



Alliance 8.7 – Terms of Reference

I. Mission statement

Alliance 8.7 is an inclusive global partnership committed to achieving Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals. This Target calls for States to: take immediate action and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking by 2030 and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

II. Objectives

Alliance 8.7 will support countries and other partners in this effort by:

- Increasing collaborative action on Target 8.7, ensuring acceleration, focus and coherence;
- Driving innovation and scaling up solutions that work; and
- Providing a platform to engage in dialogue and to share knowledge and information.

III. Means of action

The Alliance serves partners as a platform for exchange, access to data, information, innovation and good practice, support for political commitment, and assists in leveraging resources. The Alliance 8.7 website, the Pathfinder Country Strategy, Action Groups, Working Groups and other initiatives are key vehicles to provide partners with these services.

IV. Organizational structure

An inclusive, lean and flexible structure best serves the open structure of the Alliance. Alliance 8.7 is composed of Partners, a Global Coordinating Group (GCG), Action Groups, Working Groups, and a Secretariat.

Alliance 8.7 Partners

Alliance 8.7 partners include countries, UN agencies and entities, inter-governmental bodies, regional organizations and initiatives, social partners (workers' and employers' organizations), business networks, civil society organizations including victims and survivors' organizations, academic and research institutions, and public and private donors.



Interested individuals and groups are encouraged to follow Alliance 8.7 activities and progress via the partnership engagement platform and by subscribing to the Alliance 8.7 newsletter (<http://www.alliance87.org>).

Partners will support or implement initiatives towards achieving Target 8.7 and are encouraged to propose the creation or reactivation of Action Groups, act as leads and otherwise participate in them as well as to exchange information and knowledge. They commit to promote or realize international human rights standards and obligations, including applicable international labour standards.

Countries are invited to participate as partners or be part of the Pathfinder Country (PFC) community. PFCs demonstrate commitment to implement meaningful efforts, undertake innovative actions, and share good practices to accelerate progress in tackling Target 8.7. They must adhere to the provisions of the Pathfinder Country Accountability Framework, including by organizing strategic planning workshops and developing a Roadmap for accelerating action toward achieving Target 8.7, as prerequisite to becoming a PFC.

Global Coordinating Group (GCG)

Functions:

- The GCG reviews progress and provides strategic direction to the Alliance.
- It reviews proposals and decides on the creation of new Action Groups, Working Groups and other initiatives that have specific time-bound outcomes, based on identified needs and available resources.
- It monitors Action Groups and Working Groups and supports the implementation of their workplans.
- It reviews Roadmaps of candidate PFCs, provides feedback on them, and grants PFC status to candidates as appropriate.
- It monitors and supports the implementation of PFC Roadmaps, particularly through its SDG Target 8.7 Monitoring Working Group.
- It also addresses governance issues and decides on changes in the operational structure of Alliance 8.7, if needed.

Composition: GCG membership works on a rotating basis and is representative of key stakeholder groups and geographic regions. Government members should rotate every three years. Governments wishing to step down from the GCG before their three-year mandate is finished, may do so. Decision about rotating modalities of representatives is subject to each group.

The GCG is composed of 32 seats shared among the following groups

- One government Chair and one government Deputy Chair, nominated by consensus by governments and approved by consensus by the GCG every three years.
- 15 government representatives: five seats for Pathfinder Country representatives (in principle one per region); five seats for development partner countries; five seats for governments (one from each geographical region recognized by the UN, nominated by the regional groups and responsible to speak on behalf of the region).
- Six representatives of UN and inter-governmental organizations, in their capacity as (co)chairs of Action Groups or given their mission's relevance to Target 8.7.
- Three representatives each from workers' and employers' organizations, nominated by ITUC and IOE, respectively.
- Three representatives from non-governmental organizations, nominated by the Alliance 8.7 NGO Forum.
- Additional representatives of stakeholder groups, regional organizations or related SDG partnerships can be invited by the Chair on an ad hoc basis, as observers without speaking rights, after informing the Secretariat of their interest to do so and after informing the GCG.

If a GCG member does not participate in 3 consecutive GCG meetings without prior notice, their seat will be given to another representative of the respective stakeholder group.

Chair:

- The Chair and Deputy Chair provide political leadership for the global movement to tackle forced labour, human trafficking, modern slavery and child labour.
- They represent Alliance 8.7 at conferences, public meetings and media events.
- They preside over the GCG and facilitate consensus building among GCG members with impartiality.

Decision-making: Decisions are taken by consensus, based on present representatives and as long as a quorum is reached. Quorum consists of at least 16 GCG representatives, with at least one member of each stakeholder group being present.

Frequency of meetings: The GCG meets at least twice a year, in person or virtually. Additional conference calls might be scheduled by the Chair upon request. GCG representatives are expected to cover their own travel expenses.

Follow-up: Minutes of each meetings with key conclusions, decision and action points for follow-up will be prepared and sent out by the Chair/Deputy Chair to all GCG representatives, with support of the Secretariat. Meeting minutes will faithfully reflect the discussions and summarize key conclusions.

Secretariat

Functions:

- The Secretariat has an administrative function and supports the operation of the GCG, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Alliance.
- Its functions include the preparation of draft communication, invitations, agendas, guidance notes, and other activities, upon request by the Chair.
- It keeps track of key initiatives contributing to Target 8.7 and provides the Chair and Deputy Chair with periodic updates and inputs for the monthly Alliance 8.7 newsletter.
- It supports external communication with stakeholders and interested parties and maintains the Alliance 8.7 Partnership Engagement Platform (website).
- It provides support for all aspects of the Pathfinder Accountability Framework.

The ILO is the Secretariat of Alliance 8.7. Secretariat leadership and performance will be reviewed on a periodic basis by the GCG.

Review

The Terms of Reference and other operational modalities will be regularly reviewed by the GCG to ensure they align with the operational reality and needs of the GCG.