

DIRECTORY OF LEGISLATIONS ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS (ESCs) AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS *

A. DIRECTORY OF ESC LEGISLATIONS CATEGORIZED BY REGION AND COUNTRY

		Form of establishment	Internet address	Language
Africa				
	Benin	organic law		
	Burkina Faso	Law N°6/62/AN (1962)	This and more recent organic laws relevant to reorganization of the ESC's functioning: http://www.ces.gov.bf/SiteCes/textes/index.html	French
	Cote d'Ivoire	Article 114 of Constitution Organic law: Décret n° 61-3 (1961) Recent organic laws establishing the reorganization of the ESC	http://ces-ci.org/?p=13 http://ces-ci.org/?page_id=9 www.ces-ci.org	French French French
	Guinea	Organic Law (Loi Organique N°91/04/CTRN) Constitution, Article 87 (Loie Fondamentale) (1990) Presidential decree 1997	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027549.pdf	French
	Mali	Constitution (1992)		
	Mauritius	The National Economic and Social Council Act 2001 (Act No.29 of 2001)	http://www.nesc-mauritius.org/index1.asp	English
	Niger	Constitution: Art. 121, 122, 123, Law no. 72-8 (29 January 1971), later modified	http://www.cesoc.net/cesoc/Constitution.html	French
	Senegal	Constitution, Article 92 (as amended in 2003) Law n° 2/C/2003-15	http://www.gouv.sn/textes/constitution.html http://www.conseil-republique.sn/article.php3?id_article=42	French French
	South Africa	National Economic Development and Labour Council Act, No. 35 of 1994.	http://www.nedlac.org.za/	English
	Tunisia	First included in Constitution (1959), Article 58. Later changed to Article 70 in amended Constitution (1976). Organic Law n° 12/88 (1988)	http://confinder.richmond.edu/admin/docs/Tunisiaconstitution.pdf http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027551.pdf	English French
Asia				
	China	Established along with founding of Peoples' Republic of China		
	Lebanon	Organizational Law No. 389 (1995)	www.ces.gov.lb	English
	Republic of Korea	The Act on Establishment and Operation of the Korea Tripartite Commission	Amended 2007 version available on website: www.lmg.go.kr	English
	Singapore			
	Thailand	Constitution, Article 89 (1997) National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act, (2000) Published in Government Gazette Vol. 117, Segment 118 a, 19 December 2000 National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act (No. 2), (2004) Published in Government Gazette Vol.121, Special Section 35a, 22 July 2004 Ministerial decree, 24 March 2006	Relevant excerpts found in: http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027582.pdf	English
Europe and North America				
	Austria	None, informal agreement (by Federal Economic Chamber, Federal Chamber of Labour, Confederation of Trade Unions, Chamber of Agriculture)		
	Belgium	Central Economic Council: Law of 20 September 1948 on the Organization of the Economy	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027556.pdf	French

		National Labour Council: National Labour Council Act (29 May 1952)		
Bulgaria		Law for Economic and Social Council, (Prom. SG 41/26 April 2001, amend. SG. 120/29 Dec. 2002, amend. SG. 20/4 Mar. 2003.)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027545.pdf	English
Czech Republic		Agreement signed by Prime Minister, unions of employers and trade unions (1990)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027546.pdf	English
Denmark		Established by Law in 1962, most recently changed in 2007 to accommodate the establishment of the Environmental Economic Council.		
Estonia		Government Arrangement No. 256		
Finland		Laki talousneuvostosta 14.1.1966/2 (law)		
		Asetus talousneuvostosta 21.1.1966/19 (decree)		
France		Constitution of France, Articles 69-71 (1958)		
		Constitution of France, Chapter III, Article 24 (1946)		
		Also earlier laws and decrees (1936, 1925)		
Greece		Constitution of Greece Art. 82. Par. 3 (2001) Law 2232 /1994	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027581.pdf	English
Hungary		established by constitution in 2004		
Ireland		The National Economic and Social Development Office Act 2006	www.nesdo.ie	English
Italy		Constitution of Italy, Art. 99		
		Law No. 33 (5 January 1957)		
Lithuania		Agreement on Tripartite Co-operation between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Trade Unions and Employer Organizations (13 June 2005).	Also several earlier versions: http://www.lrtt.lt/en/agreements.htm	English
Luxembourg		Law of 21 March 1966 (Amended 2004)		
Malta		Malta Council for Economic and Social Development Act, No. XV (2001)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027599.pdf	English
Monaco		Sovereign Order n° 3.136 of 22.12.1945	see directory	
		Sovereign Order n° 11.637 of 30th of June		
		Sovereign Order n°813 of 21th of November 2006		
Netherlands		Industrial Organization Act (27 January 1950)	http://wetten.overheid.nl/cgi-bin/sessioned/browsercheck/continuation=00092-002/see	English
		Amended 3 April 1999		
Poland		Act on Tripartite Commission for Social and Economic Affairs and Provincial Social Dialogue Commissions. (Official Journal of September 18th, 2001, No. 100 item1080).	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027557.pdf	Polish
Portugal		Consecrated in Law n.º 108/91, of 17 August 1991 and Decree-Law 90/92, of 21 May 1992, which regulated the respective Law.	http://www.ces.pt/cms/177	English
Romania		Law 109/1997 (Amended by Law 58/2003).	http://www.ces.ro/media/word/c/5/Law_CES_en_.doc	English
Russia		Presidential Decree 15 November 2005	www.oprf.ru	English
		Federal law N of E2-FZ "About the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation" 4 April 2005		
Slovakia		Manifesto, Sec. 3.2/ Presidential decree	http://www.government.gov.sk/english/	English
Slovenia		Tripartite Agreement on Wage Policy in the Private Sector (April 1994)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan028188.pdf	English
Spain		Constitution of Spain, Art. 131.2 (1978)		
Latin America and the Caribbean				
Brazil		Created by Presidential decree		
Jamaica		Planning Institute of Jamaica Act	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027573.pdf	English

