20 May) "Such a Fund can be helpful in preventing work related accidents, especially in less developed countries"
- **Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General** (Meeting of the G7 Employment and Development Ministers, Berlin, 12-13 October) "The Vision Zero Fund will help prevent and reduce the unacceptable number of workplace-related deaths, injuries and diseases."
- Andrea Nahles, Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (Meeting of the G7 Employment and Development Ministers, Berlin, 12-13 October) "We, the G7 Ministers of Labour and Development, have decided to implement very concrete projects. The Vision Zero Fund shall improve working conditions in producing countries in a very practical manner."





# Vision Zero Fund: Collective Action for Prevention in Low-Income Producing Countries

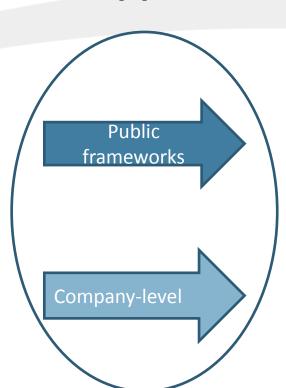






## A Systematic Approach to Prevention

Collective Action within a country/sector



- Occupational Health and Safety Systems
- Labour InspectionSystems
- National Employment Injury Insurance Schemes
- Training of Managment and Workers on OSH
- Set-up of companybased OSH committees

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#### Structure of the Vision Zero Fund

Decision-making	Bottom-up approach + Strategy Council with relevant stakeholder representatives ("Ownership")
Focus	Pilots in few selected sectors and countries ("Systematic Action")
Funding Criteria	Relevant ILO standards and coordinated action ("Commitment")
Financing	Public-private Multi-Donor Trust Fund ("Burden-sharing")
Implementation	International Labour Organization





#### At a Glance: The Vision Zero Fund's Added Value

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Safety and Health – Participation - Income Risk Reduction

#### **Local Economies**

Local Governments – Local Companies – Local Social Partners

**Better Compliance - Productivity Increases - Sustainable Growth** 

**Global Companies** 

Public-Private Matching - Cost Reduction - Influence - Reputation