

World Health Organisation, ILO



International Organisations

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## Overview

- **World Health Organisation as a specialized agency of the UN**
- **Mandate and structure of International Labour Organisation**
- **ILO and other international organisations in comparison**
  - Competences
  - Means
- **Current discussions**

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## WHO

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- **Establishment**
  - Development after First World War
  - Specialized agency of the UN, established in 1946
- **Goals and mandate**
  - „happiness of people“
    - Highest attainable standard of health for all people
    - Health as a fundamental right
  - Co-ordination
  - Supporting members (technical assistance)
  - Development of international standards
  - Emergency aid

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## WHO

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- **Organisation and structure**

- Membership
  - All states
  - UN members have a right to admission
- Headquarters in Geneva
- Organs
  - World Health Assembly: Representation of all members
  - Executive Board: Experts
  - Secretariat

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## ILO: Overview

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- **Treaty of Versailles**

- Relevance of labour for international peace
- Statute integrated in the Treaty

- **Declaration of Philadelphia 1944**

- Substantial revision of Statute
- „Labour is not a commodity“

- **Membership**

- Open for all countries
- Tripartite structure: Government, workers and employers

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## ILO: Overview

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- **Organs**

- International Labour Conference
- Governing Body
- International Labour Office

- **Instruments**

- Labour standards
- Technical co-operation
- Research and training

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## Labour standards

- **Conventions**
  - Particularities
  - Core Conventions
- **Recommendations**
- **Declarations**
  - Declaration of Philadelphia
  - Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (core labour standards)
  - Declaration on Social Justice for Fair Globalization 7

## Key elements of the Declaration

- **A renewed commitment to the ILO's mandate**
  - **Links social justice to fair globalization**
  - **Builds on the ILO's Declaration of Philadelphia (1944) and the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998)**
  - **Confirms the universality of the Decent Work Agenda**
  - **Contributes to the social justice agenda in the wider United Nations**
  - **Includes outreach to IGOs and NGOs**
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## Strategic Policy Framework 2010-2015

- Envisioning an Organisation assisting its constituents to seize, from the standpoint of the world of work, the opportunities of globalization and to confront its challenges
  - Ensuring that ILO tripartite constituents are able, separately and together, and as an Organisation, to advance towards decent work and humane conditions of labour for all working women and men
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## Discussion on core labour standards

- **Labour standards as public goods**

- Public moral
- Universal values

- **Competitiveness**

- Race to the bottom
- Social dumping
- Competitive advantage for developing countries

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## Enforcement of core labour standards

- **Reporting procedure**

- Violation of Convention
- Violation of 1998 Declaration

- **Sanctions**

- Procedure according to Art. 33 ILO Constitution
  - Recommendations of Commission of Inquiry or ICJ
  - Deadline
  - Recommendation of Governing Body to the Conference
- Example: Myanmar/Burma

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