ILO Internet Redesign

Concept and Information Architecture

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The Concept

The ILO Web site today: homepage and navigation

The web site is actually a collection of nominally-related departmental sites. There is no consistency in presentation and navigation through the different sections of the site.

Information is housed in ways that are not logical to the outsider. Work units create their content in isolation and related bits of information are not linked from one site to another. Efforts are often duplicated.

The navigation replicates the organization's structure. Most content can still only be reached by navigating through pages of the corresponding organizational unit.

As a result...

Finding information implies knowing who produces it. This knowledge is not something that can be expected of an external audience.

Users can not be sure that they are getting all relevant information on a given topic. Pieces of information that together form a whole picture are scattered across different sites.

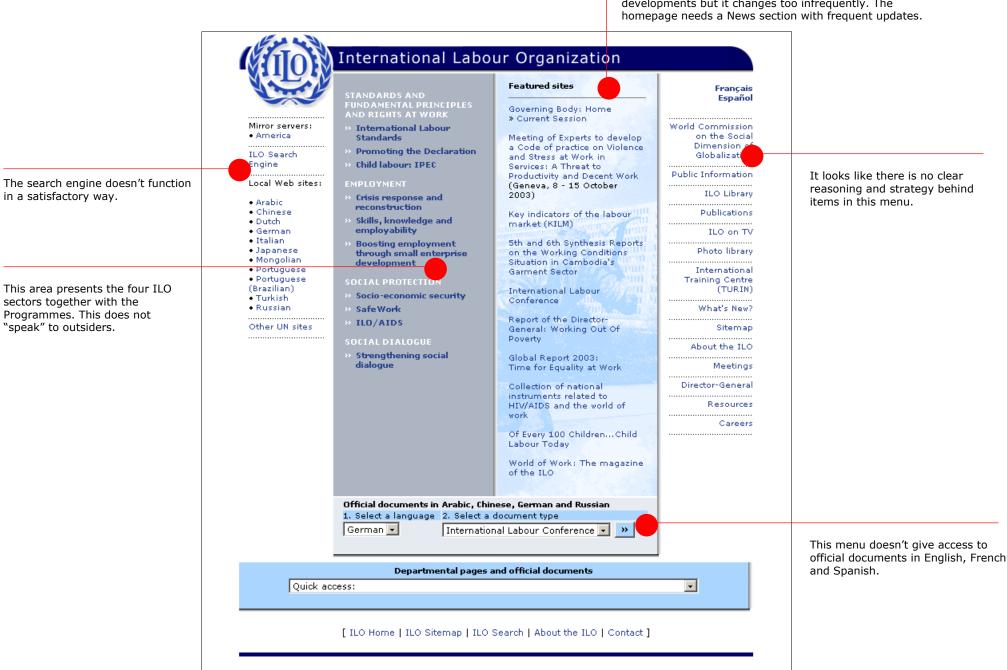
Efforts are often duplicated across units.

The look of the site misrepresents the organization.

Disparity between sites belonging to different units gives the impression that ILO is not more than a collection of independent agencies.

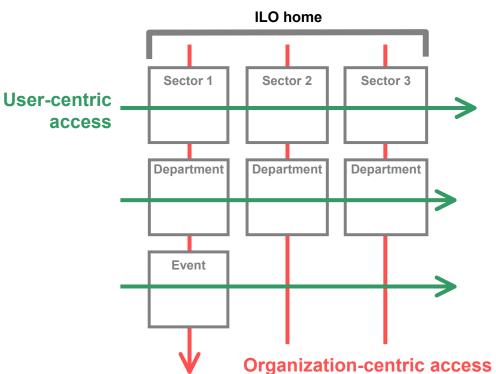
Weak spots

The 'Featured sites' section is meant to reflect recent developments but it changes too infrequently. The



Navigation by department vs. Cross-cutting navigation

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The ILO Web site today: Departmental Web sites

Absence of a common branded identity

Because each Departmental web site has its own style, the Organization does not appear as a single body.

Information is hard to find

Each site organizes its information differently (as demonstrated below).

Incorrect information

Due to inconsistent presentations, unofficial documents are often mistaken for the official ones.

Too many "voices" producing "noise"

Expandable navigational menu on two levels

Due to a lack of common editorial rules, different names are used for the same concept and jargon often obscures the meaning.

Navigation menu with graphic buttons-

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Social Protection - Social Security Policy and Development Branch

SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

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The main objective of the Social Security Policy and Development Branch (SOC/POL), is to assist Member States and constituents in the design, reform and implementation of social security policies based on the principles embodied in international labour standards and to contribute to the effective governance and management of the corresponding schemes. A special emphasis is placed on developing strategies to extend social security coverage.

The main activities are:

• The Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All

• Its STEP Programme (Strategies and Tools against social Exclusion and Poverty)

OTHER ACTORS IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SECURITY: ISSA - SOC/FAS - IEP/SES

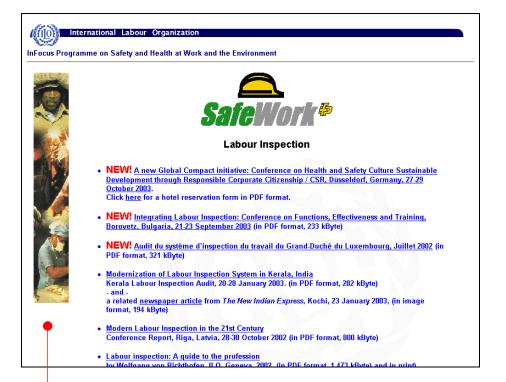
identity or brand.

Standard ILO header is not enough to create a common





Financial services; professional services



No navigational menu: it is necessary to go back to the home page to choose another page

Horizontal navigational menu on a single level

Goals

1. Strengthen the "ILO identity"

Present content as belonging to ILO rather than specific organizational units while still allowing units to keep their presence.

3. Make it easier to find and relate information

4.
Create a more dynamic site with frequent updates and readily available overviews of new content

5. Reduce time and resources involved in publishing content to the web

Achieved by

Creating a consistent look for the whole site and make browsing consistent throughout the site.

Establishing a common descriptive language that allows content from different providers to be pulled together and repurposed.

Applying a common navigation, developing classification systems and improving the search facility, based on understanding of user needs and common usage patterns.

Making it easier for authors to contribute content.

Simplifying and automating the publishing process. Reducing the number of intermediaries involved between authoring and publishing.

