

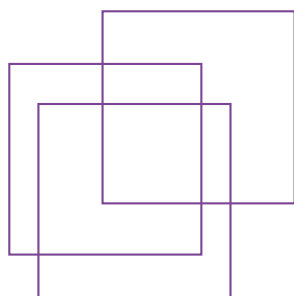


# ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

(INCLUDING ARAB STATES)



International  
Labour  
Organization



**2016 Report – Multinational Enterprises,  
Development and Decent Work: the promotion and  
application of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles  
concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social  
Policy (MNE Declaration) in Asia and the Pacific**



## MNE DECLARATION

The ILO MNE Declaration recognizes the important role of MNEs in social and economic development and decent work for all. It seeks to **encourage their positive contribution** and **minimize and resolve potential negative impacts**.

The principles in this tripartite-agreed global instrument offer **guidelines to MNEs, governments, and employers' and workers' organisations** in the areas of employment, training, conditions of work and life, and industrial relations.



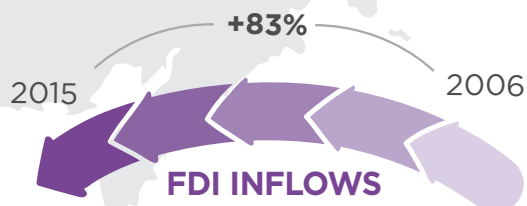
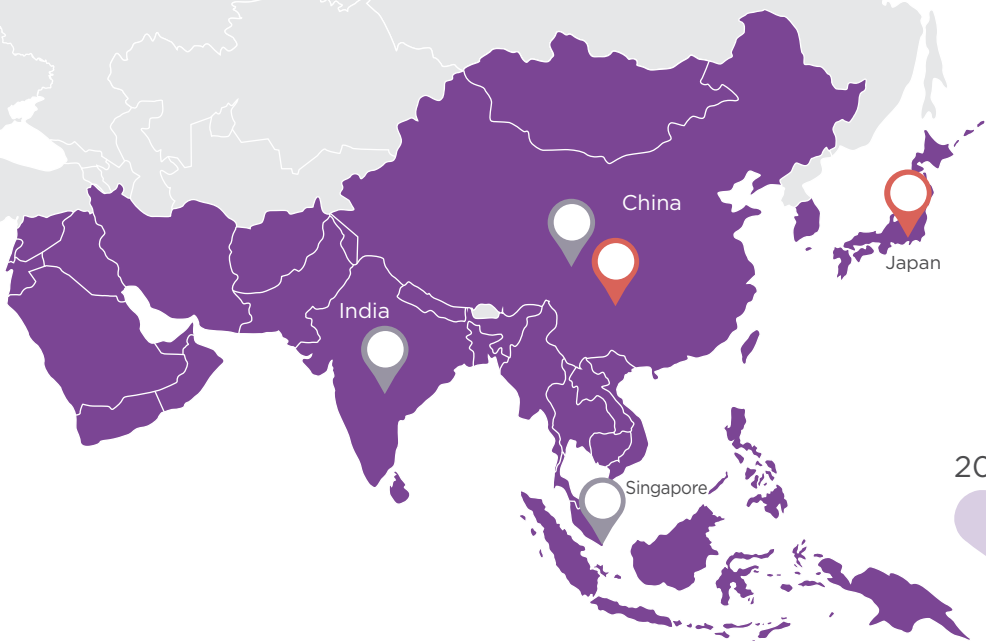
As part of the regional follow-up mechanism to the MNE Declaration, a **QUESTIONNAIRE** was sent to governments and employers' and workers' organizations in the region. It requested them to provide information on the way in which they have **PROMOTED AND APPLIED THE PRINCIPLES** of the MNE Declaration at the country level. The report synthesizes their responses and provides an overview of FDI and related decent work opportunities and challenges in the region.

# AT A GLANCE: FDI AND DECENT WORK IN THE REGION

18 of the world's **TOP 100 NON-FINANCIAL MNEs** are located in the region.

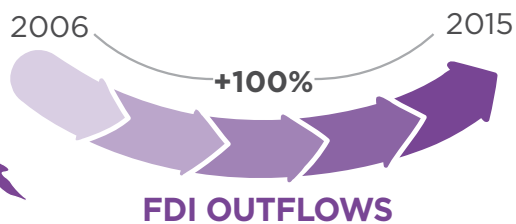
 **Highest recipients of FDI**

 **Highest FDI investors**



The region accounts for about **HALF** of the world's economic growth.

**HALF** of the world's poorest people reside in this region.



## CREATION OF JOBS

More than **1.5 MILLION** jobs have been created through greenfield FDI in the region in 2016-17.



## DECENT WORK DEFICITS

Inequality, unemployment, non-standard forms of work, informality, forced labour and concerns regarding freedom of association **REMAIN PREVALENT.**

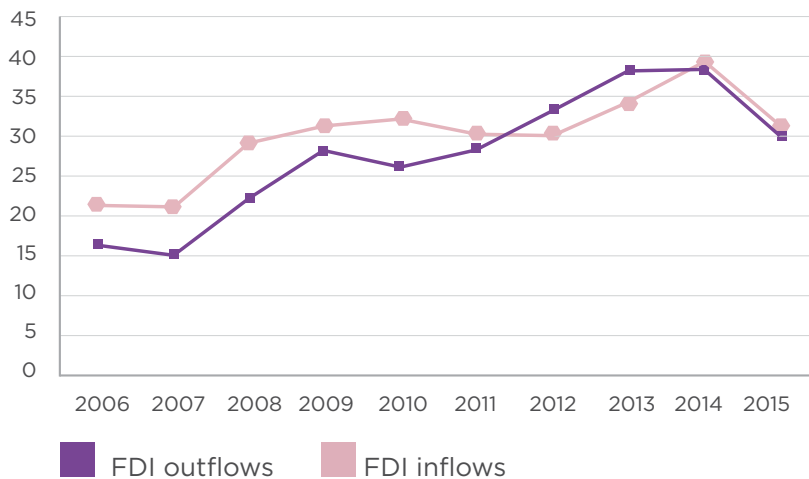


## POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS

Some policies implemented in the region promote the **POSITIVE IMPACT OF FDI** by encouraging linkages between MNEs and domestic enterprises and by providing opportunities for skills development.

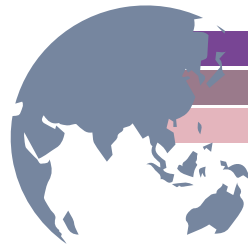


## REGION'S SHARE OF WORLD FLOWS (%)



Afghanistan			
Australia	■	■	■
Bahrain	■	■	■
Bangladesh	■	■	■
Brunei Darussalam			
Cambodia	■	■	■
China	■	■	■
Cook Islands	■	■	■
Fiji	■	■	■
India	■	■	■
Indonesia	■	■	■
Iraq	■	■	■
Islamic Republic of Iran			
Japan	■	■	■
Jordan			
Kiribati			
Republic of Korea	■	■	■
Kuwait			
Lebanon	■	■	■
Lao People's Democratic Republic			
Malaysia			
Maldives			
Marshall Islands			
Mongolia	■	■	■
Myanmar	■	■	■
Nepal	■	■	■
New Zealand	■	■	■
Oman			
Pakistan	■	■	■
Palau			
Papua New Guinea			
Philippines	■	■	■
Qatar	■	■	■
Samoa	■	■	■
Saudi Arabia			
Singapore			
Solomon Islands			
Sri Lanka	■	■	■
Syrian Arab Republic			
Thailand			
Timor-Leste			
Tonga	■	■	■
Tuvalu			
United Arab Emirates			
Vanuatu			
Viet Nam	■	■	■
Yemen			

# VIEWS FROM GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS FROM THE REGION, BASED ON INPUTS DIRECTLY RECEIVED FROM:

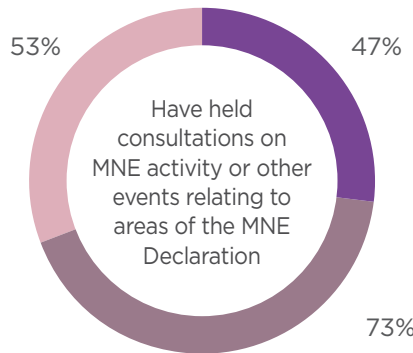
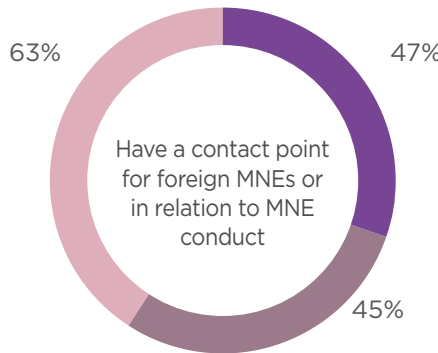


