



Achieving the SDGs through Social Dialogue: Launch of the Self-Guided e-Learning Course "The 2030 Agenda, Decent Work and Social Dialogue"

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for increased efforts at all levels to enhance the coherence of social, economic and environmental policies. With less than ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the global community has called for a Decade of Action to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and tackle the world's biggest challenges – ranging from poverty and gender to climate change and inequality – by the target date of 2030. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all 17 SDGs puts further emphasis on the need to urgently progress towards the Goals.

Social dialogue is an essential component of what constitutes and defines decent work and its principles are embedded across the SDGs. Social dialogue facilitates consultation and coordination among stakeholders thereby creating the enabling environment and policy processes required for the implementation of the SDGs. It ensures responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels. Social dialogue has been used as an instrument to support the recovery from the crisis. It played a key role to manage and mitigate the consequences of the pandemic on workers and businesses around the world, as also highlighted by the [Global Deal Flagship Report 2020](#). In this regard, the role and potential of social dialogue are crucial for achieving the SDGs and, in particular, Goal 8 on decent work and economic growth.

The self-guided e-learning course "The 2030 Agenda, Decent Work and Social Dialogue", developed by the International Training Centre of the ILO ([ITCILO](#)) for the Global Deal, was launched at a webinar on the 4 March 2021. The event highlighted the contribution of social dialogue and social partners' engagement to the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs, as well as their role in building back better within the context of the COVID-19 crisis. [Click here to watch the event](#).

Speakers

- Veronica Nilsson, Head, Global Deal Support Unit
- Karl Pfeffer, Programme Officer, ITCILO
- Wolfgang Schiefer, Senior Coordinator on United Nations and Sustainable Development, Multilateral Cooperation Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Caroline O'Reilly, Senior Social Dialogue Expert, Social Dialogue and Tripartism Unit, Governance and Tripartism Department, ILO
- Andreas Johansson, Senior Advisor on Democracy and Human Rights, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)

About the self-guided e-learning course "The 2030 Agenda, Decent Work and Social Dialogue"

The e-learning course aims to increase the understanding of the importance of decent work and social dialogue for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as their contribution to build back a better, more equitable, world of work after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The course has four modules of around 40 minutes, and participants can consult them at their own pace:

- Module 1 – The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Module 2 – Decent Work and the SDGs.
- Module 3 – Social Dialogue and the SDGs.
- Module 4 – COVID-19: The SDGs, Decent Work and Social Dialogue as tools to Build Back Better.

The course is available as a free resource on the eCampus, the ITCILO's online learning platform. Please click [here](#) to access the course and start your learning journey!

If it is the first time that you are accessing the eCampus and do not have an account, you will need to select the option "Create an Account", register and then go back to the course and click on the button "Enrol Me". If you already have an eCampus account, you need to log into the system using your credentials. After that, you will reach the course page, where you will need to click on the button "Enrol Me". For any technical problem in accessing the eCampus, please feel free to contact the ITCILO at emld@itcilo.org.