

Delta 8.7 Policy Guides: Concept Note

Between April 2020 and March 2021, Delta 8.7 will convene three global expert working groups to produce three 'Policy Guides'. These will replace the current 'Thematic Overviews' on www.delta87.org, and will encapsulate the state of knowledge about what works in different policy areas to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 8.7.

Background – about Delta 8.7

[Delta 8.7](#) is the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform. [Alliance 8.7](#) is a global strategic partnership committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7, in which all UN Member States committed to “take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.” Alliance 8.7 is currently chaired by France, and its Secretariat is based at the International Labour Organization.

Alliance 8.7 seeks to achieve Target 8.7 and related SDG Targets 5.2, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.a through alignment of global, regional and national efforts, and by accelerating timelines, sharing knowledge, driving innovation and leveraging resources. Delta 8.7, based at the United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, is a key platform for these efforts.

As the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform, Delta 8.7 brings together the most useful data, evidence, research and news. It provides a venue for cutting-edge analysis of data, and helps people understand that data so it can be translated into effective policy. It is a global knowledge platform for exploring what works to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour.

Function of the Delta 8.7 Policy Guides

The purpose of these Policy Guides is to provide a highly credible and current articulation of what we know about the global and national policy mix needed to accelerate progress towards SDG Target 8.7, in a format that is useful for policy actors. They will provide a snapshot of ‘what works’ to Achieve 8.7.

That credibility will derive from: 1) assessing evidence based on its scientific merit and 2) the process used to collect, assess and distil this evidence.

Scope of the Policy Guides

The Policy Guides will address policies dealing with modern slavery, forced labour, human trafficking and child labour. They will identify which multilateral and national policies are proven to work to achieve SDG 8.7.

The audience for these Policy Guides is, specifically, multilateral and national-level policy makers. We are not seeking to dictate to policy makers how they should organize to achieve Target 8.7 – because that requires an understanding of the specific problems in each country, the resources available to tackle them, and other contextual factors. Instead, we are seeking to provide an evidence-based policy resource that is useful across contexts, and to policy actors around the world, including those thinking about multilateral policy frameworks.



The Policy Guides will prioritize scientifically rigorous information regarding what works. As a result we anticipate that the guidance offered will not be comprehensive, nor definitive. It will be thorough and deep in areas where evidence is comprehensive and rigorous; it may be patchier and more or less speculative in other areas. This will, however, help to highlight areas where evidence is strong, and areas where it is more lacking.

The deliberative process by which the Policy Guides will be formulated (described further below) is designed to be replicable. The aim is to capture the current state of knowledge on what works, and allow future editions of these Policy Guides to reflect changes in the underlying state of knowledge.

Outputs

There will be three Policy Guides, each expected to be around 10 to 15 pages. These will address policy in three broad domains:

1. **Justice:** This will focus on criminal justice and survivor support services. This will include a section on the role of the clinical and public health sector, as well as on the role of other relevant public sector actors (such as welfare services)
2. **Markets.** This will include sections on trade policy; labour market regulation; development assistance; supply chain, procurement and disclosure regimes; financial regulation; and any broader questions of economic regulation.
3. **Crisis.** This will focus on conflict, humanitarian situations, migration, displacement and statelessness.

Each Policy Guide will identify where there is agreement and where this disagreement, as well as identifying areas that warrant further research or policy experimentation. These domains, and the topics within them, may be subject to change following a review by the Steering Group and Working Groups.

How will this process be governed?

Delta 8.7 is the **convener** of this process. As convener, Delta 8.7 will serve as central secretariat to the process, commission background evidence reviews, organize the consultations within the process, provide drafting support and edit and publish the final Policy Guide documents.

Delta 8.7 will convene a **Steering Group** for the process. This will consist of senior leaders in the SDG 8.7 field. The Steering Group will convene regularly throughout the process to provide advice and counsel, and ensure its integrity and the utility of the final products. This will include making recommendations to Delta 8.7 on Working Group membership.

Each **Working Group** will have approximately 20-30 members. Members will be selected following an open call for nominations, with members selected for gender, geographic, age, institutional, stakeholder group and disciplinary diversity. We will endeavour to include one or more survivor voices in each Working Group consultation process, either through having a survivor Member of the Working Group, or through bespoke consultation(s).

The Steering Group will recommend a Chair for each Working Group, who will be supported by Delta 8.7, and will hold the pen for the relevant Policy Guide. Chairs will follow a common template to ensure comparability across the Policy Guides, and will likely delegate drafting of sections to Working Group members.



How will these Policy Guides be drafted?

The drafting process for these Policy Guides is modelled after other relevant international processes combining mixed sources of expertise to reach consensus on policy options, such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The following section outlines the timeline and key steps for the drafting of this guide.

Step One – Formation of Steering Group and initial consultation on Concept Note

What: Delta 8.7 will convene a Steering Group to guide the Policy Guides process and ensure integrity, relevance and impact.

Involved: Senior leaders in the SDG 8.7 field.

Timeline: April 2020.

Step Two – Public Consultation on the Process, Call for Nominations and Submissions

What: Crowdsourcing evidence and participation in the process.

Involved: The consultation will be run through www.delta87.org. Using an online portal, the public will be invited to: comment on the Concept Note; provide submissions into the Working Group drafts; and nominate Working Group members.

Timeline: Announced April/May 2020; Working Group nominations due May; submissions due July

Step Three – Formation of Working Groups

What: Three global expert Working Groups formed to produce three 'Policy Guides'

Involved: Steering Group consulted on selection of Working Groups and Chairs.

Timeline: May 2020

Step Four – Systematic Review of evidence

What: Delta 8.7 will work with research partners to conduct systematic background research.

Involved: Delta 8.7 and research partners

Timeline: April – August 2020

Step Five – Public Submission of evidence

What: Following from Step Two, Delta 8.7 receives and publishes public submissions to the Working Groups.

Involved: Delta 8.7 hosts process, provides index, summaries of submissions to Working Groups

Timeline: May – August 2020

Step Six – Meetings of Working Groups to formulate drafts

What: Working Groups meet virtually, up to 3 times each, to formulate draft Policy Guides. They use common deliberative procedures to identify a calibrated level of confidence in specific research findings or policy proscriptions.

Involved: Working Groups, Delta 8.7 team

Timeline: September – December 2020

Step Seven – Public consultation on draft Policy Guides

What: Public consultation conducted through www.delta87.org to permit critique and comment on the draft Guides

Involved: Delta 8.7, general public

Timeline: January 2021

Step Eight – Revision of drafts by Working Groups

Purpose: Incorporate feedback from public consultation

Involved: Working Groups, Delta 8.7 team

Timeline: February 2021





Step Nine – Review of drafts by Steering Group

Purpose: *Final review of drafts by Steering Group to review for consistency, integrity and utility.*

Involved: *Steering Group*

Timeline: *February 2021*

Step Ten – Publish Policy Guides on www.delta87.org

Purpose: *Policy Guides published*

Involved: Steering Group, Working Groups, Delta 8.7 team

Timeline: March 2021

The working language for the process is English.

To learn more

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