	Peru	Law of the Ministry of Labor and Promotion of Employment (Law 27711)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027813.pdf	Spanish
		Law of the Ministry of Labor and Promotion of Employment--Amendment (Law 28318)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027814.pdf	Spanish
		Internal Regulation of Organization and Functioning (Supreme Decree N° 001-2005-TR, 15 th April, 2005)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027815.pdf	Spanish
	Venezuela	Created by Presidential decree (1946)		

B. DIRECTORY OF ESC LEGISLATIONS CATEGORIZED BY TYPE OF LEGISLATION

	Countries	Details of establishment	Internet address	Language
Constitution/ organic law(1)				
	Aruba	Country decree		
	Benin	Organic law		
	Denmark	Established by Law in 1962, most recently changed in 2007 to accommodate the establishment of the Environmental Economic Council		
	Hungary	established by constitution in 2004		
	Mali	Constitution (1992)		
	Spain	Constitution of Spain, Art. 131.2 (1978)		
	Tunisia	First included in Constitution (1959), Article 58. Later changed to Article 70 in amended Constitution (1976). Organic Law n° 12/88 (1988)	http://confinder.richmond.edu/admin/docs/Tunisiaconstitution.pdf http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027551.pdf	English French
Presidential decree/ Executive order/ Agreement (2)				
	Brazil	Created by Presidential decree		
	Czech Republic	Agreement signed by Prime Minister, unions of employers and trade unions (1990)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027546.pdf	English
	Estonia	Government Arrangement No. 256		
	Lithuania	Agreement on Tripartite Co-operation between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Trade Unions and Employer Organizations (13 June 2005).	Also several earlier versions: http://www.lrtt.lt/en/agreements.htm	English
	Monaco	Sovereign Order n° 3.136 of 22.12.1945 Sovereign Order n° 11.637 of 30th of June Sovereign Order n°813 of 21th of November 2006		
	Poland	Act on Tripartite Commission for Social and Economic Affairs and Provincial Social Dialogue Commissions. (Official Journal of September 18th, 2001, No. 100 item1080).	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027557.pdf	Polish
	Slovakia	Manifesto, Sec. 3.2	http://www.government.gov.sk/english/	English
	Slovenia	Tripartite Agreement on Wage Policy in the Private Sector (April 1994)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan028188.pdf	English
Legislation (3)				
	Belgium	Central Economic Council: Law of 20 September 1948 on the Organization of the Economy National Labour Council: National Labour Council Act (29 May 1952)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027556.pdf	French
	Bulgaria	Law for Economic and Social Council, (Prom. SG 41/26 April 2001, amend. SG. 120/29 Dec. 2002, amend. SG. 20/4 Mar. 2003)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027545.pdf	English
	Burkina Faso	Law N°6/62/AN (1962)	This and more recent organic laws relevant to reorganization of the ESC's functioning: http://www.ces.gov.bf/SiteCes/textes/index.html	French

