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ILO is 100 Years

Accra, Ghana, 17 January 2019 –The International Labour Organization (ILO) is commemorating its 100th anniversary with the launching of a new interactive website dubbed “Our Story, Your Story” (<https://www.ilo.org/100/en/>). The website takes browsers through the Organization’s past, present and future. It also reveals a new chapter, each covering a world of work theme, from 9 January until 13 March.

The electronic communication tools, launched at the global level, is to engage the public with the priority issues of the world of work. Browsers will have the opportunity to undertake a global online tour of ILO across four continents within 24 hours at some point.

Later in the year, the ILO will also launch a new global awareness-raising campaign: Taking the ILO to the People, using striking visuals and messages, to connect the public with the work of the ILO and how it has benefitted people’s lives over the past 100 years. The campaign links back to the interactive website.

In Ghana, the ILO Projects’ Office will observe the centenary celebrations with a mini-symposium to bring into focus the national achievements of the ILO and its partners and reaffirm its position as the authoritative global organization for the world of work. The symposium will be accompanied by a post-event photo exhibition featuring a photographic history of the ILO and policy documents developed with the support of the ILO in Ghana.

The ILO Projects’ Office works closely with the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, the Trades Union Congress of Ghana, and the Ghana Employers Association.

The ILO was founded in 1919, following the end of the First World War, as a way of promoting lasting peace based on the decent and fair treatment of workers throughout the world. At 100 years this year, ILO is recognized as the oldest UN organization. Ghana joined the ILO in 1957, immediately upon attaining independence from Britain that year, and has been a valuable and active member ever since. Among other things, Ghana has ratified core ILO conventions that guarantee worker rights and the freedom to form or join unions; the right to collective bargaining; the abolishing of forced labour; and equal treatment of workers to mention a few.

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