UNV and International Labour Organization sign Memorandum of Understanding

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is partnering with the International Labour Organization to mobilize UN Volunteers in field projects around the world.

UNV and the International Labour Organization (ILO) will partner on the deployment of UN Volunteers in support of the organization’s work, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Moussa Oumarou, ILO Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships, and Olivier Adam, Executive Coordinator of UNV, signed the agreement on 9 March 2020, at ILO headquarters in Geneva.

Volunteering plays an important role in promoting social justice and...
human and labour rights – which is at the heart of the ILO’s mandate.
--Moussa Oumarou, ILO Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, UN Volunteers may be deployed in field duty stations to support the implementation of ILO projects.

We are delighted to sign this partnership agreement to mobilize qualified and highly motivated UN Volunteers to support ILO’s important work and increase the recognition of volunteerism as a valued means of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. -- Olivier Adam, UNV Executive Coordinator

UNV and the ILO are already collaborating on measuring the impact of volunteering, and the latter has conducted a global review of national practices in measuring volunteer work. In addition, it has developed, tested and provided advice on new survey tools in several countries.

The ILO has also supported UNV research on the relationship between volunteer work and labour market prospects for youth, as a contribution to the UNV-International Federation of the Red Cross Global Technical Meeting on Volunteering, which takes place later this year.

Sustainable Development Goal: SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals