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Statistical Activities of the ILO

An Overview
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Brief history of ILO

- ILO a rights-based organization
 - with role to promote social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights.
 - “... universal and lasting peace can be established only if it is based on social justice.”
- Current focus:
 - creation of decent jobs and the kinds of economic and working conditions that give all a stake in lasting peace, prosperity and progress, i.e. Decent Work.

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ILO Organization Chart

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graph TD
    DG[Director General] --- SFW[Standards and Fundamental Principles and rights at work]
    DG --- PIS[Policy Integration & Statistics]
    DG --- RD[Regional Departments]
    DG --- MSA[Management, financial, and administrative services]
    
    SFW --- BIMPDC[BIMPDC]
    SFW --- EMP[Employment]
    SFW --- TRENDS[TRENDS (OILM)]
    SFW --- SP[Social protection]
    SFW --- SS[Social Security]
    SFW --- SD[Social Dialogue]
    SFW --- MIG[Migrant]
    
    PIS --- PCS[Policy Coherence Group]
    PIS --- BS[Bureau of Statistics]
    PIS --- G[Gender]
    
    RD --- AFR[Africa]
    RD --- ASA[Asia]
    RD --- EUR[Europe]
    RD --- LA[Latin America]
    RD --- ME[Middle East]
    
    RD --- IILSI[International Institute for Labour Studies]
    RD --- ITC[International Training Centre, Turin]
  
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STAT Organization Chart

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    OD[Office of the Director] --- IT[IT Services IP, 3Gs]
    OD --- AS[Administrative Services 3Gs]
    OD --- MAU[Methodology and Analysis Unit 12Ps]
    OD --- DPU[Data Production Unit 1P, 6Gs]
  
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ILO Statistical Activities

- Standards Setting: Conventions, Recommendations, Resolutions and Guidelines
- Capacity building: through training, technical assistance, provision of manuals & sponsoring of surveys.
- Compilation & dissemination of statistics and labour market indicators from official national sources as well as other repositories.
- Statistical analysis
- Provision of statistical services to ILO users.

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Direct support to countries


- International Standards
 - STAT (ICLS, MoE & advisory services)
- Technical Advisory services
 - STAT, Other HQ units & Field Offices
- Training
 - STAT, Turin Centre, Field Offices & Other HQ units
- Sponsoring specialized surveys: Other HQ units

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Compilation


- Compilation (statistics, indicators & metadata)
 - national sources: STAT (official only), Other HQ units, Field Offices
 - other sources (e.g. international agencies): Field Offices, Other HQ units
- Compilation (microdata)
 - Other HQ units, Field Offices

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Dissemination


- Statistics & metadata: <http://laborsta.ilo.org> & CD-ROM (190 countries, Time series since 1969)
- Printed publications: Yearbook of Labour Statistics (2 vols), Bulletin of Labour Statistics, October Inquiry Results, Statistical Sources and Methods
- Key Indicators of the LM (KILM): ILO TRENDS website & publication
- Regional websites & publications.
- Guidelines on specific technical issues + publications, standards, etc. : <http://www.ilo.org/stat>

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Other activities


- Statistical analysis (indicators, imputations, projections & aggregations):
 - STAT, Other HQ units, Field Offices
- Statistical services to other ILO units
 - STAT, TRENDS
- Monitoring Labour Statistics Convention (C160)
 - STAT
- Liaison with international statistical system
 - STAT (official), Other HQ units, Field Offices

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Framework Standards


- Convention 160 (1985)
 - *Basic framework (set of topics, principles covering confidentiality, consultation, dissemination and metadata)*
 - *Recognition of operational standards*
 - *International legal instrument*
- Recommendation 170 (1985)
 - *Supplements C160: periodicity, classification, basic infrastructure for statistical system, importance of operational standards*
- Supervisory mechanism to monitor application
- Established by ILC & Ratified by countries (C160)

