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ILO Repository of Knowledge on Cross-Border Social Dialogue

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► Cross-border social dialogue (CBSD): Definition and origins

What do we mean with CBSD?

Dialogue between or among governments, workers and employers or their representatives beyond national borders, to promote decent work and sound labour-management relations.

Origins and development

- **ILO**: first space of institutionalized CBSD...but spaces for CBSD have expanded since the 1970s.

Why? As response to demands for [global labour regulation](#) (linked to “globalization” critics).

What type of CBSD?

- “Public” initiatives (state-driven)
- “Private” initiatives (driven by MNEs and GUFs)

► The ILO mandate on CBSD

2019 Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Cross-border Social Dialogue

- Report for discussion
- Conclusions

Mandate for ILO Office to:

- Establish “a single and user-friendly ILO repository of knowledge on cross-border social dialogue, including an up-to-date database on TCAs”.

The repository of knowledge

▶ **500+**

Total processes and initiatives

▶ **12**

Multilateral instruments (e.g. ILO, OECD, UN)

▶ **345**

Transnational company agreements (e.g. IFAs, sector-specific initiatives, etc.)

▶ **4**

Broad categories

▶ **42**

Regional economic communities, trade agreements, interregional groupings

▶ **16**

CSR and RBC initiatives



Objectives and content

This ILO repository of knowledge aims to collect and disseminate information on cross-border social dialogue processes and initiatives developed between or among governments, workers and employers or their representatives, beyond national borders. Such cross-border social dialogue -including among actors in supply chains- may originate in different contexts (such as multilateral instruments, regional economic communities, trade agreements, interregional groupings, enterprises), take place within various processes (such as bipartite/tripartite mechanisms for negotiation, consultation, information exchange and conflict resolution) and may generate different outcomes (such as joint declarations, codes of practice, agreements, conclusions, platform of exchange).

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