Interactive Technical Session on Post-2030 Child Labour Target Setting

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I. Background and description of the session

With the 2030 deadline for the elimination of child labour approaching, there is a growing need to reflect on how future global child labour targets should be framed beyond 2030. Drawing on more than 25 years of ILO–UNICEF data, recent trend analysis, and forward-looking scenario modelling, this interactive technical session will provide a dedicated space for experts to examine what forms post-2030 child labour targets could take, how ambitious they can realistically be, and how they can remain grounded in robust evidence and feasible policy pathways within a changing global development context.

The session aims to support a shared technical understanding of key principles and design choices relevant to future global child labour frameworks. It will focus on four core dimensions—regional differentiation, target formulation, time horizons and milestones, and disaggregation and intersectionality—identified as critical for ensuring that post-2030 targets are both analytically sound and responsive to diverse country contexts. The discussion is intended to inform ongoing and future technical work, expert consultations, and analytical processes related to post-2030 child labour target setting.

II. Methodology and expected results

The session will be structured as a facilitated technical exchange anchored in parallel working group discussions. Following a brief opening by ILO and UNICEF

to frame the evidence base and key analytical questions, participants will be divided into four working groups, each addressing one core technical dimension of post-2030 child labour target setting. Each group will work with a limited set of guiding questions and a designated rapporteur responsible for capturing priority technical insights and recommendations, with inputs for consideration in plenary discussion.

The session is expected to produce a consolidated set of technical considerations to inform post-2030 child labour target setting, including guidance on target formulations, timelines and milestones, disaggregation, and data requirements. These inputs will inform subsequent analytical work, technical discussions, and expert consultations, contributing to the development of evidence-based, realistic, and coherent global child labour targets beyond 2030.