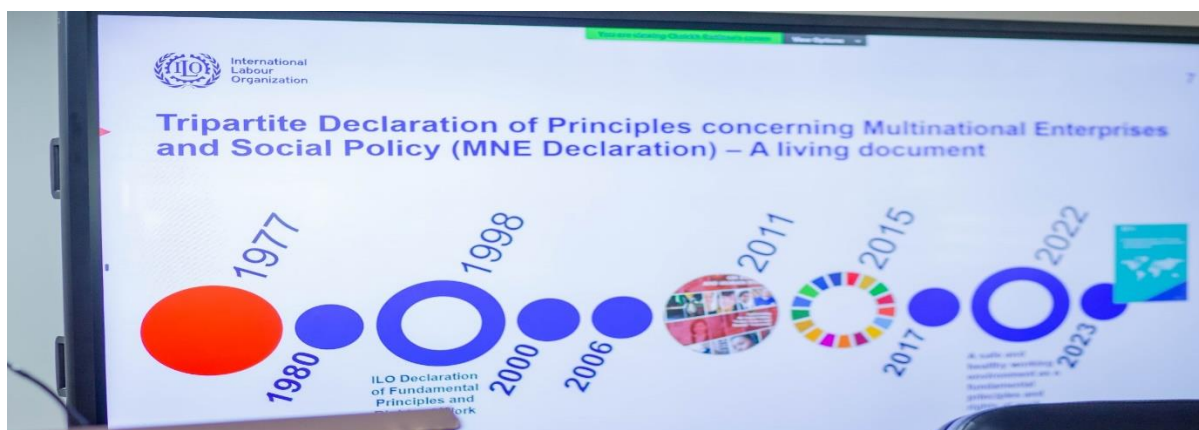


**Accra: ILO/Finland Trade for Decent Work Project Holds MNE Forum for Key Stakeholders In the Agricultural Value Chain.**



ILO/EU Trade for Decent Work Project- Ghana, has held a Multinational Enterprise (MNE) Declaration forum for key Stakeholders in the Agricultural Value Chain. The meeting is to primarily identify joint priorities and areas of collaboration to eliminate Child Labour and its root causes. Participants are to identify challenges and opportunities linked to the operations of multinational (and national) enterprises in the sector. After the two-day nonresidential session, the stakeholders are expected to build a common understanding of the ILO MNE Declaration and the relevance of its principles to mobilize enterprises and ILO constituents for more and better jobs in the sector.



## The ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy

(MNE Declaration) offers guidance for the promotion of sustainable, responsible and inclusive business practices for human-centered approach to achieve decent work for all.

Speaking at the forum, a Technical Specialist at the ILO, Chiekh Badiane, noted that the aim of the MNE declaration is to encourage the positive contribution of multinational enterprises to economic and social progress and the realization of decent work for all. The declaration according to him, will also help to minimize and resolve the difficulties associated with the operations of multinational Enterprises. He explained that although the ILO at its level does not directly punish enterprises that flout the principles of the MNE declaration, the organization has a help desk where complaints can be lodged.



Though the MNE Declaration is not legally binding. Countries are however encouraged to ensure the implementation of the principles in the declaration to promote decent work. She emphasized the role of Multinational Enterprises in job creation. Mrs. Ofori Asumadu noted, that the agraric sector has a lot of multinational enterprises, hence the need to engage them in the on the many good labour principles captured in the MNE Declaration.

After the day's meeting, a roadmap for the promotion and application of the MNE Declaration in the Agricultural Value chain is to be drafted. The forum was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations GIPC COCOBOD.