

## Semi-Annual Report of the IEA Informal Work Technical Committee – Jan to June 2024

Name of Technical Committee: Informal Work Technical Committee  
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 Co-chair Europe - TBD  
 Appointment date of co-chairpersons: February 2023  
 Secretary (optional): n/a  
 Appointment date of secretary: n/a

Reporting Year	Work Group / Executive Members	Current Membership	Activities accomplished for the reporting year Jan – June 2024.	Activities planned for the following term July – Dec 2024	Support requested from IEA Executive Committee, Standing Committees or other Technical Committees for the following year 2024
Jan-June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clive D’Souza, USA</li> <li>• Bernard Martin</li> <li>• Augustine Acquah, Ghana</li> <li>• Arlen Garagay, Chile</li> <li>• Acran Salmen-Navarro, USA</li> <li>• Mohammad Muzammil, India</li> <li>• Somnath Gangopadhyay, India</li> <li>• Anindya Kumar Ganguli, India</li> </ul>	No. of members: 26  Countries involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazil</li> <li>• Chile</li> <li>• Ecuador</li> <li>• Ghana</li> <li>• India</li> <li>• South Africa</li> <li>• Switzerland</li> <li>• United Kingdom</li> <li>• USA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held monthly zoom meetings to network and develop TC plans.</li> <li>• Conducted Special Session on "Electronic Waste and Informal Work in LMICs" at the 2024 Congress of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH), Morocco, April 2024. Presenters included Clive D’Souza, Acran-Salmen Navarro, Ikenna Ebuenyi.</li> <li>• Clive D’Souza and Acran Salmen-Navarro led formation of the “Global Coalition on Health of Informal Workers” at the ICOH Congress in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for a special session titled “Physical Ergonomics and Psychosocial Hazards of Informal Work” and one general track on informal work at the 2024 IEA Congress in Jeju, August 2024. The IEA Congress will also include a keynote on informal work by Shengli Niu (ILO) facilitated by TC members Maggie Graf and Acran Salmen-Navarro.</li> </ul>	N/A

			<p>Marrakech, Morocco. The Coalition is intended to serve as a international forum and built community around stakeholders in the informal sector to share knowledge about and explore facilitators and barriers affecting all aspects of occupational health and well-being of informal workers. Major partners include IEA, ICOH, IOHA, ILO, IALI, and multiple other professional societies and non-profit organizations (e.g., WHWB, WIEGO).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalizing plans for one IEA webinar titled "Ergonomics and Human Factors in the Informal Work Sector" for introducing the broader community of IEA members and affiliates to ergonomics issues in the informal sector and the objectives of the Informal Work TC. This is scheduled for July 18, 2024. Presenters: Maggie Graf, Acran Salmen-Navarro, Bernard Martin, Augustine Acquah, Paulo Oliveira, Clive D'Souza.</li><li>• Planning for webinar on the most representative informal jobs in Latin America and their status in Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, Peru &amp; Colombia (Oct-Nov '24). Details TBD.</li><li>• Planning for participation in the Healthy Workers and Work Environments (HWWE) 2024 conference to be held at University of Calcutta, India, December '24. TC member Somnath Gangopadhyay to coordinate a special session on Informal Work. One abstract by Maggie Graf submitted. Seeking additional abstracts.</li></ul>	
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