The concept: Accessing content through multiple dimensions

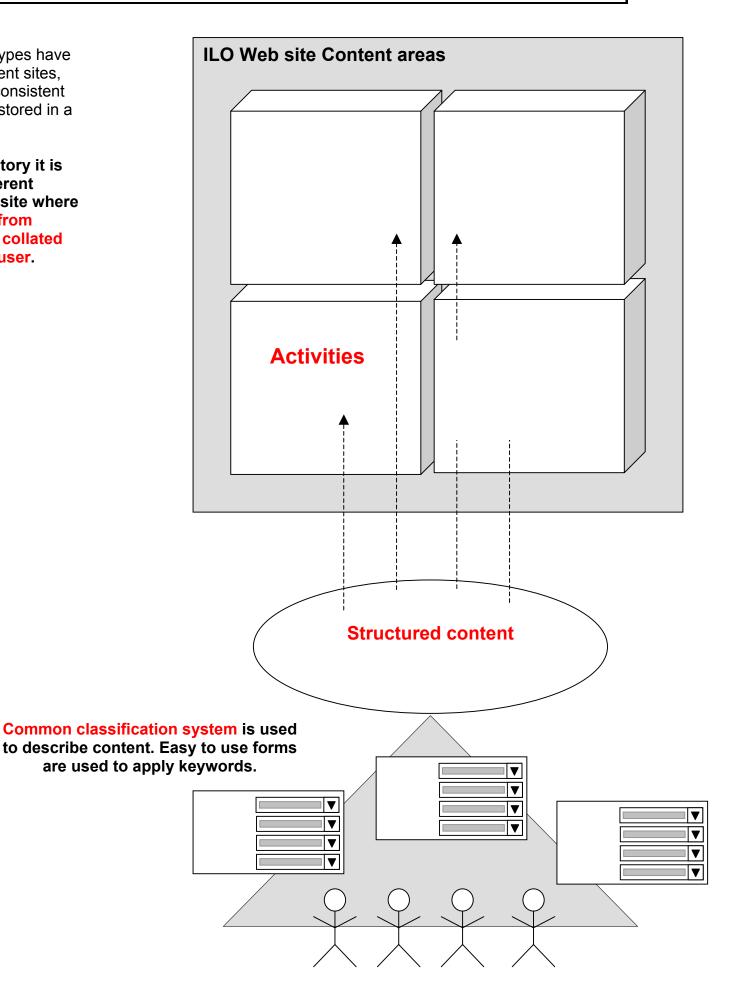
Common content types have been identified

within sub-sites belonging to different organizational units (HQ and Field offices)

In almost all the sites (>75%)	In a large number of sites (50-75%)	In some sites (10-50%)
 → Institutions/links → Tools → Publications → Identity statement/mission → Activities 	 → Events → News → Official documents and standards 	 → Training → Campaigns → Newsletters → Factsheets

Once the common content types have been identified across different sites, they can be described in a consistent and structured manner and stored in a central repository.

With the structured repository it is then possible to have different Content Areas in the Web site where similar or related content from different providers can be collated and presented to the end-user.



Content producers from different organizational units contribute structured content using common editorial rules.

The new home page and navigation

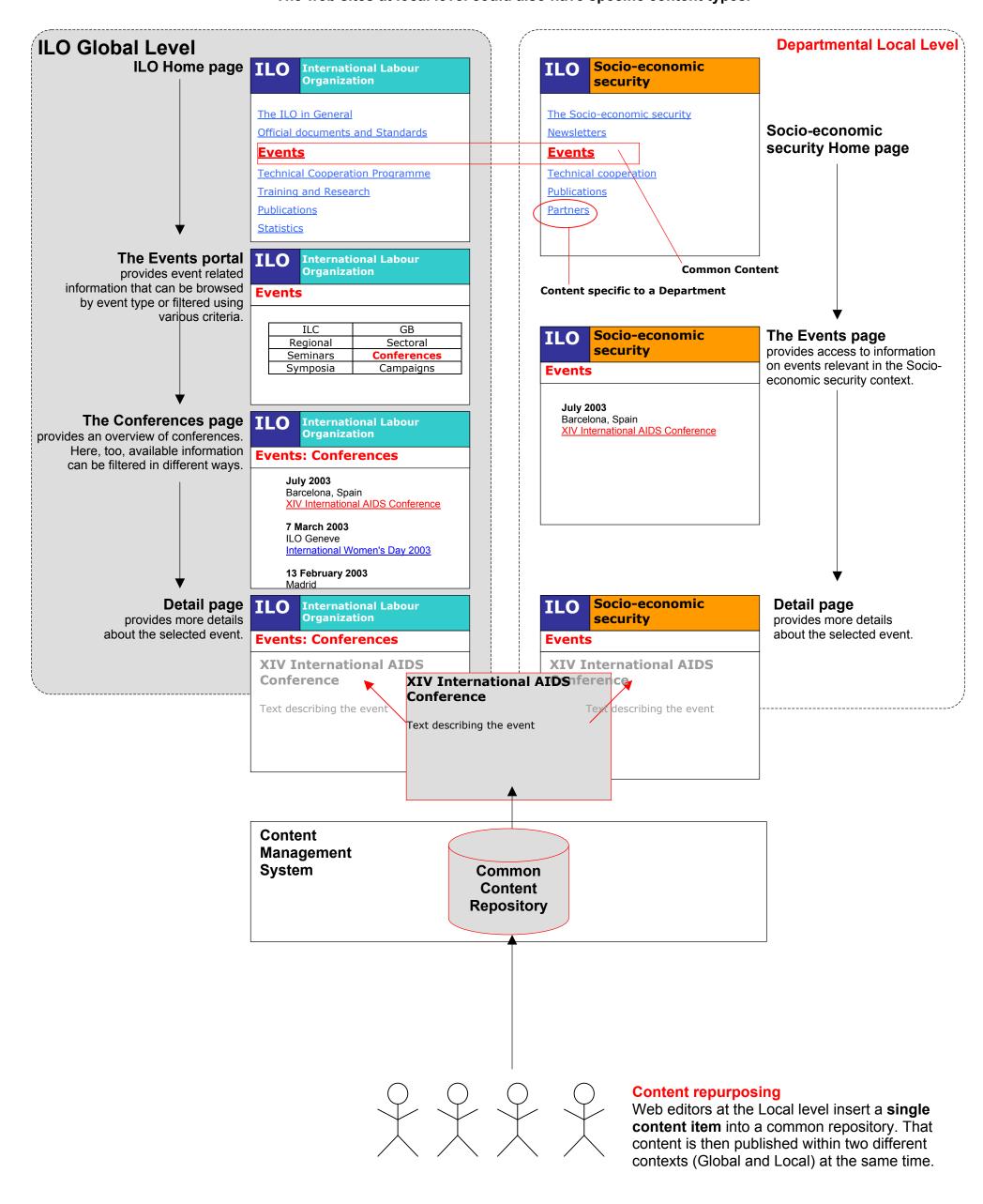
In order to serve its audience better the new ILO home page will be focusing on what is new and interesting to the user. The primary navigation moves away from organizational units to introduce different ways of accessing content. Organizational units will be able to maintain their presence within the web site as yet another way to access the content



Common information and content repurposing

Common content types are present at Global and Local level at the same time.

The web sites at local level could also have specific content types.

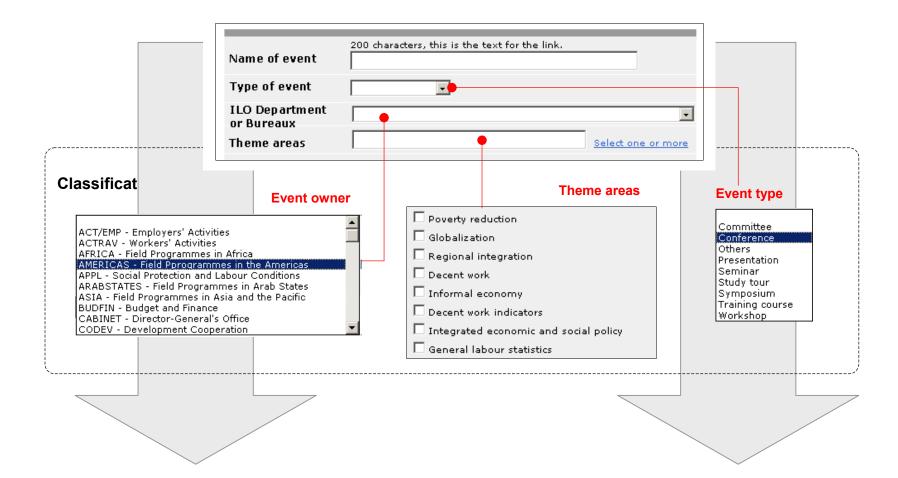


The benefits of managing content using a Content Management System

The **structured content repository** lies at the heart of the envisioned new web site. Common classification systems are used to describe the meaning of individual content items. This makes it possible to have a **common language** between different organizational units, as well as a **unique voice** in communicating with the world.

Well described meaning of content, together with the fact that **content is separated from the presentation** (unlike with the current static Web site), allows content to be **repurposed and reused in different contexts**.

Content authors use common classification systems to describe the meaning of the content they are contributing. This makes content repurposing possible.



End users benefit from the structured content by being able to access relevant content regardless of its provenance and different languages (metaphorically and literally) used to present the content. They can also search for content using any of the different dimensions used to describe the content, such as the event type or theme area.

The actual process of authoring and publishing → The publishing process takes time: 3 days at minimum, more if changes are involved → The content providers are missing: → Layouts needed to apply a common visual identity to the pages they produce → Editorial rules for the content → Content classification systems to guarantee an efficient search across the whole site → Advanced technical skills are required from web editors to produce a page → The production of HTML pages is a time consuming manual process Publishing phase: 3 days Authoring phase Controller **Author** Web editor 5 Page check 3 Page 1 Content 2 Page 4 Publishing **ILO** web site and production production uploading request publishing The author creates The ILO Web editor The ILO web editor The ILO web editor The WEBDEV controller creates or modifies uploads the finished sends a requests for the checks the HTML code of the content and page to be published to each page. gives it to the web the page manually pages to a web

using the HTML

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editor

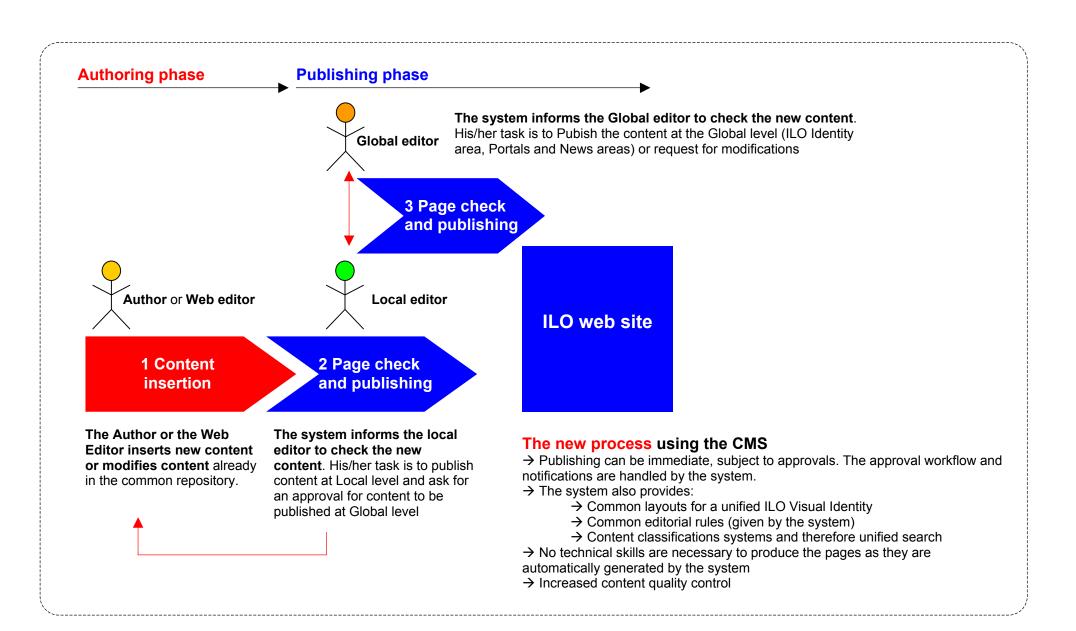
the controller sitting in

the WEBDEV unit

Web editors are asked to

pages if problems occur.

review and change the



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Information Architecture and page types

Content areas and related sub-areas

The definition of the sub-areas of content for each Content area is in progress

News

Aim: inform about strategic issues relevant to the ILO field of activities .-

On ILO Home page the news will be posted by DCOMM (as it is currently in DCOMM's home page)

On Portals: Relevant news are strictly related to the portal

Departments

Themes

Regions

ILO Identity

About ILO

Aim: strengthen the ILO identity through a "Guided tour" of the organization. It works also as main entry point for the Departments.

- → About the ILO
- → Organigramme
- → How the ILO works
- Job opportunities
- → Contacts
- ILO Staff
- → Experts

ILO Activities

Official Documents and Labour **Standards**

Aim: give access to Standards and Labour laws developed by ILO, Ratifications, Governing Body documents and much more

- → Conventions
- → Recommendation
- → Strategic DG reports
- → Ratifications
- → ILC documents
- → GB documents
- → Regional Conferences reports

Events

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Projects

Aim: give access to all TC projects by theme, country and departments

Training and Research

Aim: giving access to training opportunities and packages developed by the ILO

- → Turin Training center,
- → International Institutes for Labour studies
- → Library services
- → Guidelines
- → Code of practise
- → E-learning
- → Course material
- → Seminars
- → Workshops

Publications

an ISBN/ISSN both priced and unpriced-

- → Books
- → Brochures
- → Un-priced PDF
- → Reports
- → Briefing Note
- → Conference report
- → Evaluation report
- → GB report
- → ILC report
- → Codes of practice
- → official documents

