

Global Deal Webinar Series: Social Dialogue and Living Wages

Tuesday 21 November 2023 14:30 – 15:45 CEST

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Internationally recognised as human rights, living wages allow workers and their families to afford a decent standard of living. However, their practical implementation often presents challenges, with stakeholders grappling with varying concerns. For instance, businesses may hesitate to raise wages, fearing a loss of competitiveness.

Social dialogue emerges as a pivotal solution for reconciling these tensions and establishing a win-win scenario that serves the interests of both workers and employers. Meaningful exchanges between companies and their workforce foster trust and mutual understanding, paving the way for constructive discussions on wage levels. Furthermore, providing living wages can prove advantageous for employers, as improved working conditions tend to boost productivity and enhance corporate reputation.

This webinar will convene a panel of international experts to:

- Present and discuss the Global Deal note titled "The Role of Social Dialogue in Promoting Living Wages".
- Delve into the analysis of successful case studies illustrating the effective implementation of living wages through the power of social dialogue.

Agenda

Please note this event will be conducted in English with no interpretation.

14:30-14:40 Introduction

- **Romina Boarini**, Director, OECD Centre on Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity (WISE)

14:40-14:50 Presentation of report

- **Glenda Quintini**, Head of Global Deal Support Unit

14:50-15:40 Panel discussion

Moderator: **Glenda Quintini**, Head, Global Deal Support Unit

Speakers:

- **Sofia Vahlne** – Head of People Strategy & Labour Relations, Scania CV AB
- **Atle Høie** – General Secretary, IndustriALL
- **Patrick Belser** – Senior Economist, International Labour Organization
- **Wilbert Flinterman** – Senior Advisor, Workers' Rights and Trade Union Relations, Fairtrade International
- **Sopheana Bronh** – Deputy Secretary-General General Secretariat of the National Council for Minimum Wage, Cambodia

15:40-15:45 Summary of discussion and closing remarks
