# NON-STANDARD EMPLOYMENT AROUND THE WORLD



Understanding challenges, shaping prospects



**Legal implications and Regulatory Responses** 

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### **Defining Non-standard employment**



Temporary employment



Multi-party employment relationship



Part-time and on-call work



Disguised employment/ dependent self-employment

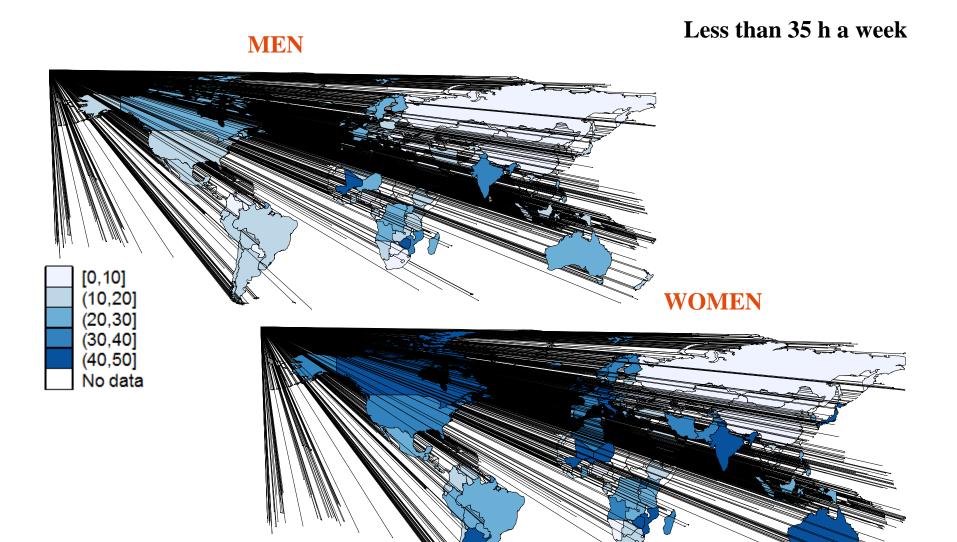
## Defining Non-standard employment

- > Temporary work
  - Fixed term contracts; casual work
- Multiparty employment relationship
  - > Agency work, subcontracting, franchising, supply chains, "fissurisation"
- > Part-time
  - Marginal PT, On-call and zero-hours contracts
- Disguised employment and dependent selfemployment
  - ➤ Bogus self-employment, "intermediate categories", the gig-economy

# Fundamental principles and rights at work

- Freedom of association and collective bargaining
  - Use of multiparty arrangements dividing the workforce and fragmenting bargaining units
    - Legal obstacles and thresholds
  - General legal exclusions for some categories of NSE
    - Self-employment and antitrust
  - > Fear of retaliation and non-renewal of temporary contracts
- Forced labour
  - Recruitment agencies and supply chains (ILC 2016)
- Child Labour
  - Exclusion from labour protection and supply chains
- Discrimination
  - Exclusion from labour protection and over-representation of groups at risk of discrimination