Statistics

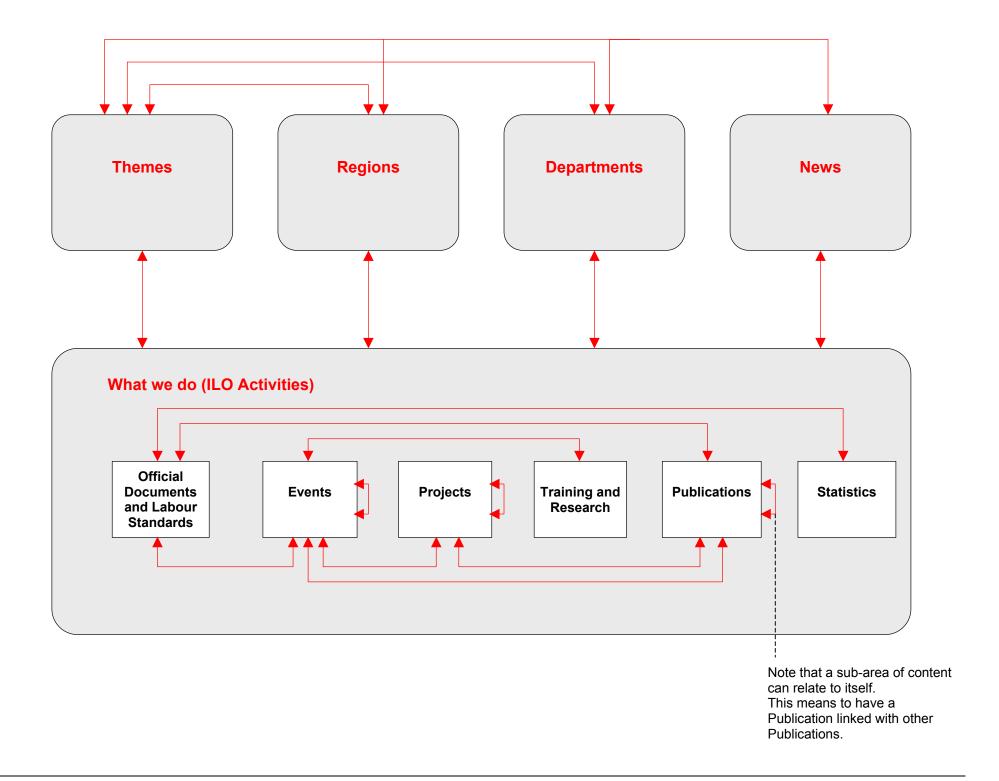
Aim: give access to all ILO Statistical Resources

Note that there is a group at ILO already working on this portal

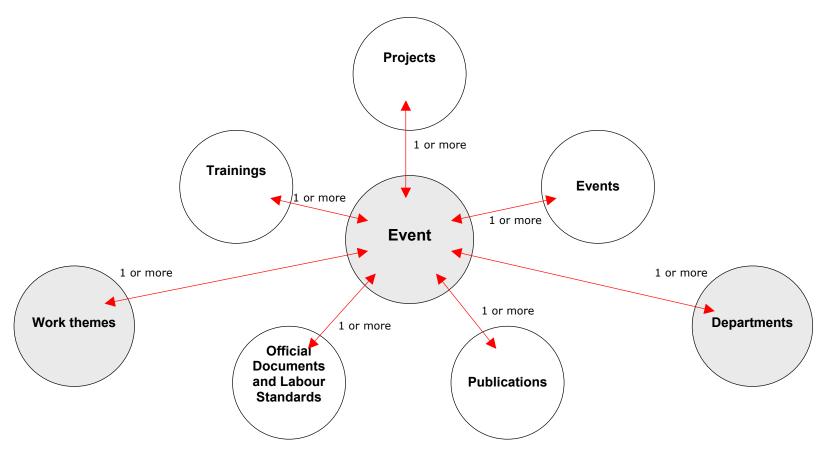
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Relationships among content areas: the data model

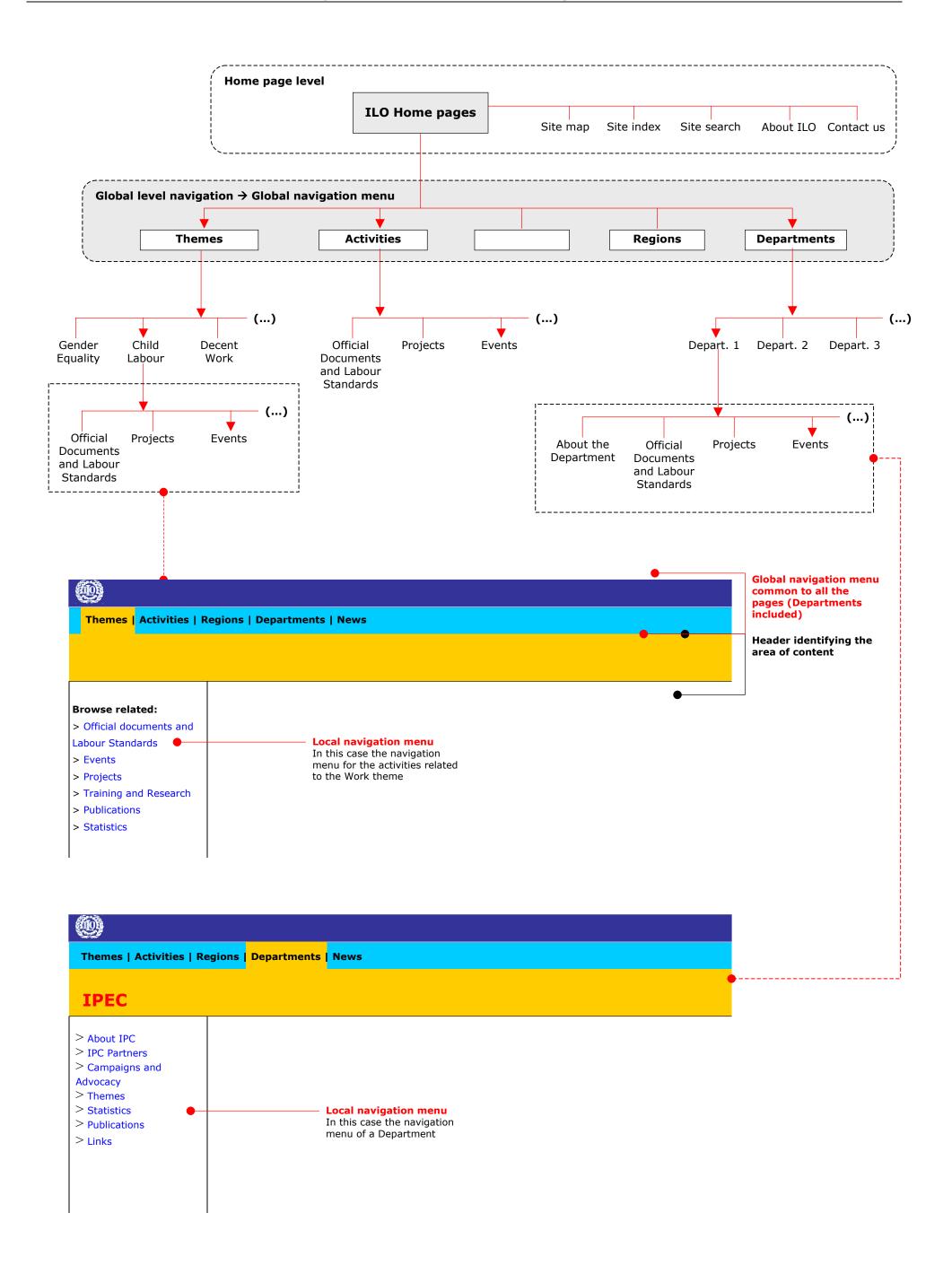
- → The Diagram shows the relationships existing among all the content areas
- → Note that the "What we do (ILO Activities)" content area is further subdivide in sub-areas



→ Relationship among contents allows the creation of "semantic network". For example, an "Event" could be linked with other information



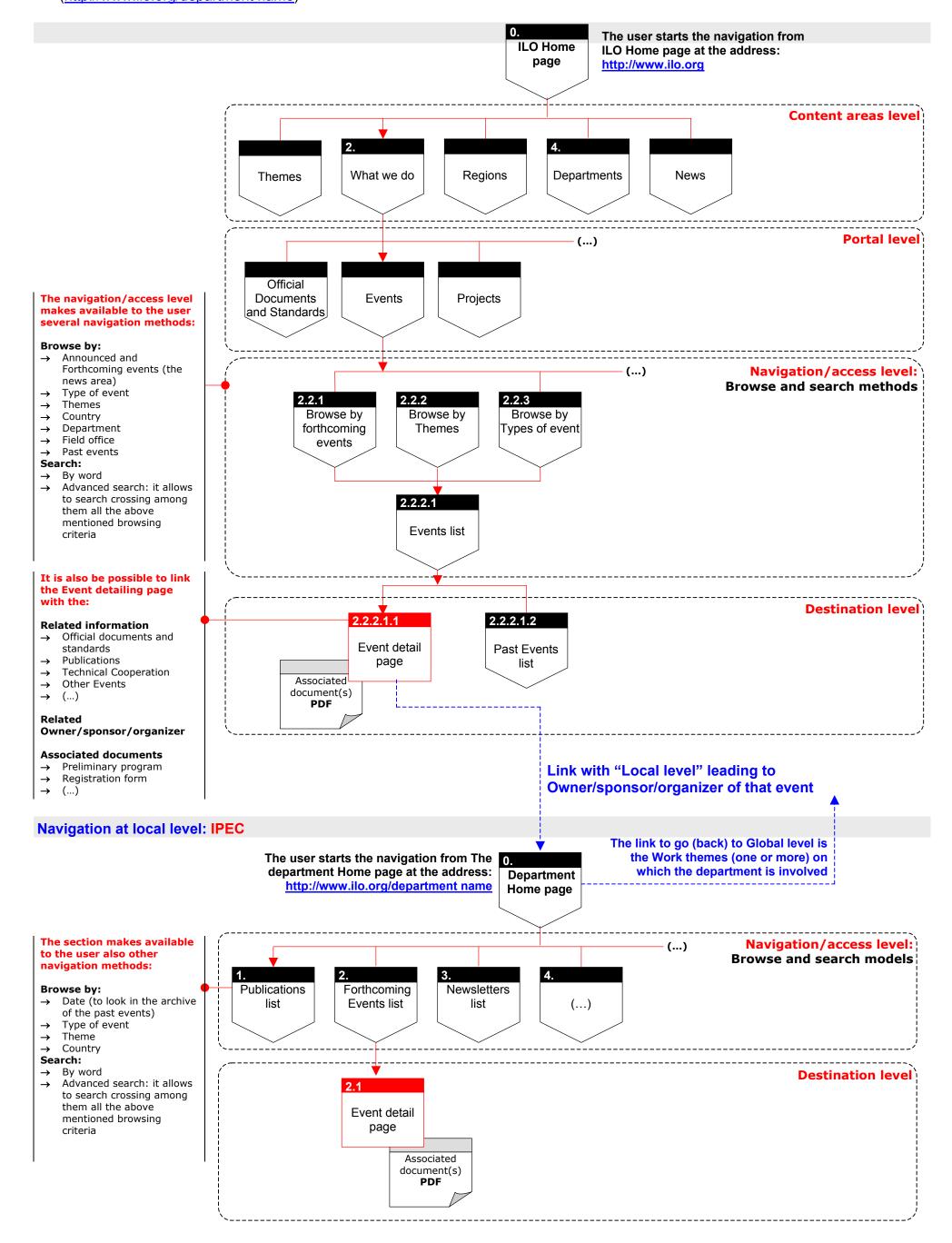
New High level site map and Navigation Tools



Navigation in the Activities content area and relationship between Global and Local level

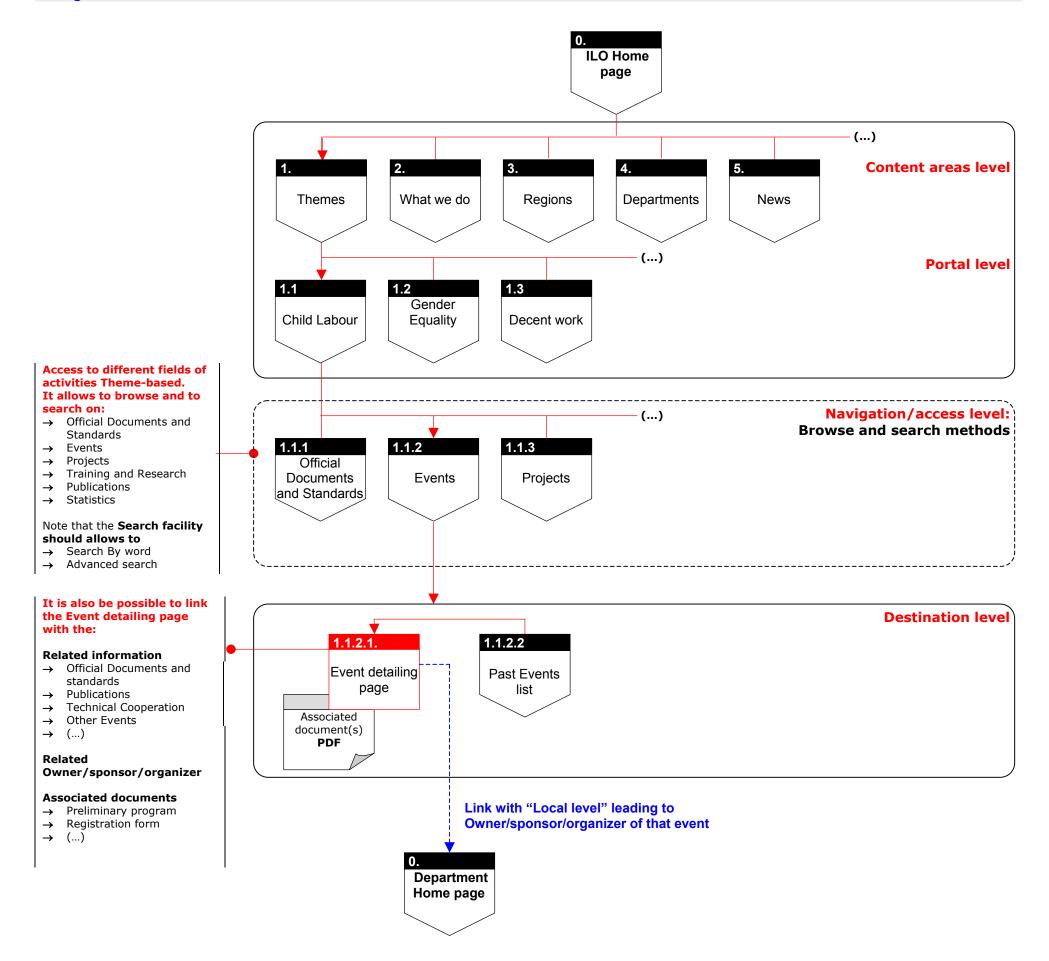
Remarks:

- → The Destination page detailing the Event is the same (has the same content) at Global or Local level.
- → The user can start from the ILO home page (Global Level http://www.ilo.org) or can start from the Department home page (http://www.ilo.org/department name)



Navigation in the Themes content area

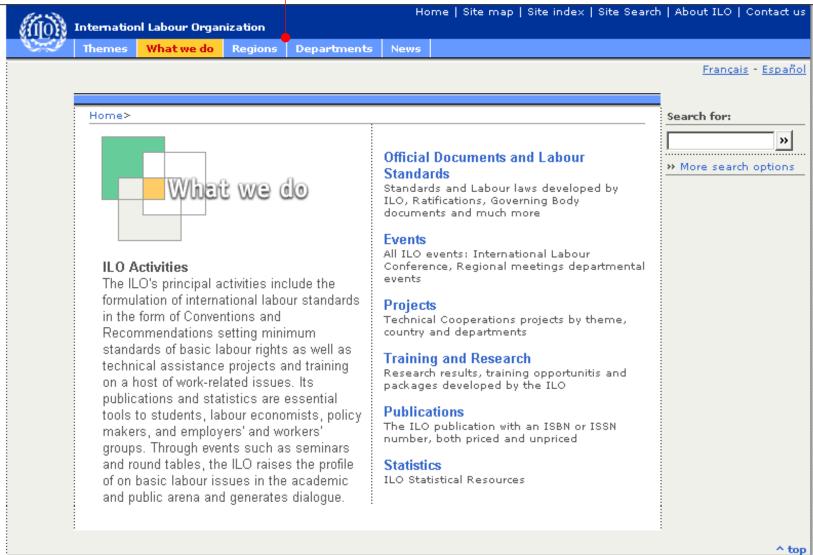
Navigation at Global level: Themes content area



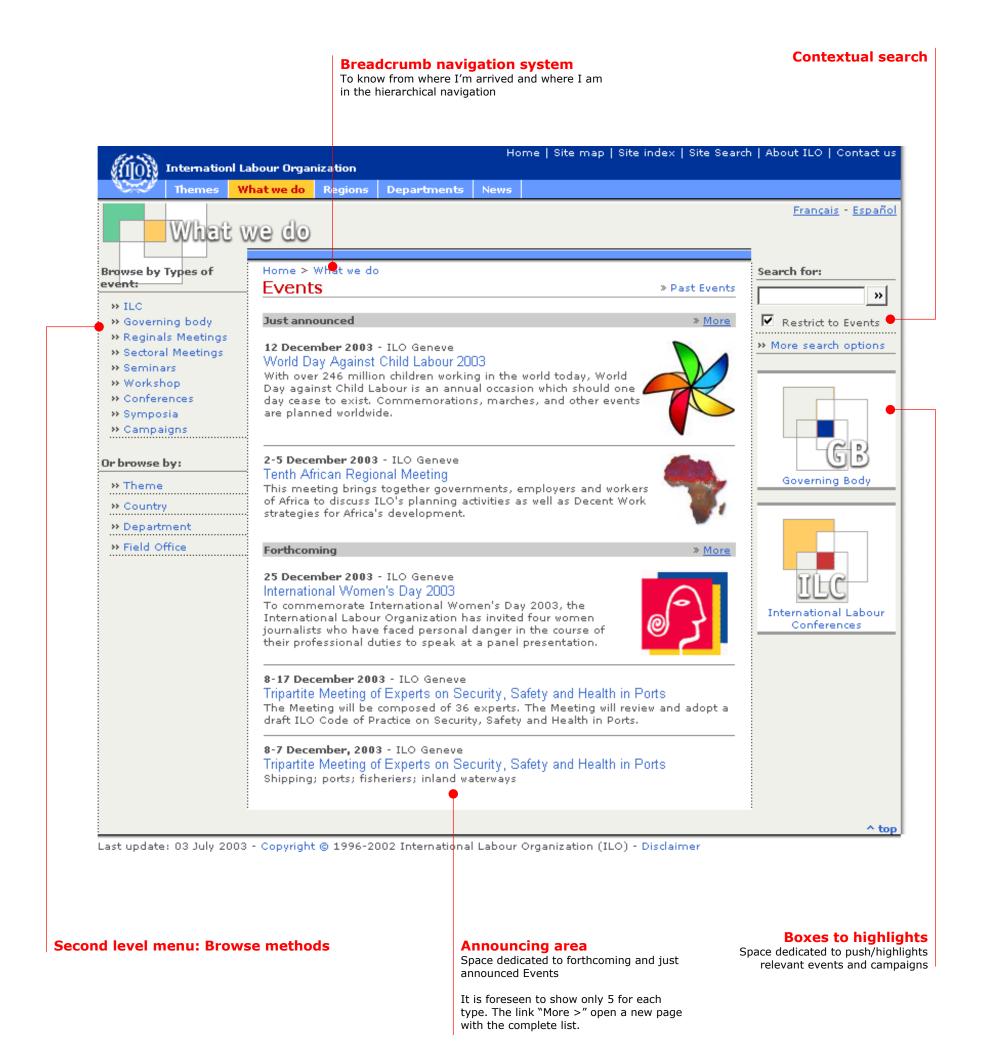


Global navigation menu common to all the pages (Departments included)

