



**CO-OPERATION ON THE MEASUREMENT OF SOCIETAL PROGRESS
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
AND
THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Background

Recognising that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) share similar missions and wish to cooperate in areas of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their development efforts, and that the “Conclusions concerning the Relations between the International Labour Organisation and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation”, signed in 1955, recognised the importance to collaborate on specific problems.

The co-operation between the Statistics Directorate of the OECD and the Department of Statistics of the ILO is well established and covers domains such as employment statistics, measuring of productivity, wages and other conditions of work statistics. In particular, the two organisations have signed the “Istanbul Declaration” on measuring and fostering the progress of societies. Further to the “Istanbul Declaration,” the OECD launched the Global Project on “Measuring the Progress of Societies” (hereinafter “the Global Project”) in co-operation with other international and regional organisations. The Global Project is being overseen by the Global Project Board, and managed and implemented by co-operation between the OECD and other international, supranational and regional organisations.

Consistent with the intention of the “Conclusions”, the ILO (Department of Statistics) and the OECD (Statistics Directorate) agree to co-operate on the implementation of the principles included in the “Istanbul Declaration”.

The purpose of this co-operation agreement (hereinafter “the Agreement”) is to provide a non-exclusive framework of co-operation and facilitate collaboration between the statistical work of the ILO and the OECD, capitalising on the respective competence of the two organisations, clarifying responsibilities while optimising resource inputs on both sides, without prejudice to and wholly independent of the two organisations’ other areas of co-operation.

Any activities conducted under this Agreement are subject to their inclusion in the two organisations’ respective programme of work and budget and shall be carried out in accordance with their respective rules and practices.

Objectives of the co-operation

The main objectives of the co-operation are:

- a) To foster a global, inclusive and participatory discussion about the meaning of progress.
- b) To galvanise people and institutions to cooperate in the development and use of indicators of progress, including indicators of decent work.
- c) To improve the effectiveness of indicators and their use for policy-making by sharing practices among those working on indicator initiatives.

Areas of co-operation

The ILO (Department of Statistics) agrees to participate in the Global Project as a Partner and to cooperate with the OECD (Statistics Directorate) and other Partners in the following areas of activity:

- a) Research on the measurement of societal progress, particularly on decent work (thus, encompassing employment, social protection, social dialogue and rights at work)
- b) Promotion of the use of innovative ICT tools to facilitate the transformation of statistics into knowledge;
- c) Contribution to a global network to foster the measurement of progress in a way that is inclusive of multiple perspectives, across different levels of economic development and varied cultures;
- d) Development of a global infrastructure to facilitate the assessment of societal progress at national and global levels to bring about evidence-based policy discussions.

Content of the co-operation

As Partner in the Global Project, the ILO (Department of Statistics) will contribute technically, as appropriate, to the production of the Global Project's key deliverables, including: a handbook on how to measure progress in practice; a knowledge base containing recommendations on how to develop indicators on specific domains not yet covered by other research groups; training and technical assistance for those wishing to measure progress, especially in developing countries; the organisation of world and regional events to foster policy discussions on societal progress based on solid statistics and convergence towards world progress indicators.

As Partner in the Global Project, the ILO (Department of Statistics) will explore opportunities to:

- a) Contribute to the activities of the Global Project in developing countries, in co-operation with other relevant organisations;
- b) Contribute to the statistical research work to establish recommendations on how to measure progress of societies;
- c) Support the establishment and sustainability of national initiatives aimed at measuring progress in developing countries;
- d) Facilitate communication between the Global Project and developing countries; and
- e) Coordinate activities of the Global project with similar work in other parts of the ILO.

Other activities and deliverables may be decided as the Global Project develops upon agreement between the OECD, the ILO and other Partners, subject to their respective internal objectives, functions, policies and procedures.

Governance

The governance of the Global Project and the working arrangements are established by the Global Project Board. As Partner in the Global Project, the ILO will participate in the Global Project Board and contribute to its work as appropriate.

Resources

In order to implement the activities in compliance with the objectives of the co-operation, the ILO and the OECD may conclude cost-sharing agreements in accordance with their respective regulations, rules and procedures, which shall specify the costs of expenses relating to the activity and how they are to be borne by the two organisations. The cost-sharing agreements shall also include a provision incorporating by reference the Agreement, which is applicable to the cost-sharing agreements and projects financed therefrom.

Mutual recognition

The website of the Global Project and all relevant documents shall recognise the status of the ILO as Partner.

The relevant websites of the ILO shall make reference to the Global Project's website.

Any product developed jointly by the OECD and the ILO under this Agreement shall be the joint intellectual property of OECD and ILO.

Each organisation recognises the rights of the other organisation to use and reproduce any offline work separately, including the right of publication, subject to an appropriate acknowledgement of both organisations contribution to the work. Should an organisation produce a book or any offline work, this work will be published under the own copyright and responsibility of the organisation handling the publishing. If the organisations wish to centralise the printing and distribution of the work, the modalities and costs will be determined at that time and the terms of a licence for the use of this work will be defined separately.

The paragraphs above are without prejudice of the respect by the organisations of their respective principles regarding confidentiality and classification of documents.

The copyright of the logo for the Global Project shall be held by the OECD on behalf of the partners of the Global Project, including the ILO.

Entry into Force

The Agreement shall enter into force and take effect on the date on which it is signed by both organisations.

Duration, Termination and Amendment of the Agreement

The Agreement shall have an initial term of two years, unless terminated earlier by either organisation upon six months' notice in writing to the other organisation.

In the event of termination of the Agreement, any cost-sharing agreements concluded pursuant to this Agreement may also be terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in such agreements. In such case, the organisations shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the activities carried out under the Agreement, the cost-sharing agreements are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

The organisations may agree to extend this Agreement in writing for subsequent periods of 2 years, subject to the inclusion of any activity conducted under this Agreement in the organisations' respective programme of work and budget.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the two organisations.

Disputes, Privileges and Immunities

Any disputes between the ILO and the OECD arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be settled amicably by the organisations. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the ILO or of the OECD.

This Agreement is signed in two original copies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the organisations affix their signatures below.

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ORGANISATION:**

**FOR THE ORGANISATION FOR
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