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Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

## **Global Partnership for Development: Social Dialogue and the Decent Work Agenda - Key Tools for Equitable and Sustainable Development**

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#### **Abstract**

Millennium Development Goal #8 speaks to the creation of global partnerships for global development. The mandate of the International Labour Organization is to pursue social justice through is the promotion of opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity. In order to make this a reality, the ILO has been setting labour standards since its inception in 1919 and has formulated the Decent Work Agenda which provides an integrated approach and tool for Development. This paper will seek to outline the elements of the Decent Work Agenda: namely realization of fundamental principles and rights at work; full decent and productive employment for men and women; enhanced coverage and effectiveness of social protection; and tripartism and social dialogue. The paper will also seek to show that tripartism and social dialogue, the partnership of governments, trade unions and employers' organizations, is a key tool for the creation of broad consensus and commitment to the development agenda within national borders and across borders.

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