

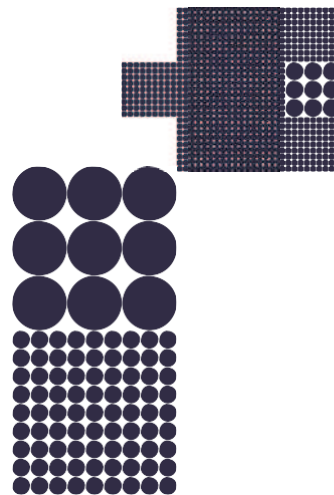
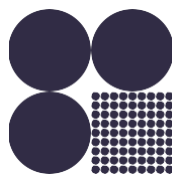
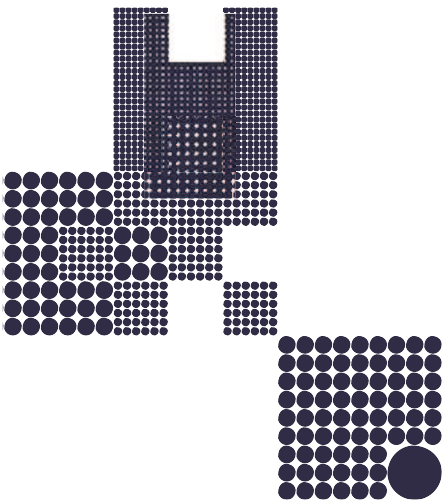
SDG Alliance 8.7

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

FINAL CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

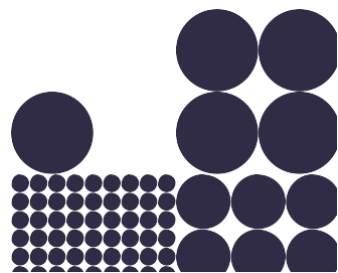
**Sub-Regional Consultation Workshop on
Achieving SDG Target 8.7**

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Background and Context

In September 2015, countries across Asia and the Pacific acted alongside other member states of the UN by adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a set of seventeen inter-related, mutually reinforcing and universally applicable goals to frame the global development vision for the next 15 years. Within each of the SDG adopted, specific targets have been identified which are essential to achieving the goals. For **SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth**, one of the essential targets is 8.7:

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking 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.

This is an ambitious target to achieve, and is not just relevant to goal 8, but also reinforces the successful achievement of Goals 1, 4, 5, 10, 16 & 17. Though much progress has been made since the launch of the Millennium Development Goals in 2000, there are still some 168 million children involved in child labour, with half estimated to be in the worst forms of labour and hazardous work; 21 million people worldwide are still victims of forced labour and slavery, more than half of whom are women and 5 million of which are children. This is not a problem that we as a region can afford to ignore.

While Asia and the Pacific is one of the most diverse regions of the world – ethnically, culturally, religiously and economically, the population of more than 3.7 billion people includes some of the wealthiest countries on earth as well as two-thirds of the world's poor. In this region, the ILO estimates that 11 million people are victims of forced labour; accounting for well over half of the global estimated number of 21 million victims, while an estimated 78 million children aged 5-17 years are in child labour – nearly half of the global estimate. Only through concerted and focused action involving multiple actors, can the region live up to its commitments and achieve Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7.

A major challenge will be to strengthen and better coordinate on-going efforts, pool resources in order to scale up successful interventions and monitor progress towards achieving this target. While the agreed monitoring framework of the SDGs is still under negotiation, a consensus has emerged that action and monitoring will mainly take place at the national level, with complementary action and monitoring at regional and global levels. The SDGs monitoring framework will have to take into account the complexity of the targets while serving also as a practical tool for policy making and for measuring progress.



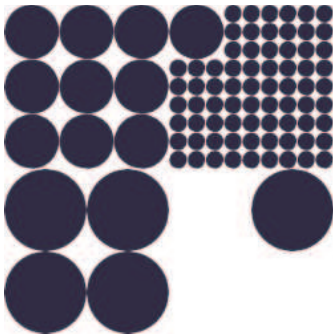
The SDG Alliance 8.7 for Asia and the Pacific

To achieve this ambitious target, the ILO proposes the formation of a new alliance between a broad and inclusive spectrum of stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific, the ***SDG Alliance 8.7***.

The SDG Alliance 8.7 will be a partnership led initiative that focuses on taking immediate and effective measures at the local, national, and regional level to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of all forms of child labour. In addition to improved coordination and collaboration, the Alliance would bring the added value of ensuring that duplication of efforts is avoided and to channel funding towards proven practices for replication and scale.