It allows to goes to another Portal page without coming back to the Home page

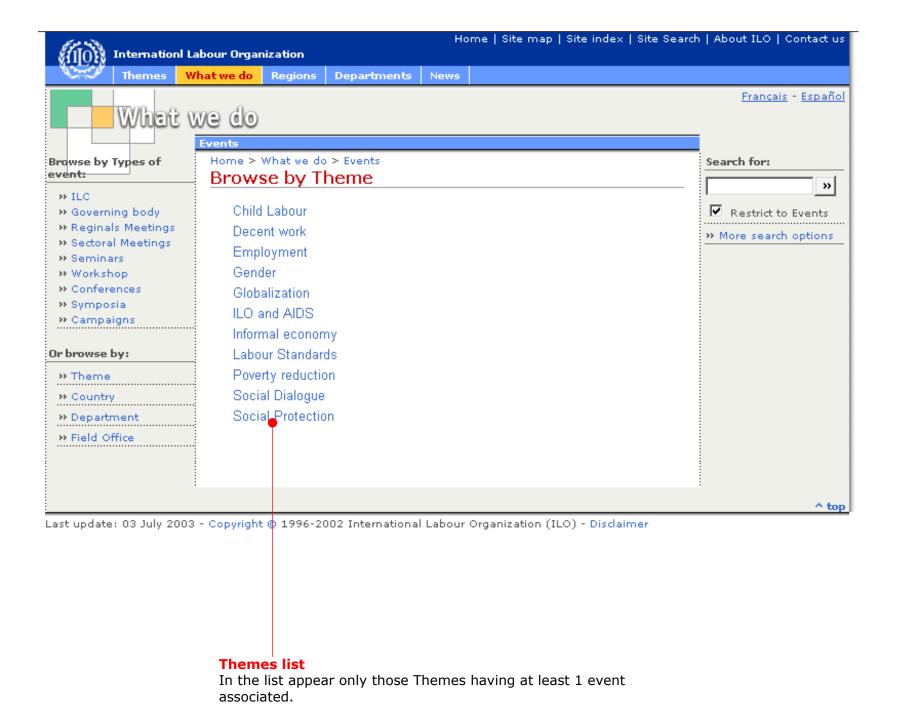


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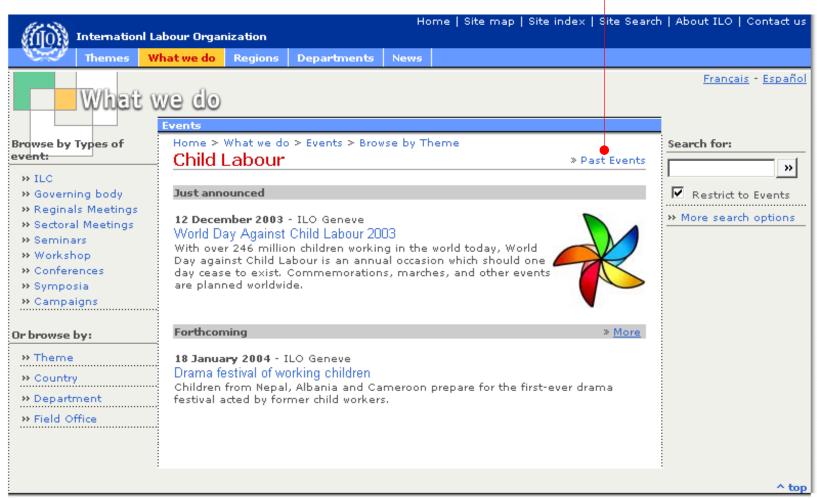


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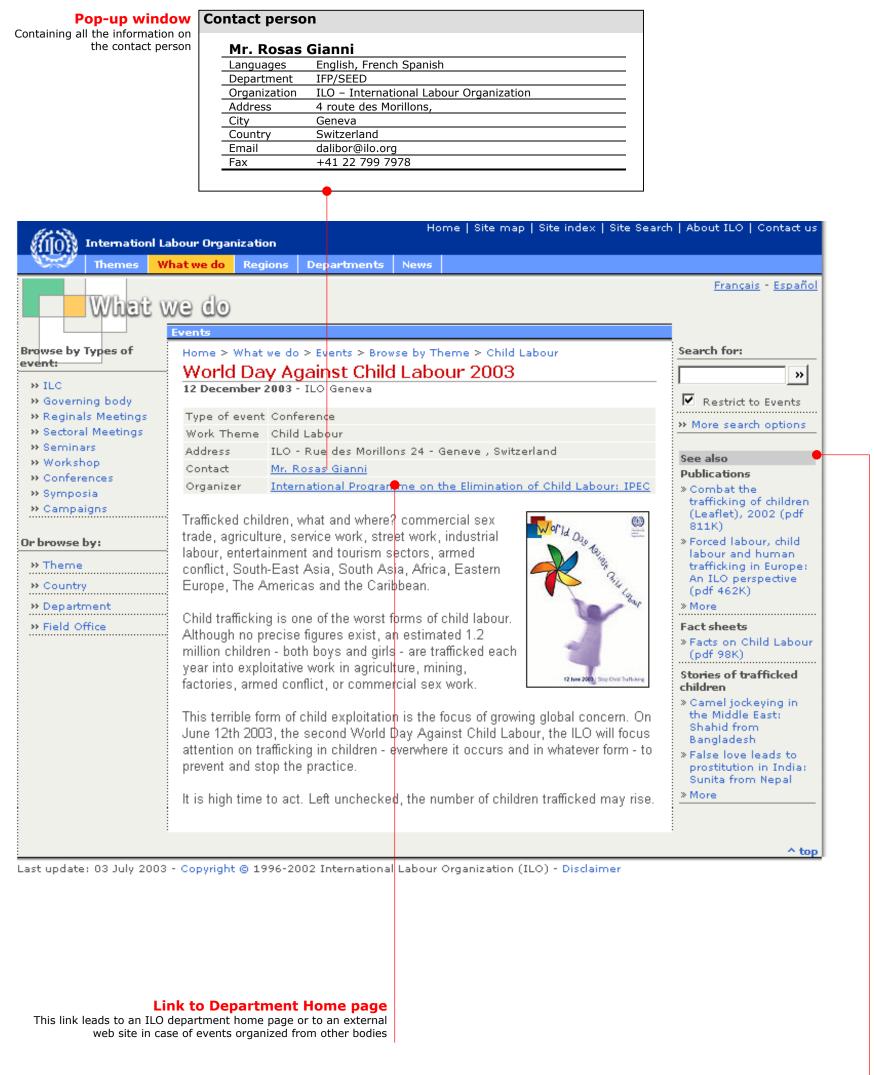
→ When users browse the events by Type, Themes, Country, Department and Field office, only the future or current events are shown



