



Alliance 8.7 – Terms of Reference

I. Mission statement

Alliance 8.7 is an inclusive global partnership committed to achieving Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals. This Target calls for States to: take immediate action and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking by 2030 and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

II. Objectives

Alliance 8.7 will support countries and other partners in this effort by:

- Increasing collaborative action on Target 8.7, ensuring acceleration, focus and coherence;
- Driving innovation and scaling up solutions that work; and
- Providing a platform to engage in dialogue and to share knowledge and information.

III. Means of action

The Alliance serves partners as a platform for exchange, access to data, information, innovation and good practice, support for political commitment, and assists in leveraging resources. The Alliance 8.7 website, the Delta 8.7 Knowledge Platform for Alliance 8.7, the Action Groups and the Pathfinder Country Strategy are key vehicles to provide partners with these services.

IV. Organizational structure

An inclusive, lean and flexible structure best serves the open structure of the Alliance. Alliance 8.7 is composed of Partners, a Global Coordinating Group, Action Groups and a Secretariat.

Partners

Alliance 8.7 partners include countries, UN agencies and entities, inter-governmental bodies, regional organizations and initiatives, social partners (workers' and employers' organizations), businesses, civil society organizations including victims and survivors, academic and research institutions, and public and private donors. Interested individuals and groups



are encouraged to follow Alliance 8.7 activities and progress via the partnership engagement platform and by subscribing to the Alliance 8.7 newsletter (<http://www.alliance87.org>).

Partners will support or implement initiatives towards achieving Target 8.7 and are encouraged to participate in global action groups and to exchange information and knowledge. They commit to promote or realize international human rights standards and obligations, including applicable international labour standards.

Partner countries are invited to participate as “pathfinders”. Pathfinder countries demonstrate commitment to implement meaningful efforts, undertake innovative actions, and share good practices to accelerate progress in tackling Target 8.7, as outlined in the Pathfinder Country Guidance Note.

Global Coordinating Group (GCG)

Functions: The GCG reviews progress and provides strategic direction to the Alliance. The GCG will support and monitor thematic action groups and pathfinder country efforts, and liaise with other SDG partnerships. It will also address governance issues and decide on changes in the operational structure, if needed.

Composition: GCG membership works on a rotating basis and is representative of key stakeholder groups and geographic regions. Decision about rotating modalities of representatives is subject to each group:

- 1 government Chair and 1 government Deputy Chair
- 5 government representatives, one from each geographical regions recognized by the UN, nominated by the regional groups
- Additional governments could participate in the GCG as observers, after informing the Secretariat of their interest to participate in GCG meetings
- 6 representatives of UN and inter-governmental organizations, in their capacity as (co)chairs of action groups or given their mission's relevance to Target 8.7, 1 representative of the UN University, in its capacity as administrator of the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform,
- 3 representatives from each workers’ and employers’ organizations, nominated by ITUC and IOE, respectively.
- 3 representatives from non-governmental organizations, nominated by the Alliance 8.7 NGO Forum
- Representatives of regional organizations and related SDG partnerships can be invited by the Chair on an ad hoc basis.

Chair: The Chair and Deputy Chair represent Alliance 8.7 at conferences, public meetings and media events. They are elected by the government representatives of the GCG.

Decision-making: Decisions are taken by consensus, based on present representatives and as long as a quorum is reached. Quorum consists of at least 11 GCG representatives, with at least one member of each stakeholder group being present.



Frequency of meetings: The GCG meets at least twice a year, once a year as a face-to-face meeting. Additional conference calls might be scheduled by the Chair upon request. GCG representatives are expected to cover their own travel expenses.

Follow-up: Minutes of each meetings with key conclusions, decision and action points for follow-up will be prepared and sent out by the Chair/Deputy Chair to all GCG representatives, with support of the Secretariat.

Secretariat

Functions: The Secretariat has an administrative function and supports the operation of the GCG, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Alliance. Its functions include the preparation of draft communication, invitations, agendas, guidance notes, and other activities, upon request by the Chair. The Secretariat also keeps track of key initiatives contributing to Target 8.7 and provides the Chair and Deputy Chair with periodic updates and inputs for the quarterly Alliance 8.7 newsletter. The Secretariat also supports external communication with stakeholders and interested parties and maintains the Alliance 8.7 Partnership Engagement Platform (website).

The ILO is the Secretariat of Alliance 8.7. Secretariat leadership and performance will be reviewed on a periodic basis by the GCG.

Review

The Terms of Reference and other operational modalities will be regularly reviewed by the GCG to ensure they align with the operational reality and needs of the GCG.