

# The Global Coalition for Social Justice

## Advancing social justice for everyone, everywhere

The Global Coalition for Social Justice is a ground-breaking initiative aimed at intensifying collective efforts to urgently address social justice deficits and to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Decent Work Agenda. It creates a collaborative space for action, dialogue, and advocacy, in which partners shape individual and collective opportunities for concrete actions and tangible outcomes. The ultimate goal will be to achieve a greater balance amongst the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, to significantly reduce inequalities and poverty, and to meet essential needs and opportunities worldwide.

### From an uncertain world towards investments and policy coherence

Overlapping crises and the acceleration of long-term structural economic transformations are making it harder to achieve social justice and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Social justice makes societies and economies function better, reduces poverty, inequalities, and social tensions, and plays an important role in achieving shared prosperity, stability for peace and more inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development. Clearly, the quest for social justice, at the heart of the ILO's constitutional mandate, goes beyond the world of work and requires the involvement of the entire multilateral system.

### This way to social justice

The Coalition is a voluntary platform for governments, employers' and workers' organizations, international and regional organizations, financial institutions and development banks, enterprises, international non-governmental organizations and academia, committed to the advancement of social justice and to engage in collaborative efforts to achieve shared objectives. The Coalition leverages collaboration among partners to amplify the unique strengths of each participant, comprehensively and coherently addressing social justice challenges. The Coalition thus serves as a platform to generate increased political commitments and foster concrete actions in support of national priorities.

► **Rising inequalities**

Multidimensional and reinforcing inequalities such as gender, wages, opportunities

► **Climate change**

Disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable and marginalized

► **Transformative technologies**

Represent both an opportunity and a challenge for employment and skills



► **Geopolitical instability**

Has taken a heavy toll on the socio-economic situation in many countries

► **Rise in the cost of living and looming debt crisis**

Worsen the economic and social tension around the world

► **Lack of trust in institutions**

Deriving from increased institutional instability

## A voluntary Coalition to advance social justice

The Coalition will:

- ▶ Create a collaborative space in which partners join forces to shape individual and collective actions, with a focus on social justice and decent work, aiming at leaving no-one behind and accelerating the delivery of the 2030 Agenda in support of national priorities. The collaborative approach will ensure that each partner's strengths and expertise are maximized to effect real change, thereby amplifying the impact of their actions and relevance in addressing the needs identified, and achieving outcomes that go beyond what can be accomplished individually.
- ▶ Elevate advocacy efforts to incorporate the social justice dimension in the international, regional and national political debates.
- ▶ Serve as a platform to generate analytical and statistical research (including through a recurrent report on the state of social justice in the world), as well as allow for multilateral cooperation and knowledge sharing, using a web-based platform as a repository of good practices and increased policy coherence on social justice and decent work.



### Areas of immediate action

The Coalition's thematic development will be built on the common priorities and opportunities jointly identified by its partners, starting by:

- ▶ Addressing inequality, discrimination and exclusion.
- ▶ Realizing labour rights as human rights, ensuring human dignity and meeting basic needs.
- ▶ Expanding access to and capabilities for productive and freely chosen employment and sustainable enterprises.
- ▶ Providing protection and building resilience.
- ▶ Strengthening just transitions and the social dimension of sustainable development, trade and investment.
- ▶ Reinforcing institutions of social dialogue.

### Join the movement – become a partner!

- ▶ Increase the scale and impact of your actions by harnessing the mandates, priorities, and expertise of each partner and fostering collective efforts in pursuit of social justice.
- ▶ Achieve outcomes that cannot be attained individually by working together with others in a more coherent and coordinated manner.
- ▶ Identify new opportunities and partnerships by creating new networks, leveraging existing structures and activities with other partners, and facilitating the development of new collaborative initiatives.
- ▶ Increase the visibility of your actions and initiatives to advance social justice by benefiting from a broader network of actors to showcase and highlight progress.
- ▶ Benefit from social dialogue by leveraging the ILO's tripartite structure, its social partners' engagement, and its experience in social dialogue as an effective means to advance social justice sustainably.

