



ILO's Vision Zero Fund and the European Coffee Federation collaborate to improve occupational safety and health in the global coffee supply chain

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The ILO's Vision Zero Fund (VZF) and the European Coffee Federation (ECF) have joined hands in a collaborative effort aimed at advancing occupational safety and health (OSH) in the coffee value chain.

Under this partnership, the ILO VZF and ECF will unite their efforts to raise awareness about OSH-related hazards and practical solutions, while also rallying global and national stakeholders to promote, practice, and ensure safe and healthy working conditions for all coffee workers.

The ECF and ILO VZF complement each other's roles in advocating for sustainable, ethical, and inclusive workplace practices. In celebration of this year's International Coffee Day (ICD) on October 1, 2023, the ILO VZF is launching the #CoffeePeople campaign and a social media challenge centered around the theme of "advocating for the right to a secure and healthy work environment within the coffee supply chain."

This campaign aims to engage directly with coffee-producing and consuming nations, international organizations active in the coffee sector, coffee brands, and notable public figures.

Eileen Gordon, ECF Secretary General, said: "We are excited to announce this dynamic partnership dedicated to advancing occupational safety and health (OSH) within the global coffee industry. We will support the ILO VZF in their efforts to galvanize stakeholders to promote sustainable, ethical, and inclusive workplace practices for coffee workers worldwide".

About European Coffee Federation (ECF):

The European Coffee Federation (ECF) is the representative organisation for the European coffee trade and industry. ECF represents the interests of the European green coffee traders, roasters, soluble coffee manufacturers, decaffeinator and warehousekeepers. ECF has, as members, 16 national associations and 38 corporate members, speaking in total for over 750 European companies – ranging from SMEs to internationally operating companies – and representing approximately 90% of the European coffee trade volume. ECF offers its members a forum for exchange, identifying industry-wide issues of common interest in the areas of food safety, sustainability and international trade. To learn more, contact us at info@ecf-coffee.org



About ILO's Vision Zero Fund:

The ILO's Vision Zero Fund is based on a model of collective action that mobilizes a wide range of stakeholders, including global business, to develop and implement joint solutions to endemic safety and health challenges in global supply chains. It is active in the agriculture, construction, and garment / textiles supply chains, and currently implements projects in eight countries on three continents. Vision Zero Fund is an integral part of the ILO's Flagship Programme Safety + Health for All that aims to improve the health and safety of all workers worldwide. It is an initiative of the G7 and has been endorsed by the G20: www.ilo.org/vzf/.

Vision Zero Fund is part of Safety & Health for All, an ILO flagship programme building a culture of safe, healthy work. This programme is funded by the European Union. To learn more, contact us at vzf@ilo.org.