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Brussels, 15 July 2013 (ITUC OnLine): Trade union leaders are meeting in Moscow this week at the Labour 20 (L20) Summit ahead of a consultation with the G20 Labour Ministers.

John Evans, General Secretary, TUAC, said Labour 20 representatives will hold discussions on sustainable, green and inclusive growth, quality employment creation and financial regulation, and put forward a statement for G20 Labour and Finance Ministers urging them to translate past and future commitments into tangible policies.

“We need to stimulate aggregate demand, improve quality employment and ensure investments in infrastructure, fair taxation and adherence to labour standards in global supply chains.

“G20 Labour and Finance ministers have the opportunity to enhance investments in infrastructure and skills to reduce informality and create decent jobs in small and medium-sized enterprises.

“To achieve a jobs-driven recovery, we need an alternative recovery strategy with tax reform, comprehensive youth strategies and the prospects for a ‘Marshall Plan for Europe’,” said Sharan Burrow.

The Summit will address the G20 Employment Agenda, including the steps taken by the Russian Presidency and the Employment Task Force. The L20 is proposing that the Employment Task Force be given a role in monitoring G20 commitments.

The ILO Director General, Guy Ryder; the OECD General Secretary, Angel Gurria; the Russian G20 Sherpa Kseniya Yudayeva; and the Russian Deputy Minister of Labour, Aleksey Vovchenko will also take part in the Summit.

The L20 will hold a session with the B20 on future collaboration common commitment to quality apprenticeships, quality jobs and investments.

The first joint meeting of G20 Labour and Finance Ministers will also take place on Friday 19th July, fulfilling a demand made by Labour unions to G20 Leaders.

Read the L20 Statement <http://www.ituc-csi.org/l20-trade-union-statement-to-the-13507>

Read the L20 Summit Agenda http://www.tuac.org/en/public/e-docs/00/00/0D/32/document_news.phtml

Programme: <http://www.ituc-csi.org/l20-programme-2013>

Journalists who wish to be accredited for the open session of the L20 Summit and a joint B20 / L20 Press Conference on Wednesday 18th July should contact gemma.swart@ituc-csi.org

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