INVITATION

12 June
World Day against
Child Labour

United to end
child labour
in agriculture

What:
To mark the World Day Against Child Labour, the European Commission’s Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) are jointly organising a conference followed by an interactive workshop.

Why:
• Nearly half of the 152 million child labourers are engaged in the worst forms of child labour. 71% of all child workers are found in agriculture.
• Key factors contributing to child labour in rural areas are low family income, household poverty and lack of organization of farm workers and small producers.
• The UN Sustainable Development Goal 8, Target 7, calls for ‘immediate and effective measures to … secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour ... and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.’

Objectives:
The conference panellists and the workshop participants will
• discuss experiences, concrete opportunities and underutilised potentials to reduce and end child labour in agriculture,
• share views for an integrated and multi-sectoral approach,
• discuss on improved and effective solutions to meet international commitments,
• reflect on how to upscale efforts and on how to reach all those involved in child labour,
• consider on how to reach the neglected majority of child labourers in supply chains and family subsistence farming,
• explore the potential of building and strengthening partnerships, and
• formulate recommendations to end child labour in agriculture.

When and where:
On Wednesday 12 June 2019 at the Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels.

08.30 - 12.30 Conference with specialised speakers
A light lunch will be offered after the conference
13.30 - 17.30 Technical Workshop with experts and participants to formulate policy recommendations.

Who:
EU Institutions, EU Member States, Members of the European Parliament, international organisations, governmental and non-governmental organisations, partner countries, donors, development practitioners, private sector, academia, research institutes, social partners, media, major agriculture organisations, fair trade and consumers’ organisations.

Registration:
We kindly ask you to register your interest in joining this event. By filling out the online registration form you can decide to attend either the conference or the workshop or both.

Useful webpages and reports:
DEVCO: Employment & Social Inclusion
DEVCO: Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
FAO: Child Labour in agriculture
ILO: Ending child labour by 2025: A review of policies and programmes

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