### Part-time wage employment



#### TRANSFORMING NON-STANDARD EMPLOYMENT



#### MAKING JOBS BETTER

**LEGISLATIVE RESPONSES** 



**COLLECTIVE RESPONSES** 

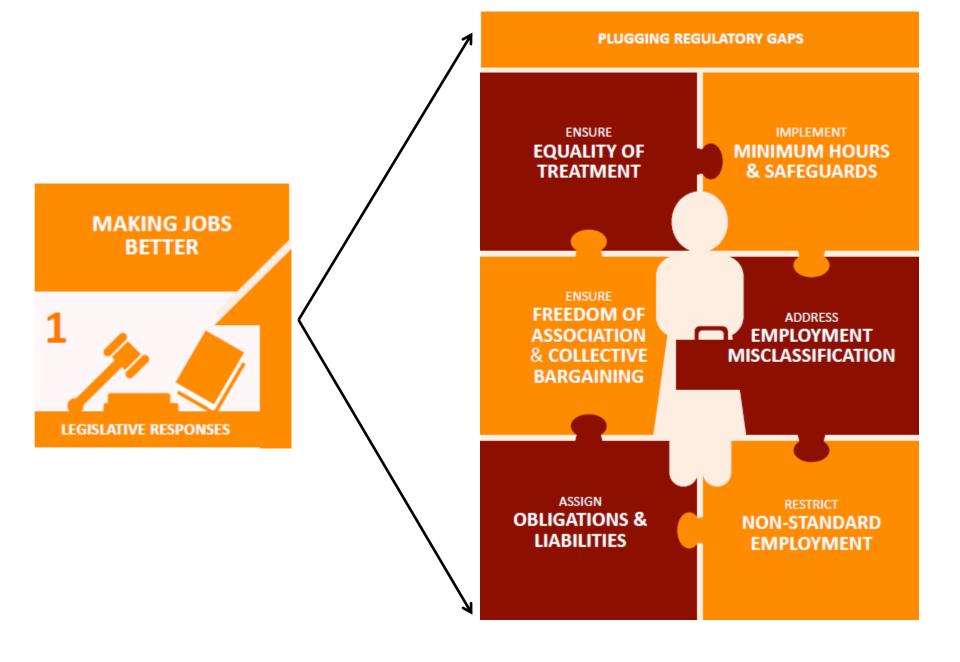
### SUPPORTING WORKERS



**SOCIAL PROTECTION** 



**EMPLOYMENT/SOCIAL POLICIES** 



# Ensuring equality of treatment

- Non-discrimination between non-standard and standard workers
  - > ILO Convention No. 175
  - EU Directives
  - National legislations
- Possible issues even when non-discrimination is established
  - Exceptions and legal loopholes
  - Lack of comparable workers
  - ➤ Need of specific protections
- Equal treatment before the law
  - Exclusion of some NSE from equal treatment
  - Qualifying periods and continuity of employment

# Protecting part-time, on-call and casual workers

- ➤ Granting minimum hours for parttime workers
  - Increase in contractual hours if average hours exceed agreed hours over a reference period
- Providing notice periods
- Providing minimum payment for cancellation of shifts
- Banning exclusivity clauses

# Addressing employment misclassification

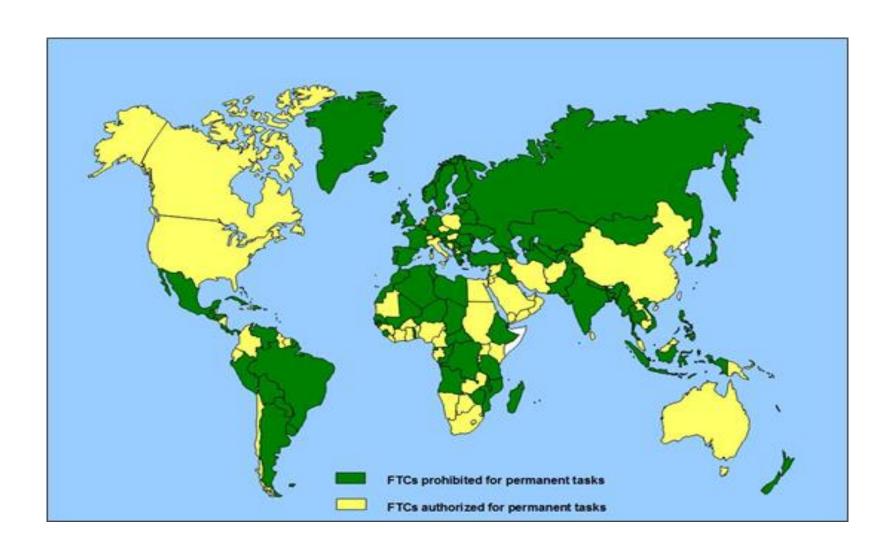
Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)

- Primacy of fact: "the determination of the existence of such a relationship should be guided primarily by the facts relating to the performance of work and the remuneration of the worker"
  - Statutory provision, case law, general principles of law
- Allowing a broad range of means for determining the existence of an employment relationship
  - Multifactor test beyond the control test
  - Broad interpretation of the control test
- Providing for a presumption
  - General
  - Based on specific indicators
- An intermediate category of workers (for the gig-economy)?

# Restricting the use of nonstandard employment

- Prohibition of using FTC for permanent tasks
- > Limitations on the use of TAW
- Limitation of renewals or overall duration of FTC, TAW and casual work
- Restricting or prohibiting on-call contracts
- Limiting the percentage of non-standard workers
- ➤ Limiting NSE to non-core activities

### **Examples of restrictions: regulation of FTC**



# Assigning obligations and responsibilities

- Ensuring awareness of rights and obligations as mandated by Private Employment Agencies Convention and Recommendation
- Joint and several liabilities in TAW
- Shared liabilities in OSH
- Joint and several liabilities in subcontracting
  - ➤ Possible mitigation: e.g. duty of information or no "losing contracts"
- Shared liabilities in chains of contracts and "hot cargo" provisions
- Joint employment

# Ensuring freedom of association and collective bargaining

- > Removing legislative barriers to the affiliation of all workers to unions
- Removing impediments to collective action disproportionately affecting nonstandard workers
- Preventing discrimination against nonstandard workers based on union affiliation
  - ➤ Prohibiting non-renewal or "zeroing-down" of contracts for discriminatory reasons

### Thank you!



Report and data are available at:

http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/employment-security/non-standard-employment/lang--en/index.htm