

Progress on ILO Convention 169

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ILO: International Labour Organisation

- Created in 1919 on mandate of social justice
- 185 Member States Tripartite constituents: governments, workers, employers
- UN agency since 1947 seat in Geneva
- Establishes and supervises implementation of international labour standards
- Conventions: international agreements open to ratification
- EU promotes ratification and effective implementation of ILO conventions
- EU-ILO cooperation





- Cornestone: Establishment of appropriate and effective mechanisms for the consultation and the participation of indigenous and tribal peoples regarding matters that concern them
- Government action, participation and consultation
- Parts: Policy; Land; Employment; Training; Social protection; Education; International; Administration
- Systematic action to protect rights and guarantee integrity of peoples with agencies and appropriate mechanisms to administer programmes (2,33)
- Right to decide own development priorities and participate at all stages when directly affected (7)
- Consultation requirements (6)





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- Revised ILO Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention, 1957 (No.107)
- Adopted in 1989, Entered into force in 1991
- C169 ratified by 22 countries, including Norway (1990) and Denmark (1996)
 Netherlands (1998) and Spain (2007)
 Process in Finland (Arctic Strategy 2013)
- C107 still in force for 17 countries, including Belgium (1958)





Actions related to ILO C169

- ILO 1989 resolution to promote rights of Indigenous Peoples
- ILO sharing of experiences and good practices including Sami Parliaments, Arctic Council
- EU works with ILO on promotion of C169 and Indigenous Peoples' rights (EIDHR –funded project)
- C169 and UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples mutually reinforcing: C169 legally binding, UN agencies to support realisation of UNDRIP (United Nations Indigenous Peoples' Partnership UNIPP including ILO)





More information

Employment and social affairshttp://ec.europa.eu/social

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http://www.ilo.org

