



## STAFF UNION INTERNAL CIRCULAR

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### STAFF UNION REPRESENTATION IN THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AT HEADQUARTERS AND IN FIELD OFFICES

#### **Introduction**

**Objective:** The objective of this Circular is to ensure consistency in the practices followed by the Staff Union at Headquarters and in the field offices, in conformity with the Staff Union Rules, by increasing transparency and coordination. This circular replaces the previous circular SU/CIRC/06(Rev.3) of January 2020. It does not apply to the Staff Union Committee of the International Training Centre in Turin, which has its own rules on the organization of elections and regional meetings.

#### **HEADQUARTERS**

##### **Electoral constituencies for Union Stewards**

Headquarters is composed of 37 electoral constituencies (Annex I), which take into account the outcome of the structural reform of the Office, initiated by the Director-General in 2013.

##### **Structure and election of the staff union representation in headquarters**

Each constituency should be represented by at least one Union Steward. These will be elected for a two-year mandate through general elections covering all constituencies at the same time. Elections for Union Stewards should take place every two years and shall be carried out in conformity with the relevant provisions of Appendix III of the Staff Union Rules.

For large units, more than one Union Steward can run for election.

## **FIELD OFFICES**

### **Local constituencies**

The field structure consists of 39 local constituencies (Annex II). Staff working on temporary or technical cooperation projects will be represented by the Committee of the duty station to which they normally report under the Field Office structure. In all cases, there will be a local Staff Union constituency when the office is composed of at least five staff members. If offices are composed of fewer than five staff members, groupings will be considered in order to form a constituency. In addition, each constituency must be approved by the Staff Union Committee at headquarters.

### **Local committees**

Each local constituency must be represented by a local Committee composed of 3 (minimum), 5, or 7 (maximum) persons, including in all cases at least a Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary, depending on the size of the constituency. Each local committee should as far as possible represent the diversity of staff in terms of gender, sexual orientation, type of contract and categories of staff.

### **Designation of local committees and Staff Union representatives**

Local elections will be held for the appointment of local committees in each region on a regular and synchronized basis in accordance with the provisions of Appendix III of the Staff Union Rules. Elections for each region shall be held every two years, in the year of the regional meeting in that region. The years of general elections for all Local Committees are usually decided at the Global Meeting of all ILO Union Representatives, which is held every five years (see Annex IV). Local representatives will be elected for a two-year term. Normally, elections for Local Committees take place from 1 to 31 March of the year of the election decided for each region.

### **Organization and conduct of elections for the local committees**

The organisation and conduct of the elections are set out in the Staff Union's internal circular No. 2 (SU/CIRC/2(Rev.1) of May 2020).

### **Regional committees**

The field structure of the Staff Union shall comprise four Regional Committees representing Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab States and the Americas and the Caribbean. Each Regional Committee shall meet every other year, as provided in Article 25 of the Staff Union Rules.

Each local committee shall designate one representative to participate in the corresponding Regional Committee.

Participation in the Meetings of the Regional Committees (Regional Meetings) or other meetings organized by the Staff Union Committee shall be conditional upon the provision of full accounts on a regular basis, including a list of members, the financial situation, income and expenditure, and a description of activities and outputs achieved. The detailed list of information to be provided can be found in Annex III.

## **Constituencies at Headquarters**

1. PARDEV (DCSU – DPRU – ESPU)
2. DCOMM (ADVOCACY – MEDIA – WEB – PUBL)
3. INTSERV 1 (FACILITIES – SECURITY)
4. INTSERV 2 (DISTR – IMPR – REPRO – PRODOC – CORRECTION – DTP)
5. INFOTEC 1 (IMS)
6. INFOTEC 2 (TMS)
7. INFOTEC 3 (AMS)
8. INFOTEC 4 (INFOTEC – PGMS and PMO – ISAS and ISO)
9. INFOTEC 5 (RAMS)
10. PROGRAM
11. TREASURY and FINANCE CONTROL (FINANCE – PROCUREMENT – RISK MANAGEMENT → BUDFIN, BUD/CT, BUD/REG, PAIE/CLAIMS, PAIE/CPU – TREASURY, COMPT, TRES/OPS)
12. SECTOR
13. WORKQUALITY 1 (INWORK)
14. WORKQUALITY 2 (Including GED-ILOADIDS-MIGRANT)
15. EMPLOYMENT (including EMPLAB – EMPINVEST – DEVINVEST – CEPOL – SME – SKILLS - YEP)
16. JUR
17. TRIB
18. MULTILATERALS
19. ISSA
20. ACTRAV
21. ACTEMP
22. SYNDICAT
23. EVAL and IAO
24. NORMES (including APPL – LIBSYND)
25. ENTERPRISES (including COOP – GREEN – MULTI – SFU)
26. GOVERNANCE 1 (including DIALOGUE – LABOURLAW – LABADMIN/OSH)
27. GOVERNANCE 2 (BETTER WORK)
28. GOVERNANCE 3 (FUNDAMENTALS)
29. STATISTICS
30. SOCPRO
31. CABINET (DDG/MR – DDG/P – DDG/FOP)
32. RESEARCH (including REVUE)
33. HRD 1 (HR/POL → SHIF – PENSION – COMPENSATION)
34. HRD 2 (HR/TALENT → CAPABILITY – RESOURCING – ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN)
35. HRD 3 (HR/OPS)
36. HRD 4 (HR/MSU – MEDIATOR – JAAB – STAFF WELFARE – MEDSERV)
37. RELMEETINGS (RELOFF - OFFDOC)

**Constituencies in field offices****AFRICA**

Abidjan  
Abuja  
Addis Ababa  
Algiers  
Antananarivo  
Cairo  
Dakar  
Dar es Salaam  
Harare  
Kinshasa  
Lusaka  
Pretoria  
Yaoundé

**AMERICAS**

Brasilia  
Buenos Aires  
Lima  
Mexico  
Montevideo  
Port of Spain  
San José  
Santiago  
United States duty stations (New York, Washington)

**ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

Bangkok  
Beijing  
Colombo  
Dhaka  
Hanoi  
Islamabad  
Jakarta  
Kabul  
Kathmandu  
Manila  
New Delhi  
Phnom Penh  
Suva  
Tokyo  
Yangon

**EUROPE AND THE ARAB STATES**

Ankara

Beirut

Budapest

European Union duty stations (Berlin, Brussels, Lisbon, Madrid, Paris, Rome)

Moscow

**THE ITCILO**

Turin

**Proposed guidelines for local office presentations at regional meetings**

*Proposition de canevas pour la présentation  
des bureaux aux réunions régionales*

*Propuesta de directrices para la presentación de las oficinas locales en las  
reuniones regionales*

**1. Presentation of the Office**

*Présentation du Bureau*

*Presentación de la Oficina*

**2. Summary of the main activities during the period covered**

*Sommaire sur les principales activités au cours de la période couverte*

*Resumen de las principales actividades durante el período cubierto*

**3. Financial statement 20XX-20XX**

*Situation financière 20XX-20XX*

*Situación financiera 20XX-20XX*

**4. Relations between the Union and the Management**

*Relations entre le syndicat et le Management*

*Relaciones entre el Sindicato y los directivos*

**5. Security: / Sécurité : / Seguridad:**

**a. Duty station**

*Du pays d'affection*

*En el lugar de destino*

**b. Countries covered**

*Des pays couverts*

*En los países cubiertos*

**c. Premises**

*Des locaux abritant le(s) bureau(x)*

*En las oficinas*

**d. The homes of international and national staff**

*Des domiciles du personnel international et national*

*En las viviendas de los funcionarios internacionales y nacionales*

**e. Travels**

*Des déplacements*  
*Durante los viajes*

**6. Health and hygiene: / Santé et hygiène : / Salud e hygiene:**

**a. Hygiene of premises**

*Hygiène des locaux*  
*Higiene de los locales*

**b. Health facilities**

*Offres sanitaires*  
*Establecimientos de salud*

**c. Periodic medical visits**

*Visites médicales périodiques*  
*Visitas médicas periodicas*

**d. SHIF (benefits and repayment)**

*CAPS (prestations et délais de remboursement)*  
*CAPS (prestaciones y reembolsos)*

**7. Recruitment and selection**

*Recrutement et sélection*  
*Reclutamiento y selección*

**8. International and national staff mobility**

*Mobilité des fonctionnaires internationaux et nationaux*  
*Movilidad de los funcionarios internacionales y nacionales*

**9. Classification and promotions**

*Classification et promotions*  
*Clasificación y promociones*

**10. Development funds management**

*Gestion du Fonds de développement*  
*Gestión del fondo de desarrollo*

**11. Technical cooperation staff**

*Personnel de la coopération technique*  
*Personal de la cooperación técnica*

**a. Contracts**

*Contrats*  
*Contratos*

**b. Lack of application of ILO rules in their favor (working week, overtime, leave, ...)**

*Problèmes d'applications des règles du BIT qui leur sont favorables (durée hebdomadaire de travail, heures supplémentaires, congés, ...)*

*Falta de aplicación de las reglas de la OIT en su favor (tiempo de trabajo, horas suplementarias, vacaciones, ...)*

**c. Precariousness of their jobs**

*Précarité de leurs emplois*

*Precariedad de sus empleos*

**12. Salary Surveys**

*Enquêtes sur les salaires*

*Encuesta sobre los salarios*

**13. Cooperation with the other UN staff associations (FUNSA, CCISUA,...)**

*Coopération avec les autres associations de personnel du SNU (FAPNU, CCISUA,...)*

*Cooperación con las otras asociaciones del personal de las Naciones Unidas (FAPNU, CCISUA, ...)*

**14. Other specific concerns of the Office**

*Autres préoccupations particulières du Bureau*

*Otras preocupaciones específicas de la Oficina*

**ILO Staff Union Circular No. 6 and its implications:**  
**Schedule of Regional Meetings and elections**

2016: Africa and the Americas/Caribbean

2017: Asia and Europe/Middle East

2018: Africa and the Americas/Caribbean

2019: Asia and Europe/Middle East

**2020: Global Meeting** to celebrate 100 years of the ILO Staff Union (Elections in Africa and the Americas/Caribbean take place and mini regional sessions organized during the Global Meeting)

2021: Asia and Europe/Middle East

2022: Africa and the Americas/Caribbean

2023: Asia and Europe/Middle East

2024: Africa and the Americas/Caribbean

**2025: Global Meeting** (elections take place in Asia and Europe/Middle East and mini regional sessions organized during the Global Meeting)

Proposed dates for the election for staff representatives in regions: 1-31 March each year