Ireland and the ILO

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• First international civil servant
• Architect- ILO Tripartite structure
• Declaration of Philadelphia (1944)
Only tripartite UN Agency (Govts, Workers, Ers)

187 member states; promotes decent work for all; labour standards

Ireland joined in 1923

Ireland Titulaire (Voting/Speaking Rights) member of Governing Body 2017-20
Broader Context

• Multilateral system
  • Sustainable Development Goals- SDG 8

• 187 countries
  • Informal economy
  • Women at Work
Labour Standards

• Conventions and recommendations
  • 8 fundamental conventions

• Supervisory system
  • Reporting
  • Committee of Experts
  • Complaint system
ILO Governing Body (GB)

• Executive body- fortnight meetings (March and Nov), 1 day (June)

• 56 Titulaire members- 28 Governments+ 14 Workers + 14 Employers
  • 10 permanent Government members

• Ireland elected to Titulaire/Full Seat 2017-20; first time since we joined in 1923

• Speaking and voting rights; national position on each agenda item

• Interdepartmental Group- Social Partner Segment
GB Agenda

• Wide ranging

• Maritime matters [DTTAS], gender equality [DJE], Sustainable Development [DCCAE], tobacco [DHealth], development cooperation [Irish Aid], statistics [CSO]

• Country cases; Qatar, Myanmar, Venezuela

• 24/7 contact points [ILO Interdepartmental Group; Social Partners]
Tripartite Cooperation

• Ratification process
  • Domestic Workers Convention
  • Forced Labour Protocol

• International Labour Conference
  • Tripartite delegation
    ▪ Convention on Ending Violence and Harassment in World of Work

• National Centenary Event - Dublin Castle, 17th September
Centenary ILC

- Ireland played strong role
- CAS - country cases
  - Ireland Chair
- Standard setting - Violence & Harassment
  - Irish Tripartite delegation exemplar of Social Dialogue in action
- Centenary Declaration
  - Ireland EU Spokesperson
Centenary Declaration

- Safe & Healthy Working Conditions - FPRW process
- Gender Equality; world of work free from violence and harassment
- Labour protection and decent work in Global Supply Chains
- Commitment to universal access to social protection
- Support people through transitions - promotion of skills
- Contribution of social dialogue - overall cohesion of societies, building of social justice
- Sustainable economic growth [Climate change]; just transition
Date for Your Diary!

• Dublin Castle, 17th September
• Conference
• Phelan Lecture
• Register at ILO100@db ei.gov.ie