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Daza, José Luis, Departamento de diálogo social, legislación y administración del trabajo
Ginebra: 2005, 72 p.

Examines the concepts of the informal economy and informal employment as defined by the ILO and describes the characteristics and legal frameworks of informal work in various countries. Considers the establishment of the concept of informal work for the purposes of labour administration and discusses challenges in extending the goal of decent work to the informal economy.

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[Designing programmes to improve working and employment conditions in the informal economy](#)

Rinehart, Richard D., Conditions of Work and Employment Programme
Geneva: 2004, 98 p.

Reviews literature related to promoting working and employment conditions for women and men in microenterprises, small enterprises and the informal economy. Analyses the approaches and strategies that have made a positive difference in peoples' lives.

[Measuring the informal economy: From employment in the informal sector to informal employment](#)

Husmanns, Bureau of Statistics
Geneva: 2004, 31 p.

Refers to discussions at the 2002 International Labour Conference and the 2003 and earlier International Conferences of Labour Statisticians, where the need for a proper definition and measurement criteria of employment in the informal sector and of informal employment was pointed out.

De la informalidad a la modernidad

Tokman, Victor E.

Boletín técnico interamericano de formación profesional : boletín Cinterfor/OIT, Montevideo, n°155 (2003), p.9-32

Aboga por la regularización y formalización de sector informal, de una importancia cada vez mayor en la creación de empleos, simplificando el sistema tributario y los trámites administrativos.

Decent work in the informal sector

Musiolek, Bettina, InFocus Programme on Boosting Employment through Small Enterprise Development

Geneva: 2002, 91 p.

Examines growth of informal activities resulting from economic restructuring and globalisation.

L' économie informelle et son financement

Balkenhol, Bernd

Education ouvrière, Genève, n°127 (2002), p.51-53

Discusses the ILO's role in promoting access to credit for the working poor.

Las finanzas en la economía informal

Balkenhol, Bernd

Educación obrera, Ginebra, n°127 (2002), p.51-53

Discusses the ILO's role in promoting access to credit for the working poor.

Globalization and the informal economy

Carr, Marylin, Chen, Martha Alter, Employment Sector

Geneva: 2002, 24 p.

Examines the impact of globalization on those who work in the informal economy, with a special emphasis on women workers and producers.

ILO Compendium of official statistics on employment in the informal sector

Husmanns, Ralf, Jeu, Brigitte du, Bureau of Statistics

Geneva: 2002, 67 p.

Based on data obtained from a database on the informal sector created by the ILO's Bureau of Statistics in 1998 and updated in 2001.

International labour standards and the informal sector

Schlyter, Charlotta, Employment Sector

Geneva: 2002, 27 p.

Explores how the informal sector should be approached in the light of the mandate of the ILO. Reviews the application of each major category of labour standards to the informal sector .

L'organisation dans l'économie informelle

Gallin, Dan

Education ouvrière, Genève, n°127 (2002), p. 23-28

Argues that in order to organize women informal workers, trade unions should try to build coalitions with women's organizations.

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[Organizing the informal economy](#)

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Labour education, Geneva, n°127 (2002), p. 23-27

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[Supporting workers in the informal economy](#)

Chen, Martha Alter, Jhabvala, Renana, Lund, Frances, Employment Sector

Geneva: 2002, 52 p.

Provides a conceptual and normative framework for developing an appropriate policy response to some of the problems posed by the informal economy.

[Trabajo, legislación y el concepto de "informalidad"](#)

Justice, Dwight W.

Educación obrera, Ginebra, n°127 (2002), p. 4-8.

Examines whether the concept of informality is useful or meaningful. Argues that it would be more helpful to concentrate on identifying workers that are unrepresented, unrecognized or unprotected.

[Travail, droit et "informalité"](#)

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[Le travail informel: du concept à l'action](#)

Nathan, Christine

Education ouvrière, Genève, n°127 (2002), p.1-3

Argues that the ILO should abandon its policies and activities based on an acceptance of "informality". Suggests that the objective should be the transformation of informal activity into formal or mainstream activity.

[Women and men in the informal economy: a statistical picture](#)

Lim, Lin Lean, Gender Promotion Programme

Geneva: 2002, 64 p.

Presents a statistical overview of the informal economy worldwide from 1990 to 2000. Describes the difficulties in defining and measuring the informal economy.

[Work, law and the "informality" concept](#)

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[Decimoquinta conferencia internacional de estadísticos del trabajo, ginebra, 19-28 de enero de 1993: informe de la conferencia](#)

Conferencia internacional de estadísticos del trabajo

Ginebra: 1993, 123 p.

Reviews the work of the ILO Bureau of Statistics from 1987 to January 1993. Presents the discussions held on: concept and measurement of absence from work; income from employment; the concepts and principles of a labour accounting system; statistics on industrial action; statistics on informal sector employment; and the revision of the International Classification on Status in Employment. Includes the texts of the ILO Resolutions concerning: (1) statistics of strikes,

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lockouts and other action due to labour disputes; (2) the statistics of employment in the informal sector; and (3) the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE).

[Fifteenth international conference of labour statisticians, Geneva, 19-28 January 1993: report of the conference](#)

Conference of Labour Statisticians

Geneva: 1993, 113 p.

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[Quinzième conférence internationale des statisticiens du travail, Genève, 19-28 janvier 1993. Rapport de la conférence](#)

Conférence des statisticiens du travail

Genève : 1993, 125 p.

Reviews the work of the ILO Bureau of Statistics from 1987 to January 1993. Presents the discussions held on: concept and measurement of absence from work; income from employment; the concepts and principles of a labour accounting system; statistics on industrial action; statistics on informal sector employment; and the revision of the International Classification on Status in Employment. Includes the texts of the ILO Resolutions concerning: (1) statistics of strikes, lockouts and other action due to labour disputes; (2) the statistics of employment in the informal sector; and (3) the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE).