

Joining forces to end forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour

Consultation for Western and Northern Africa
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 8-9 September 2016

Main objectives:

1. Briefing on the Sustainable Development Goals, target 8.7 and related targets, and potential role of Alliance 8.7
2. To provide a forum for Governments, employers and trade unions and other relevant stakeholders to discuss their respective role in the achievement of target 8.7 and their contribution to Alliance 8.7.
3. To identify challenges and opportunities in achieving target 8.7 in Western and Northern Africa and how an Alliance might assist to accelerate achievements.
4. To initiate a dialogue among tripartite constituents and other relevant stakeholders on the objectives and shape of Alliance 8.7 and provide suggestions for its functioning in West and Northern Africa

AGENDA

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

8:00 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Security briefing
9:15 – 10:15	Introductions
10:30-12:00	OPENING CEREMONY

Chair: **Mr Dramane Haidara**, Director, Country Office for Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Togo

Welcoming remarks:

- **Mr Aeneas C. Chuma**, ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa
- **Mr. John Odah**, Secretary General, Organization of Trade Unions of West Africa

- **Kacou Diagou**, President of the Federation of employers' organizations of West Africa, President of the CGECI
- **Mr Moussa Dosso**, Minister of Employment and Social Protection of Côte d'Ivoire

Chœur pour l'abolition du travail des enfants de Côte d'Ivoire

Address by:

- **Ms. Dominique Ouattara**, First Lady of Côte d'Ivoire, President of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking, Exploitation and Child Labor

12:00 -14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

SESSION 1: Situating the end of forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Objective: Briefing on SDGs with a special focus on those goals that are linked to the achievement of Target 8.7. Provide an overview of the international treaties and definitions of the two subjects.

To identify the scope of the problem and challenges to achieving target 8.7 in Africa, in particular Western and Northern Africa. Finally, to present Alliance 8.7.

Moderation : **Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, ILO Deputy Regional Director for Africa

Speakers :

- **Mary Read**, ILO
- **Laurence Dubois**, ILO
- **Jean Marie Kagabo**, ILO
- **Olatunde Olayemi**, ECOWAS Commission
- **Marie Christine Bocoum**, African Union

Discussion

15:00 – 17:00

SESSION 2: The leading role of governments, workers' and employers' organizations in achieving Target 8.7

Panel 1 on policy development

Objective: governments, workers and employers will share experiences with developing policies through tripartite social dialogue that have an impact on forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour

Moderation : **Dr Ken Shawa**, Senior Macroeconomist for Africa, ILO

Speakers :

- **Binia Liman**, Ministère de l'Emploi, du Travail et de la Sécurité sociale du Niger

- **Amal Belaid**, Ministère de l'Emploi et des Affaires Sociales du Maroc
- **Elizabeth Akanbombire**, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations of Ghana
- **Mamadou Niang**, Confédération générale des Travailleurs de Mauritanie
- **Edouard Ladouyou**, Confédération Générale des Entreprises de Côte d'Ivoire

Discussion

Panel 2 on grass root actions

Objective: to highlight grass root action taken by workers, producers, employers' organizations and businesses to transform the rural and informal economies in order to achieve target 8.7

Moderation : **Jean Marie Kagabo**, ILO

Speakers :

- **Boubacar Toutou Kante**, Conseil national du Patronat du Mali
- **Andrews A Tagoe**, Agricultural Workers Union of Ghana
- **Amadou Massar Sarr**, Conseil National du Patronat du Sénégal
- **Innocent Assogba**, Observatoire Intersyndical de Suivi de l'Application des Conventions de l'OIT sur le Travail des Enfants du Bénin

Discussion

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2016

8:30 – 9:30

SESSION 3 : The role of other key stakeholders in SDG Alliance 8.7

Objective: To hear from representatives from (sub) regional institutions, parliaments, civil society organizations, financial institutions and the private sector how they see themselves contributing to the achievement of target 8.7 and to the proposed partnership.

Moderation : **Sofia Amaral de Oliveira**, ILO

Speakers:

- **Oumar Diop**, Africa Union Commission
- **Hon. Jeremie A.G Sankara**, ECOWAS Parliament
- **Cléophas Mally**, Global March against child labour
- **Sandrine Gbially-Biggora**, UNODC
- **Moustapha Kadi**, ONG Tanafili
- **Euphrasie Aka**, International Cocoa Initiative

Discussion

9:30 – 12:00

SESSION 4: How can Alliance 8.7 best assist African Member States in realizing SDG target 8.7?

Objective: In depth discussion to identify challenges and opportunities in achieving target 8.7 in Western and Northern Africa and how an Alliance might assist to accelerate achievements. Initiate a dialogue among tripartite constituents and other relevant stakeholders on the objectives and shape of Alliance 8.7 and provide suggestions for its functioning in West and Northern Africa

Four parallel sessions

12:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:00

SESSION 5: Global indicator framework to measure progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Objective: Explore what methodologies and mechanisms are available to measure the achievement of Target 8.7 and what additional instruments might be needed to monitor and measure progress.

Moderation : **Dr Ken Shawa**, Senior Macroeconomist for Africa, ILO

Speakers :

- **Amani Michel**, Institut national de la Statistique de Côte d'Ivoire
- **Oumarou Habi**, Institut national de la Statistique du Niger
- **Mary Read**, ILO

Discussion

15:00-16:30

SESSION 6: Taking forward Alliance 8.7 in Africa

Objective: based on the outcome of the discussions in the parallel sessions (session 4) agree on a set of recommendations to take forward to the Launch of Alliance 8.7 in New York in September 2016

Moderation: **Beate Andrees**, ILO

Report of session 4: **Sophie De Coninck**, ILO

Discussion

16:30-17:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

Presentation of key recommendations for taking forward Alliance 8.7 in Africa

Closing remarks