

# Global Labour Rights and Agenda 2030

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# Agenda 2030



# Ireland co-led the international SDGs negotiations



Ireland's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, David Donoghue, with United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon.

# Scale of the challenge: Can we meet the SDGs by 2030?

Goal	Target	Grade
1. POVERTY	1.1 End Extreme Poverty	B
8. GROWTH	8.1 Economic Growth in LDCs	B
15. BIODIVERSITY	15.2 Halt Deforestation	B
3. HEALTH	3.1 Reduce Maternal Mortality	C
4. EDUCATION	4.1 Universal Secondary Education	C
16. PEACE	16.1 Reduce Violent Deaths	C
17. PARTNERSHIPS	17.1 Mobilise Domestic Resources	C
2. HUNGER	2.1 End Hunger	D
6. WATER & SANITATION	6.2 Universal Access to Sanitation	D
7. ENERGY	7.1 Universal Access to Energy	D
5. GENDER	5.3 End Child Marriage	E
9. INDUSTRIALISATION	9.2 Industrialisation in LDCs	E
10. INEQUALITY	10.1 Reduce Income Inequality	F
11. CITIES	11.1 Reduce Slum Populations	F
12. WASTE	12.5 Reduce Waste	F
13. CLIMATE CHANGE	13.2 Combat Climate Change	F
14. OCEANS	14.2 Protect Marine Environments	F

# Decent Work

- Decent work sums up the aspirations of people in their working lives. It involves:
  - opportunities for work that is productive and delivers a fair income,
  - security in the workplace and social protection for families,
  - better prospects for personal development and social integration,
  - freedom for people to express their concerns, organize and participate in the decisions that affect their lives and
  - equality of opportunity and treatment for all women and men.



# Goal 8



8.5- By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

8.6- By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training



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# Goal 8



8.7- Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms



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# Goal 8



8.8- Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment



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# The End to Poverty Initiative

## The ILO and the 2030 Agenda

*Work of the Future*

1 NO POVERTY : Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere

2 ZERO HUNGER — Rural economy / Cooperatives

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING } Social Protection Floors  
4 QUALITY EDUCATION } ILO/AIDS  
5 GENDER EQUALITY } Apprenticeship & Skills  
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION } Women at Work Initiative

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY } Sectors / Jobs / Quality

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ! — Decent Work Agenda  
Youth / Unacceptable forms of work

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE — Sustainable Enterprises  
Enterprises Initiative

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES — Jobs / Wages / Social Protection  
Rights / Migrants / Informal Economy

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION } Maritime Convention  
Livelihoods & Employment  
13 CLIMATE ACTION } Indigenous Peoples Convention  
Green Initiative

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

15 LIFE ON LAND

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS — Governance Initiative  
Jobs for Peace and Transition  
Social Dialogue / FoA  
Standards Initiative  
Labour inspection / OSH

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS — ILO in UN  
Tripartism

*Work in Progress!*

puts decent work for all at the heart of the world's sustainable development road map for the next 15 years.

# Joint Congress TCD project

How will the promotion of “sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth” be conjoined with improvements in workers’ rights and conditions at work?

How are improvements in workers’ rights and the promotion of ‘decent work’ measured?



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# A New Development Agenda?

- A new development agenda with a transformative potential?
- SDGs firmly envision poverty eradication through jobs and more importantly ‘decent work’.
- A move beyond the MDGs?



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# A New Development Agenda?

*“For these young women, these factories offer not only **opportunities for personal freedom**, but also the **first rung on the ladder of rising skills and income for themselves** and, within a few years, for their children.*

*Virtually every poor country that has developed successfully has gone through these first stages of industrialization” - J. Sachs, 2005*



# A New Development Agenda?

*“The MDGs presented a simplistic vision of meeting basic needs for all without recognising the root causes of poverty embedded in power relations and exacerbated by current economic models of neoliberal globalisation that prioritise corporate profits over human rights.” (Fukada Parr 2016)*



# A New Development Agenda?

- We see a potential ideological and theoretical shift.
- Inclusion of labour rights and inequality in particular.
- However, no mention of causes of labour rights abuses and inequality and so the transformative potential lies within its implementation.
- This is particularly relevant in terms of the labour rights and core labour standards.



# Decent Work in Global Supply Chains

- General Discussion at the 105<sup>th</sup> International Labour Conference, June 2016.
- An important pathway of implementation for the SDGs.
- Key discussion points mirror important wider discussions around global labour rights and sustainable development.



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# Decent Work in Global Supply Chains

- Decent work deficits through failures or systematic exploitation?
- Regulating global supply chains or voluntary private initiatives?
- DW as a prerequisite or a consequence of improved productivity?



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# Tentative Observations...

- A transformative potential exists.
- National trade unions and civil society organisations can use the SDG platform to promote progressive change.
- An important global tool to address the shortcomings of the MDGs.
- **However**, this very much depends on how it will be implemented.



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