



Updates from the ILO on Labour Inspection Issues

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Labour inspection continues prominent on ILO's agenda

Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work (2019)

In discharging its constitutional mandate, taking into account the profound transformations in the world of work, and further developing its human-centred approach to the future of work, the ILO must direct its efforts to (...) strengthening labour administration and inspection

Resolution concerning a global call to action for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 crisis (2021)

In order to help governments and employers' and workers' organizations build forward better from the crisis, the ILO will use all its means of action to support the design and implementation of recovery strategies that leave no one behind. The ILO will strengthen its support of Member States' efforts to (...) strengthen the capacity of labour administrations, labour inspectorates and other relevant authorities to ensure implementation of rules and regulations, especially regarding social protection and occupational safety and health.

A new milestone for labour inspection...

Guidelines on general principles of labour inspection

- Recommendation No. 20 to be withdrawn in 2022
- Tripartite guidelines presented to the Governing Body in March 2022
- Tripartite meeting of experts 13 to 16 December 2021 (8x8x8)
- Guidelines drafted taking into account:
 - Provisions of ILS on labour administration and labour inspection
 - Recurrent observation of ILO supervisory bodies
 - Evolution of labour inspection systems
 - Exchanges with labour inspectorates
- Guidelines covering:
 - Mandate and functions
 - Structure and organization
 - Policy, planning and programming
 - labour inspectors status and careers
 - powers and methods of inspection
 - Enforcement measures

What will also affect the work of labour inspectorates...

- OSH and a Fundamental Principle and Right at Work
- Standard-setting
 - Biological hazards (2024/25)
 - Chemical hazards
 - Ergonomic hazards
 - Safeguards of machinery
- Technical guidelines on the same topics (by 2024)

What else is the ILO doing on Labour Inspection

Regular plan of work

a) Assistance to countries

- Strengthening of national system (currently 41 countries)
- Strategic compliance interventions (8 countries)

b) Global products

- Strategic compliance portal
- Updated training curriculum on labour inspection (19 modules)
- Study on the impact of labour inspection
- Labour inspection and fundamental principles and rights at work
- Labour inspection and social security
- Labour Administration, Labour Inspection and Labour Law Compliance Academy
- World Congress on Safety and Health at Work

(...)

Flagship programme Safety + Health for All – includes Vision Zero Fund

Global Coalition on Safety and Health at Work – new task group?

<https://www.ilo.org/labadmin/lang--en/index.htm>

What next?

2022 as key moment to be seized