The Alliance sets out to be inclusive, involving the governments, workers' and employers' organizations, UN agencies, regional organizations, partners for development, the private sector, civil society organizations, academia, experts, the media and other actors supporting the aims of SDG 8.7.

For the time being, the ILO is providing seed funding to facilitate the inception phase, in particular consultations with key partners. Upon agreement of the common principles to be respected by participating partners and the scope of SDG Alliance 8.7's objectives and its oversight structure, a more detailed financial proposal will be developed to ensure that the Alliance has the necessary support to facilitate collaboration, share lessons learned and experiences between partners and develop appropriate monitoring systems.



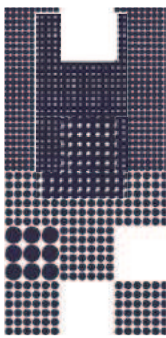
Sub-Regional Consultation Workshop on Achieving SDG Target 8.7 through Transformational Change and Partnerships

Against this backdrop, the International Labour Organization (ILO) is organizing a **Sub-Regional Consultation Workshop to discuss how stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific plan to achieve the SDG, and to identify indicators and accompanying recommendations for monitoring progress collectively.** The workshop will provide a forum for sharing policy prescriptions and good practices taking place in the region, as well as discussions on the role of the Alliance in drawing attention to such initiatives.

The outcomes of the Sub-Regional Consultation Workshop will feed into the launch of the **Global SDG Alliance** in New York in September 2016. They will also feed into the **4th Global Conference on Child Labour** in Buenos Aires in 2017. Most importantly, they will feed into country level initiatives to accelerate the actualization of Target 8.7. With sustained funding required to ensure the SDG Alliance 8.7 maintains a high profile and accomplishes its goals, the Sub-Regional Consultation Workshop is an opportunity for key stakeholders to put forward clear recommendations and prioritization of action to support the achievement of SDG 8.7 in East Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific.

At the Sub-Regional Consultation Workshop, participants will consider several key questions:

- What policy measures, programmes, and good practices are currently being implemented or planned to strengthen and better coordinate efforts and pool resources towards achieving this target?
- What institutional and policy frameworks need to be put in place to encourage effective partnership of the public sector with the private sector and civil society in managing development and cooperation?
- What technical systems and tools are required to implement, track, monitor, and report on progress towards SDG 8.7?
- How to best ensure that wider actions taken by NGO's, development partners and others are conducive to achieving target 8.7
- How has the development finance and cooperation landscape changed since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals?



Throughout the workshop, several cross-cutting considerations will be given attention:

- Presentations and plenary discussions will be **strongly anchored in country-level experiences** from the region;
- Consideration of issues will give priority to:
 - The best ways of facilitating the formation of such a broad-based alliance at country level
 - Implications for the roles, working modalities, and collaborating methods needed to achieve the SDG 8.7
 - The importance of indicators that are quality driven, accessible, timely, reliable, and comparable;
- Emphasis will remain focused on promoting an understanding of the **coherence between various SDG goals, targets and Target 8.7**, and the application of relevant international standards and commitments

Approach

This sub-regional consultation is being planned to follow a schedule of large plenary sessions with expert panels, small multi-stakeholder breakout groups, and live lunch talks. Recognizing that within the SDG 8.7 thematic areas of work there are distinct methodological approaches, policy and programming considerations, each session will have a specific focus and allocate time for technical deliberation relating to implementation and policy.

Participants and Resource Persons

More than 150 participants from the East Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific are expected to participate:

1. Government delegates and representatives from trade unions and employers organisations from Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, China, Mongolia, Indonesia, Philippines, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Timor Leste, and Fiji;
2. Representatives from civil society, the private sector, the media, youth, and academia;
3. Global and regional experts, policy advisors, and resource persons from regional and international organisations.

Expected Outcomes

The key expected outcomes of this workshop include the following:

- A set of joint recommendations and clear prioritization of actions and issues to take forward to national, regional and global forums including the launch of the Global SDG Alliance (September 2016) and the 4th Global Conference on Child Labour (2017);
- A contribution to strengthening the capacity of participants, by fostering exchanges of experience between countries, promoting tripartite and public-private cooperation on this SDG Target, and improving understanding of tools, methodologies, and approaches for measuring and monitoring progress;
- To initiate a dialogue on the objectives and shape of Alliance 8.7 and provide suggestions for its' functioning in East Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific.

