

Goal 8

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Goal 8 was discussed lengthy, with a number of countries presenting proposals which we are concerned about.

We strongly believe that this goal should **focus on decent work**, with inclusive and sustainable economic development within planetary boundaries.

We reject the notion that **economic growth** should be the focus, too often economic growth has been **job-less growth**, has not benefitted development.

Prioritizing growth for growth over everything else has lead to increased inequalities, poverty and environmental destruction and pollution.

Industrialized countries need to create **ecological space for low income countries to grow** their value added.

GOAL TITLE:

We propose to move to the beginning of the title “decent work for all” as that that is the goal, and this is achieved through inclusive, sustainable economic development.

For target 1, we recommend to delete the mention of growth and focus on increased per capita human development and GDP in low income countries, by adding both we bring in the multi-dimensional aspects of poverty eradication.

For target 2, should be retained

For target 3, should mention the right to work and living wage as well as gender pay gap and informal and migrant workers

We strongly support **8.4, retain**

For 8.5, we suggest however **qualifying** sound macro-economic by adding that it should promote equitable, environmental and socially sound development, and **ensuring redistributive** fiscal policies

The macro-economics targets needs in addition a target bis. on absolute not relative decoupling economic growth from ecological footprint, by setting targets to place **caps on virgin resource extraction** (new mines, logging of primary forest) including through Cap-and-Share.

We suggest **additions to 8.5**:

- 8.5.bis Increase union membership density by x% by 2030
- By 2020 Protect the rights of all workers, including migrant workers, in compliance with ILO fundamental principles and rights at work, and international labour standards

- By 2020 ensure a minimum living wage sufficient to support a family to live with dignity, particularly workers in the informal sector, women workers, domestic workers, and migrant workers

Both **target 8.6 and 8.7** need rewording to focus on **accountable**, transparent, socially just and environmentally sound businesses, tourism and investments, and could refer to UNEP's E-RISC (Ecological Risk Integration to Sovereign Credit).

Target 8.8 needs to reflect the important development role of **Cooperatives**, creation of jobs, local markets, equitable access and alternate forms of ownership

Target 8.9 needs to reflect that economies that promote decent work

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Target 8.12 often **infrastructure and unchecked free trade** have detrimental impacts on people living in poverty and the environment, for example from **land-grabbing or displacements** for large dams. This target needs to ensure that infrastructure will have environmental, social and gender **impact assessment**, full **participation** of impacted communities and **redress** and liability measures.

Target 8.13 on ending child labour we strongly support, and suggest **adding -forced labour** and legal recourse.

Target 8.14 This is a key target, which requires the additional mention of full access to social protection. (ref: ILO convention C177 *on home work (work in the informal economy)*) and end policies that promote the **exploitation of migrant workers**, including through the regulation of recruitment agencies and the elimination of debt bondage.

Target 8.16 on **Beyond GDP** is key of course, can be merged with 8.1.

Co-chairs, this Goal is very large with many targets, and some countries have suggested to split this goal. We believe it belongs together, but we would suggest that you add a third type of indicator, maybe in grey colour, in addition to the unique targets of the goal, the MOI targets of the goal and then the inter-linkage targets of the goal, which are targets which have been taken out of other goals and refer to this goal area.

Thank you chair