Meeting of Experts on Cross-border Social Dialogue

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Points for discussion

Point 1. What are the contemporary experiences, challenges and trends, characterizing cross-border social dialogue initiatives?

In their interventions, experts are invited to consider the following:

- Multilateral instruments, including the ILO's MNE Declaration, that contribute to cross-border social dialogue and fair globalization and decent work.
- Cross-border social dialogue in regional economic communities, bilateral and multilateral trade and investment agreements and inter-regional groups/forums.
- The role of transnational company agreements in promoting cross-border social dialogue, dispute prevention and resolution, and decent work across MNE operations.
- Responsible business conduct, including human rights due diligence, that contributes to cross-border social dialogue.

Point 2. How can cross-border social dialogue become more relevant, inclusive and effective in the future?

In their interventions, experts are invited to consider the following:

- An enabling environment, including institutional and legal frameworks, for cross-border social dialogue to foster decent work.
- Private initiatives and frameworks that promote cross-border social dialogue.
- Dispute resolution, grievance and enforcement mechanisms.
- The linkages between cross-border social dialogue and other forms and levels of social dialogue with regard to national contexts.

Point 3. What should be the role and added-value of the ILO in the area of cross-border social dialogue?

In their interventions, experts are invited to consider the following:

- Knowledge generation and dissemination.
- Policy advice.
- Training, capacity building, and development cooperation.
- Promotional campaigns and advocacy.
- Standard-setting actions.