Link to past events on Child Labour



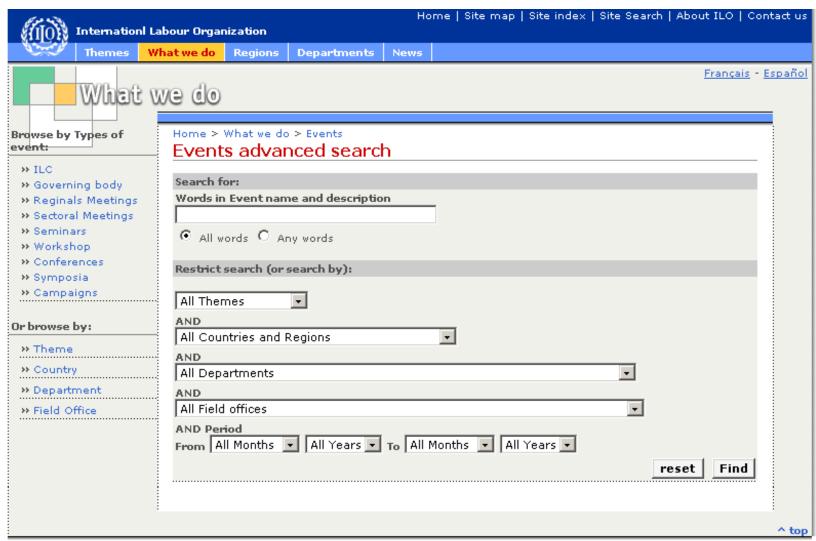
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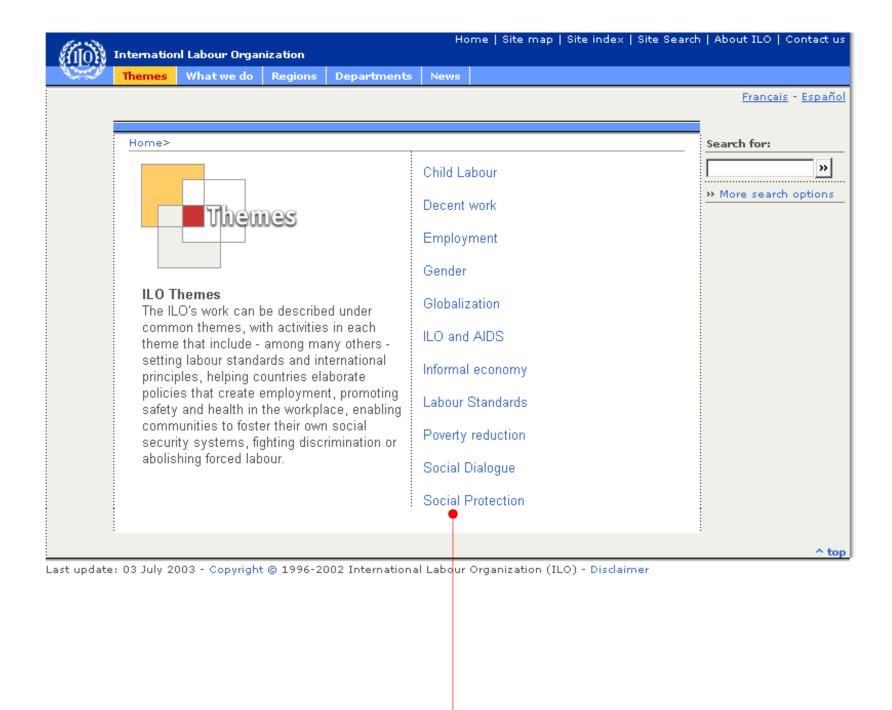
Links to related information

Only 2 items are listed, for more itemes it is possible to select the "More" link

→ Events Advanced search: it allows to search crossing among them all the browsing criteria



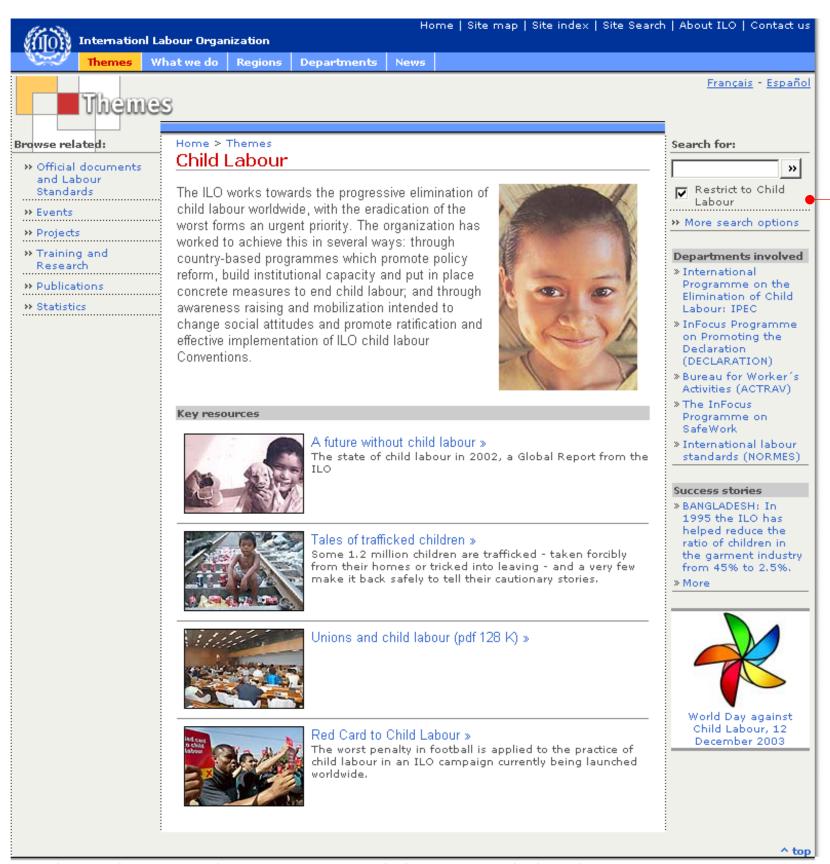
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Themes

In list appear only those Themes having at least 1 Activity related (Publication, Event, Standard etc.)

Contextual search

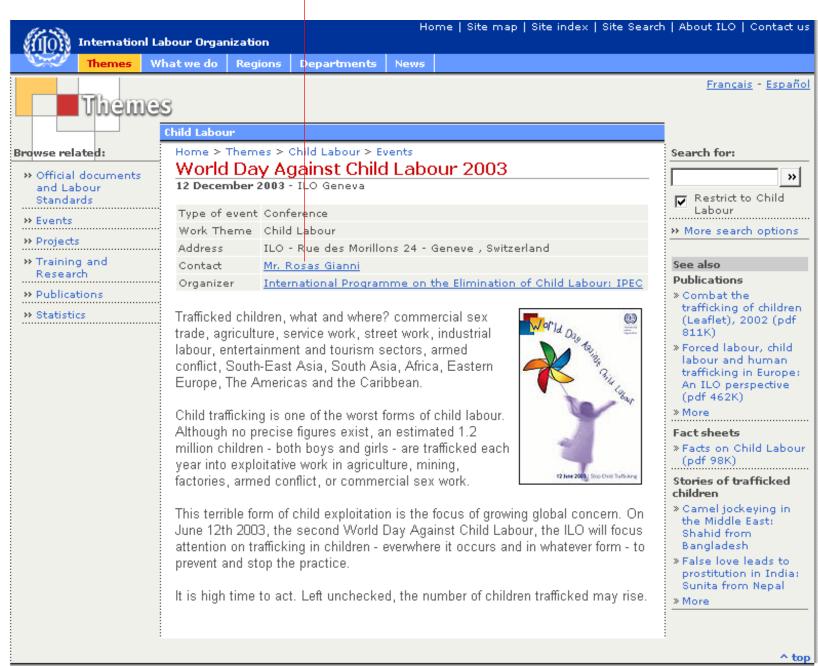


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Departments > IPEC

- → The goal is to harmonize the layout and the navigation at Local (Departments) level with the layout and the navigation at Global level, but leaving to the Department the possibility to customize the Interface (and therefore setting their visual Identity)
- → It is the "Coordination Graphic system" establishing the ILO coordinated corporate identity at the web level.