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Operational Standards


- Resolutions
 - *Guidance on "best practice" in particular fields*
 - *Concepts, definitions, scope, coverage, classifications, types of data, reference periods, data sources, data collection methodologies, data dissemination, etc.*
 - *Consistent with other international standards, e.g. SNA*
- Guidelines
 - *Rapid advice on specific problems*
 - *Supplements resolutions*
- Adopted by ICLS/GB
- <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/standards/index.htm> for current set


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Possible areas for future developmental work


- Changing structure of labour force (Paris City Group ?)
- Informal employment (Delhi City Group)
- Labour productivity & labour inputs to national accounts (EUROSTAT, OECD, AFRISTAT, UNSD, ...)
- Child labour, Forced labour
- Labour statistics framework: flows, household & family composition, unpaid work, links with other domains of social & health statistics (ONS and any other interested NSOs)


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Possible areas for future developmental work 2


- Handbook of volunteer work (JHU)
- Indicators of labour under-utilization
- Revision of resolutions on ICSE, EAP and social security
- Measurement of decent work
- Harmonized framework for wages statistics (EUROSTAT)
- Labour migration statistics


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Decent Work Framework


- Definition
 - *productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity.*
- Integration of the axes of
 - fundamental rights at work - core labour standards;
 - creation of employment opportunities for all - employment goal;
 - social protection - regularity and safety, and
 - social dialogue - voices at work.


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Programme on Decent work


- Planning series of pilot tests of the use of country profiles (Austria, Ukraine)
- EC/ILO project: strengthening statistical capacity in selected developing countries for measuring decent work
- Task Force project on 'Framework for measuring quality of employment'


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ILO Capacity Building Efforts 1


- Strategic Policy Framework 2010–15:
 - major initiative in developing a technical cooperation programme on statistics on labour and social issues especially in support for labour force surveys, informal sector surveys, etc.
- Child labour statistics, statistics on working time
- International Standard Classification of Occupations, 2008 (ISCO-08): Implementation programme for use especially in 2010 round of population censuses


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ILO Capacity Building Efforts 2


- 2010 Round of population censuses
 - Workshops on using the UNSD/ILO Handbook on collecting statistics on EAP using population censuses
- Gender statistics:
 - Guidelines for mainstreaming gender in labour statistics
 - Training activities and advisory services
- Other areas in labour statistics such as labour statistics programmes, consumer price indices, household budget surveys, labour market information systems; etc


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ILO Capacity Building Efforts: MDG Indicators


- New target under MDG1 - "*Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people*"
 - 4 indicators proposed: working poor, employment-to-population ratio, labour productivity and employment share of own-account and contributing family workers.
- Continuing under MDG3 - "*Share of women in non-agricultural paid employment*"
- Providing technical advice to member States to produce and analyse these MDG indicators

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 **Means of delivery of TC**
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- Technical advice & consultancies, including use of inter-NSO and regional experts
- Development of training materials & courses
- Production of manuals:
 - Recent: *Disabled workers, Occupational injuries, CPI, Tourism statistics*
 - Expected: *ISCO-08, Informal employment, Migrant workers*

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 **Compilation: How do we improve?**
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- Review Topics, Split YBQ(?)
- Use SDMX and more intensive e-compilation
- Treat countries differently
- Possible use of semi-official data and data from other reliable sources, e.g. IOs
 - In collaboration with countries to validate and consolidate
- Minimize response burden on member States (joint collection with other IOs) whilst striving to fill in gaps as a matter of priority

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 **Other activities**
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- Improve website: more graphical and mapping facilities
- Improve use of indicators, imputations, projections & aggregations
 - ILO Comparable estimates
 - Estimates & projections of EAP
 - Regional and global aggregations (MDGs, etc.)
- Continue to be active in the international statistical system
- Monitor implementation of standards
 - Reporting mechanism on C160
 - DQAF for labour force statistics

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