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National Dialogue on the Future of Work

Key recommendation from a high-level, tripartite dialogue on the Future of Work included aligning national laws with international labour standards; strengthening tripartite consultations and social dialogue; the eradication of child- and forced labour; and increased investment in skills development. The event, held in Dhaka in November 2019, also celebrated 100 years of the ILO.



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Social cohesion is key to reaping the benefits of migration

Migration is an important livelihood option for millions of Bangladeshis and their families. On International Migrants Day (2019), several UN Heads of Agencies in Bangladesh issued a joint statement calling for the protection, inclusion and integration of migrant workers.



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National Fire Service and Civil Defence Week

To mark Fire Service and Civil Defence Week (6-12 November, 2019), ILO Country Director Tuomo Poutiainen reflects on the development of fire safety measures in Bangladesh. The ILO's RMG programme



works closely with national regulatory agencies to address fire safety and improve working conditions.

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NEWS AND VIEWS



A greener life is a rosier one, thanks to mushrooms

An ILO project in Bangladesh has shown that the right policies can protect the environment, improve workers' lives and promote a greener economy. [Read more](#)



Supporting breastfeeding mothers in the workplace

Inspiring stories from factories affiliated with ILO-IFC Better Work Bangladesh (BWB) project show that breastfeeding facilities in the workplace benefit working mothers, their babies and employers. [Read more](#)



Labour inspectorate rolls out digitalized system to monitor all industries

The Bangladesh government has rolled out LIMA, a digitalized system, to better capture the collection, storage and analysis of labour inspection data. In 2019, 9,732 labour inspections were conducted using LIMA; over 40 times more than the inspections carried out in 2018. [Read more](#)



Skills Development in Government's 8th Five-Year Plan

In collaboration with *Prothom Alo* newspaper, the ILO's EU funded Skills 21 project organized a stakeholder roundtable on investing in skills development. The issue is core to the Government's upcoming 8th Five Year Plan. [Read more](#)



Bringing accountability to workplace safety

Maurice Brooks, Workplace Safety Expert of ILO's RMG programme in Bangladesh sheds light on a newly introduced governance protocol that would regulate non-compliance and delays in making factories safer. [Read more](#)



Access to finance for a safer RMG industry

Access to finance is a challenge for many small- and medium-sized garment factory owners to fulfill industrial safety requirements. Here's a story on Smart Knit Ltd. which addressed all its fire and structural safety issues thanks to Bangladesh Bank and JICA's remediation loan package. [Read more](#)



ILO and Gap Inc. launch new initiative to improve industrial relations in Bangladesh

The ILO and global apparel retailer, Gap Inc. launched a three-year joint initiative to strengthen social dialogue and industrial relations in all GAP sourcing factories in Bangladesh. [Read more](#)



ILO and partners celebrate International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (2019) highlighted the critical need to revitalize, preserve and promote indigenous languages around the world. ILO's global Indigenous Navigator project, supported by the EU has facilitated 25 indigenous communities in Bangladesh to collect data on their language, culture, livelihood, education, access to practice rights, employment, etc. [Read more](#)



Consultation workshop on eliminating child labour

A regional workshop explored gaps in the current knowledge base to end child labour in six South-East Asian nations namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan. [Read more](#)



Government of Bangladesh and ILO discuss responsible business practices in the garment industry

The Government of Bangladesh, led by the Ministry of Commerce, and the ILO held a high-level meeting in Dhaka on 30 April 2019 to look at the need for ongoing responsible and efficient business practices in the country's ready-made garment (RMG) industry. [Read more](#)



Global business forum highlights the importance of sustainability vision for Bangladesh's garment sector

Bangladesh's \$34 billion-a-year garment export industry is the second largest in the world and employs over four million workers. To discuss sustainable changes in this industry, leading figures from the country's RMG sector, and representatives from the world's largest retails brands, came together at the annual Bangladesh Business Forum in October 2019. [Read more](#)



Orientation workshop to facilitate the review of National Skills Development Policy

ILO's Skills 21 project conducted a series of policy dialogue orientation workshops to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas on National Skills Development Policy. [Read more](#)



Career guidance training for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) officials

Career guidance and employment services can help young people access information on labour market demands. ILO's Skills 21 project and ITCILO organised an eight-day training package for career's guidance staff at a Technical Teachers Training College in Dhaka. [Read more](#)

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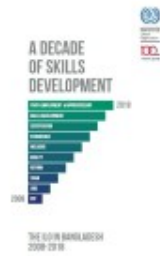


Labour Dispute Resolution in the Global South

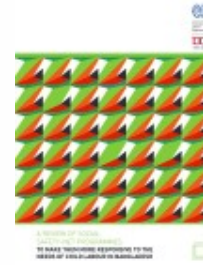
Dagmar Walter, Director of ILO's Decent Work Team for South Asia and Country Office for India, speaks about the challenges of resolving labour disputes in the Global South.

A regional Labour Dispute Resolution workshop was organised by ILO Bangladesh from 4-6 August 2019. Eminent judges, lawyers, arbitration experts and high-level government officials from eight countries - Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Philippines, South Africa and Sri Lanka - participated in the event. [Watch the video](#)

RESOURCES



A Decade of Skills Development:
The ILO in Bangladesh 2008-2018



A review of social safety-net
programmes to make them more
responsive to the needs of child labour
in Bangladesh



Better Work Bangladesh Newsletter
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Child labour monitoring in action in
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