



Section des Anciens



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Section of Former Officials of the ILO

Syndicat du personnel de l'OIT - ILO Staff Union

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Mr Gilbert F. Hougbo
Director General elect
International Labour Office
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Dear Mr Director General elect,

The Bureau of the ILO Former Officials Section warmly congratulates you on your election as Director General of the International Labour Office and wishes you every success throughout your term of office.

On this occasion, I would like to say a few words about the place of the Former Officials Section within our Organization. Although the Section is a statutory component of the ILO Staff Union, it operates independently and is open to all officials who worked in the Organization, whether Union members or not. Its main objective is to maintain links between retired staff members by informing and communicating with them about all issues of common interest, as well as helping them individually with administrative procedures. To this end, the elected Bureau of the Former Officials Section is in regular contact with various ILO departments, in particular HRD and INTSERV. The smooth running of the SHIF and the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund, to both of which we feel a strong attachment, is also the object of our permanent attention.

Former officials continue to show a keen interest in the ILO's policies and development actions worldwide, especially in these times of great upheaval. The event organized by the Former Officials Section on the occasion of the Centenary celebration in 2019 presented a vivid opportunity to talk about the role of the ILO at different historical moments of change in various regions of the world. More than 500 retired staff members participated in this event, which was honoured by the presence of Director General Guy Ryder.

Mr Director General elect, we look forward to continued cooperation with you and your good offices, and the Bureau of the Section stands ready to meet you to enable it both to congratulate you in person on your election and present its activities.

On behalf of the members of the Bureau of the ILO Former Officials Section therefore, and in the hope that we will indeed be able to see you soon, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary
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