	Ireland	The National Economic and Social Development Office Act 2006	www.nesdo.ie	English
	Jamaica	Planning Institute of Jamaica Act	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027573.pdf	
	Lebanon	Organizational Law No. 389 (1995)	www.ces.gov.lb	English
	Luxembourg	Law of 21 March 1966 (Amended 2004)		
	Malta	Malta Council for Economic and Social Development Act, No. XV (2001)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027599.pdf	English
	Mauritius	The National Economic and Social Council Act 2001 (Act No.29 of 2001)	http://www.nesc-mauritius.org/index1.asp	English
	Netherlands	Industrial Organization Act (27 January 1950)	http://wetten.overheid.nl/cgi-bin/sessioned/browsercheck/continuation=00092-002/session=061657845976931/action=javascript-result/javascript=yes	English
		Amended 3 April 1999		
	Portugal	Consecrated in Law n.º 108/91, of 17 August 1991 and Decree-Law 90/92, of 21 May 1992, which regulated the respective Law.	http://www.ces.pt/cms/177	English
	Republic of Korea	The Act on Establishment and Operation of the Korea Tripartite Commission	Amended 2007 version available on website: www.img.go.kr	
	Romania	Law 109/1997 (Amended by Law 58/2003).	http://www.ces.ro/media/word/c/5/Law_CES_en_doc	English
	South Africa	National Economic Development and Labour Council Act, No. 35 of 1994.	http://www.nedlac.org.za/	
	Venezuela	Created by Presidential decree (1946)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan031860.pdf	Spanish
Mixed forms of establishment (4)				
	Cote d'Ivoire	Article 114 of Constitution Organic law: Décret n° 61-3 (1961) Recent organic laws establishing the reorganization of the ESC	http://ces-ci.org/?p=13 http://ces-ci.org/?page_id=9 www.ces-ci.org	French French French
	Finland	Laki talousneuvostosta 14.1.1966/2 (law) Asetus talousneuvostosta 21.1.1966/19 (decree)		
	France	Constitution of France, Articles 69-71 (1958) Constitution of France, Chapter III, Article 24 (1946) Also earlier laws and decrees (1936, 1925)		
	Greece	Constitution of Greece Art. 82. Par. 3 (2001) Law 2232 /1994	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027581.pdf	English
	Guinea	Organic Law (Loi OrganiqueN°91/04/CTRN)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027549.pdf	French
		Constitution, Article 87 (Loie Fondamentale) (1990) Presidential decree 1997		
	Italy	Constitution of Italy, Art. 99 Law No. 33 (5 January 1957)		
	Niger	Constitution: Art. 121, 122, 123, Law no. 72-8 (29 January 1971), later modified	http://www.cesoc.net/cesoc/Constitution.html	French
	Peru	Law of the Ministry of Labor and Promotion of Employment (Law 27711)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027813.pdf	Spanish
		Law of the Ministry of Labor and Promotion of Employment--Amendment (Law 28318)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027814.pdf	Spanish
		Internal Regulation of Organization and Functioning (Supreme Decree N° 001-2005-TR, 15 th April, 2005)	http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027815.pdf	Spanish
	Russia	Presidential Decree 15 November 2005	www.oprf.ru	English

	Senegal	Federal law N of E2-FZ "About the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation" 4 April 2005 Constitution, Article 92 (as amended in 2003) Law n° 2/C/2003-15	http://www.gouv.sn/textes/constitution.html http://www.conseil-republique.sn/article.php3?id_article=42	French French
	Thailand	Constitution, Article 89 (1997) National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act, (2000) Published in Government Gazette Vol. 117, Segment 118 a, 19 December 2000 National Economic and Social Advisory Council Act (No. 2), (2004) Published in Government Gazette Vol.121, Special Section 35a, 22 July 2004 Ministerial decree, 24 March 2006	Relevant excerpts found in: http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan027582.pdf	English

Other types of establishment:

	Austria	Informal agreement (by Federal Economic Chamber, Federal Chamber of Labour, Confederation of Trade Unions, Chamber of Agriculture)		
	China	Established along with founding of Peoples' Republic of China		

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

* The ESC Directory on legislations is based on a preliminary research conducted by UNDESA on ESCs. Information on the legislations were obtained from publicly available and internal UN resources. Some of these information were also verified by the ESCs. Website links are provided for legislations verified by the ESCs and legislations which were obtained from publicly available resources. Further research is currently being conducted to enhance and strengthen the Directory on ESC Legislations.

(1) This category includes ESCs established through a constitution and organic law. An organic law is defined as a system of laws which forms the foundation of a government, corporation or other organization's body of rules. A constitution is a particular form of organic law for a sovereign state.

(2) This category includes ESCs established through a Presidential Decree, Executive Order and Executive Directives.

This category pertains to a directive or order issued by the President or the head of the executive branch of the federal government.

(3) Legislation refers to a law which has been enacted by a legislature or other governing body. The term may refer to a single law, or the collective body of enacted law.

(4) This category includes ESCs established by a combination of different forms of legislations which include presidential decree, organic law, legislation and other types of legislation. In some cases, the type of legislation may change when amendments to the original law are enacted.