

ALLIANCE



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ALLIANCE 8.7 STRATEGY WORKSHOP

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Information Note

The Alliance 8.7 was launched in September 2016 during a side event to the UN General Assembly, in order to establish a global partnership to end forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour, in contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal 8.7 of the Agenda 2030. In February 2017, key stakeholders met in Wilton Park, UK, to establish the cornerstones of the Alliance 8.7, develop its governance structure and set priorities. As a result, the Global Coordinating Group, six Action Groups and a partnership model were set up to facilitate broad engagement.

After consolidating political support and commitment on the global level, in 2018 the Alliance 8.7 established a Pathfinder Country strategy and developed respective guidance, initiatives and support mechanisms. The number of countries manifesting interest to become Pathfinders has grown from six at the end of 2018 to over 30 by end-2022, demonstrating the acceptance of the model and of the need to prioritize multistakeholder coordination at the national level. A Communication, Engagement and Advocacy Group (CEAG) and a SDG 8.7 Monitoring Group were established in 2019 and 2021, respectively, to connect the engagement of global and regional stakeholders with concrete national implementation.

Notwithstanding the success of the Alliance 8.7 in building partnerships, its broad acceptance and significant steps toward national implementation, much remains to be done: More multi-stakeholder engagement and coordination is needed at the national level to accelerate progress, particularly in Pathfinder Countries. The Alliance needs to mobilize greater technical and financial support – on the national and global levels – to support the implementation of Pathfinder initiatives and ensure the sustainability of services provided by the Alliance 8.7 Secretariat. It should establish robust monitoring systems to ensure the accountability of Pathfinder Countries and the credibility of the Alliance, and it should review its governance structure and make any changes needed to ensure it is “fit for purpose” and future challenges.

The strategy workshop provides an opportunity to discuss these issues with the members and observers of the Alliance 8.7’s Global Coordinating Group and Pathfinder Country focal points. The workshop will be organized by GCG members and Pathfinder Countries under the leadership of the Chair of Alliance 8.7, and with the support of the Alliance Secretariat. The outcomes of the workshop will be considered for adoption during a separate GCG meeting immediately following the workshop

KEY AGENDA ITEMS

1. Vision and progress - co-leads: Alliance Deputy Chair (Argentina), Australia, IOE, ITUC, ILO

Discussion of the Alliance 8.7's vision and objectives, particularly in view of the Durban Call to Action and the upcoming SDG 8.7 deadline to end child labour in all its forms by 2025.

2. Pathfinder Country Accountability Framework - co-leads: Alliance Chair (France) Mexico, Free the Slaves, ILO

As the number of Pathfinder Countries steadily increases, discussion on the current situation, the implications on becoming a Pathfinder Country, and the associated opportunities and responsibilities. Discussion of the Pathfinder Country monitoring and accountability framework and agreement on the key steps going forward.

Output: Agreed accountability framework and discussion on the implementation plan.

3. Financing SDG Target 8.7 - co-leads: US, ILO

Discussion of current financing gaps for the achievement of SDG Target 8.7 and the potential Alliance 8.7 role in helping to fill them.

Output: Collective analysis of target 8.7 development finance gaps

4. Partnership model: Action/working groups, how to move forward? - co-leads: the Netherlands, FAO, ILO

Constructive discussion on rethinking the action groups and working groups.

Output Agreement on closure of inactive groups and on modalities for creation and functioning of current and future action/working groups.

5. Governance: Optimising the structure of the GCG - co-leads: Alliance Chair (France), UK, Chile, IOE, ITUC, Global March

Review of and agreement on the governance structure of the GCG and rotation mechanisms.

Output: Agreement on a revised GCG structure and rotation mechanisms.

6. Partnership model: Refining partner engagement in Alliance 8.7 - co-leads: UNODC, Global March

Review of partner engagement and expectations. Analysis of how opportunities for partner engagement could be maximised.

Output Collective analysis of partner engagement and services provided by the Alliance.

7. Sustaining Alliance 8.7 operations - co-leads US, ILO

Review of the funding needed to maintain Alliance's technical support mechanisms and an analysis of the main gaps.

Output Review of current functions of the Alliance 8.7 Secretariat and funding needs for mid-term sustainability.

8. Conclusions and next steps

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