

Concept note for a thematic session on

South-South Cooperation: Good Practices of Labour Inspection on The Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour.

at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, Durban, South Africa

Tuesday 17 May from 16:45 to 17:45 pm

Objective

To share and disseminate good practices of the Labour Inspectorate related to strategic action aimed at the eradication of child labour by the labour inspectorates of Brazil, Cabo Verde, Peru, Portugal, and Uruguay.

Summary

The role of labour inspection in combating child labour is highlighted in various ILO standards, including the fundamental ILO Conventions on combating child labour (C.138 and C.182) and the Recommendations that accompany them (R.146 and R.190); as well as the conventions that deal with Labour Inspection (C. 81 of C. 129). Under this perspective, it is highlighted that the existence of an effective labour inspection system, capable of facing the challenges and complexities that involve the issue of child labour, is a central element for the eradication of this type of violation.

In order to achieve target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals of eliminating all forms of child labour by 2025, it is paramount that Labour Inspections evolve, in the sense of acting in a planned and participative strategic manner, with a proactive approach, with the definition of priorities, according to diagnosis of the causes of non-compliance, as opposed to the traditional reactive and systematic model.

Therefore, the event will be used as an opportunity to exchange and will be structured with dynamic presentations of high-level representatives from five labour inspectorates from three different continents, which will be able to show their improvements and best practices in combating child labour through labour inspection. The developing countries will also address the contribution of South-South cooperation to the development and improvement of policies/programs to combat and eradicate child labour in their countries.

Moderation: Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard, Director of ILO Partnerships and Field Support Department (PARDEV)

Panellists: The panel will be moderated by ILO and divided in 2 sessions:

Section 1

How labour inspection is key in the fight against child labour and what are the improvements and good practices in this area?

Section 2

How South-South Cooperation has improved labour inspection and what are the opportunities and trends in this area? What are the experiences in the agriculture sector that could be highlighted?



Event structure

Auditorium room with at least thirty (30) seats. Projector and screen for PowerPoint presentation. Simultaneous translation to Spanish, English, and Portuguese as well. Online broadcasting.

Audience

Government, workers', employers', and civil society representatives

