



GOVERNMENTS FROM COFFEE-PRODUCING AND COFFEE-CONSUMING COUNTRIES

All countries have an obligation to respect, promote and realize, in good faith, the principles concerning the fundamental principle and right at work of a safe and healthy working environment.

Countries, in consultation with organizations of employers and workers, should progressively set up national OSH policies, programmes, and systems and build a national preventative safety and health culture.

Vision Zero Fund's work is based on a consultation process with stakeholders and reflects shared priorities, commitments, and actions to promote safety and health in the coffee supply chain.

Active engagement from governments is essential to building a national preventative safety and health culture. Recommended actions include:

- Ratify **ILO OSH Conventions no. 155** (Occupational Safety and Health Convention) and [no.187](#) (Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention) in consultation with the most representative organisations of employers and workers.
- Establish a **comprehensive national occupational safety and health system** in agriculture, encompassing a cohesive policy, aligned legislation, thorough [inspection protocols](#), data gathering, training, and equitable protection for all workers.
- Implement OSH/occupational health [research initiatives](#) that focus on women workers.
- Support **awareness-raising programmes** in the media, trade press or social media platforms, including participating in the #CoffeePeople challenge.
- Host a joint event with Vision Zero Fund as part of the #CoffeePeople Technical Webinar Series to share **expertise, data, and practical tools** for finding sustainable solutions and addressing root causes of OSH challenges in the coffee supply chain.
- Take action to improve your **national OSH system and programme**, [including](#) gender-sensitive OSH legislation (including C184 and C190), compliance assurance [mechanisms](#), [data collection](#), and [training](#), paying particular attention to those laws and policies covering the agricultural sector as well as [young workers](#).
- Develop [educational programmes](#), materials and [appropriate advice](#) and [training](#) for [small farmers and small and medium size enterprises](#) on OSH.
- Promote a **joint initiative**, support south-south cooperation activities, or a **public-private partnership** with OSH at its core.
- Promote **good social practice** among coffee multinational and national enterprises operating in your country, in accordance with the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy ([MNE Declaration](#)).
- Establish new or strengthen existing **social dialogue mechanisms** at national and sectoral levels, to ensure that employers' and workers' organizations actively participate and propose measures, programmes and activities to improve OSH in the coffee supply chain.