ILO Depository Library News 2019: The ILO Centenary, the new ILO Institutional Repository and Greening of the ILO

2019 was a momentous year for us. The ILO concluded its Centenary Conference in June, with 34 Heads of State and Government along with representatives of other member States reaffirming the ILO mandate and setting out expectations for the Organization as it enters its second century.

The Conference adopted a Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work to give direction towards shaping a future of work with social justice. It also adopted an ILO Convention and Recommendation on Violence and Harassment in the World of Work to stop widespread abuses, and continued to discuss the supervision of applying international labour standards.

Going back 100 years a new digital collection, Origins of the ILO: the Commission on International Labour Legislation, presents documents on the founding of the ILO. Please look at it to see how delegates at the Paris Peace Conference set out fundamental principles for working conditions, declaring that "the labour of a human being should not be treated... as merchandise or an article of commerce".

Other news to share include our makeover of Labordoc, the ILO institutional repository which provides access to hundreds of thousands of ILO books, journal articles, reports, working papers, meeting documents and more. A second interface, called LabourDiscovery, was developed to facilitate the discovery of these high quality research publications on the world of work.

The ILO is proud of its relationship with its Depository Libraries through which it has provided access to ILO publications since the 1960s. Some fifty depository libraries, including national, parliamentary, public, and university, research institute and think tank libraries, cooperate with the ILO to disseminate knowledge on the World of Work. Depository libraries provide guidance on making ILO research and documentation on international labour standards, labour law, and labour statistics, available to constituents and the general public.

In line with greening of the ILO to promote environmental consciousness and a paper-smart, digital-first policy, the ILO has been mandated to give preference to the digital dissemination of publications. Over recent years delegates to the International Labour Conference have grown accustomed to consulting reports online as more and more publications have become available solely through digital format. Please note that from 2020, the ILO will make documents available to Depository Libraries solely in digital format through the Depository Library website.

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Best regards,
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