18 governments

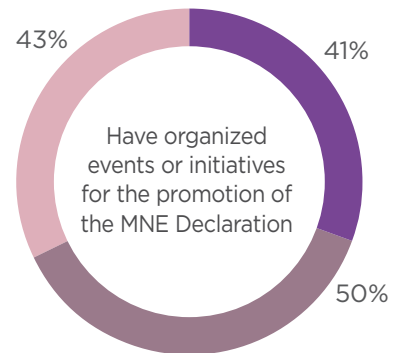
22 employers' organizations

30 workers' organizations

## DIALOGUE AND CONSULTATION WITH MNEs AND/OR ON THEIR ACTIVITIES



## PROMOTION OF THE MNE DECLARATION AT COUNTRY LEVEL



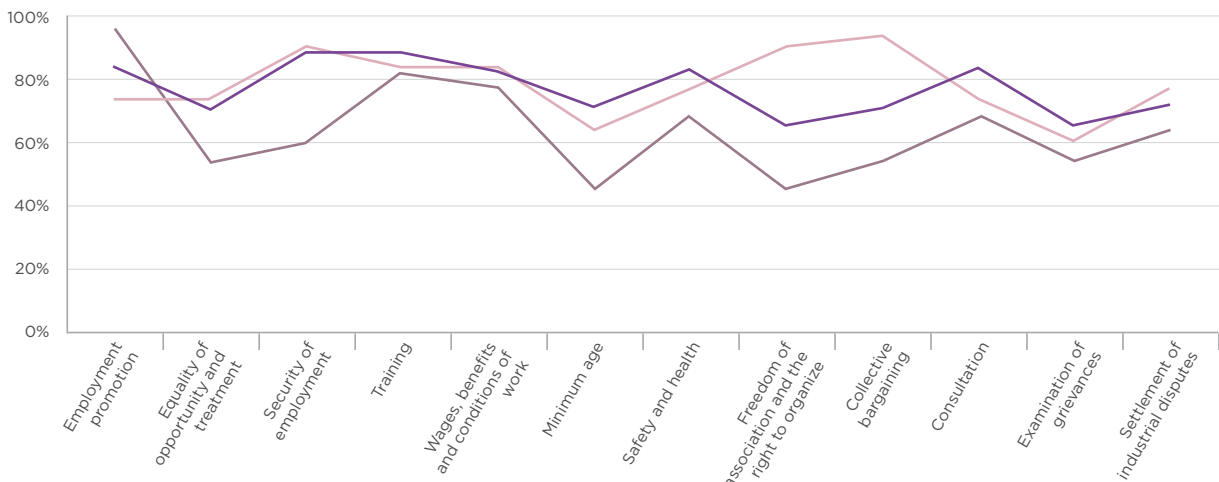
68%

Organised events jointly with other groups

52%

Organised events jointly with peers of other countries

## AREAS OF THE MNE DECLARATION CONSIDERED AS RELEVANT FOR EACH GROUP



■ Governments ■ Employers' organizations ■ Workers' organizations

## MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS' AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS TO ENHANCE THE IMPACT OF THE MNE DECLARATION IN THE REGION

- Implement appropriate regulatory and policy frameworks to advance the application of the principles of the MNE Declaration
- Strengthen the capacity of governments, employers' and workers' organizations to effectively promote and apply the MNE Declaration
- Further research the impact of the MNE operations in host economies
- Increase knowledge sharing on best practices on the implementation of the MNE Declaration across the region



### THE BALI DECLARATION Adopted at the 16<sup>th</sup> Asia and the Pacific regional meeting

“During the period leading up to the 17<sup>th</sup> Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting, policy priorities for member States in the region, to be implemented in consultation with the social partners, include: (...) maximizing the opportunities for decent work arising from investment, trade and the operation of multinational enterprises, through the promotion and application of the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy”

[Paragraph 10]



## FURTHER RESOURCES

MNE Declaration  
[www.ilo.org/mnedeclaration](http://www.ilo.org/mnedeclaration)

Multinational Enterprises and  
Enterprise Engagement Unit  
[www.ilo.org/multi](http://www.ilo.org/multi)

ILO Helpdesk for Business on International  
Labour Standards  
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