

TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION NETWORK WORK PLAN 2010



2009 was the starting year of the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network. It allowed to shape the network, its partners and the scope of its working programme. An annual report for 2009 is available. The TUDCN Conference in Stockholm (Runö) in October 2009, was the culminating event of the first operational year and a major affirmation of the trade unions as actors in development. It involved all actors in the trade union movement. It consolidated the political and practical importance of the Network as an instrument to improve trade union development cooperation effectiveness and to promote the trade union contribution to development policies based on the decent work agenda and the fight for democratic ownership of development at all levels.



With the contribution
of the Non State Actors
Programme of
the European Union



“creating an environment at the national and international levels that is conducive to the attainment of full and productive employment and decent work as a foundation for sustainable development”

UN Summit Heads of State 2005 Outcome document §47

The 2010 Workplan

This document recalls the commitments and objectives of the overall workplan for 2009-2010 and defines the different activities and actions to be taken in 2010.

Capitalising on the achievements of 2009, especially the outcomes of the Runö Conference and of the workstreams on the Trade Unions as Development Actors and the Principles of Trade Union Development Cooperation Effectiveness, will be the first challenge for the Network in 2010.



Given the important evolutions at the level of the Civil Society Organizations' (CSO) coordination platforms on development cooperation, especially the work done under the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action, additional elements of action and activities will complement the working plan and be integrated as part of the mission of the TUDCN, especially in the preparation of the forthcoming High Level Forum IV in Seoul in 2011.

Also, the EU has launched a new and intensive process of consultations in order to build consensus on a renewed strategy for its development cooperation policies both at the level of their content and scope as well as at the level of their implementation and proceedings.

Since 2010 will be the second but last year of the EC support for the TUDCN under the objective 3 of the Non State Actors programme, we have started the discussions with the EU for a new programme to be presented in the spring of 2010 for the 2010 call for proposals that should allow us to develop and consolidate the very first achievements that we will have reached through the 2009 and 2010 operations of the TUDCN.

WORKPLAN 2010 TUDCN*

Overall Objectives

- Contribute to the objectives set by Congress and General Council (see New Internationalism)
- Develop a more coherent and integrated approach on development cooperation to enable better coordination and synergies;
- Promote a shared, permanent, and structured partnerships and improve the effectiveness and impact of our cooperation with regard to the capacity of unions to contribute to sustainable and social development..
- Assume our role within the CSO's platforms and in the policy and consultation discussions with the EU Commission and other international development institutions.
- Mainstream the Decent Work Development Agenda as an essential strategy for achieving sustainable development.

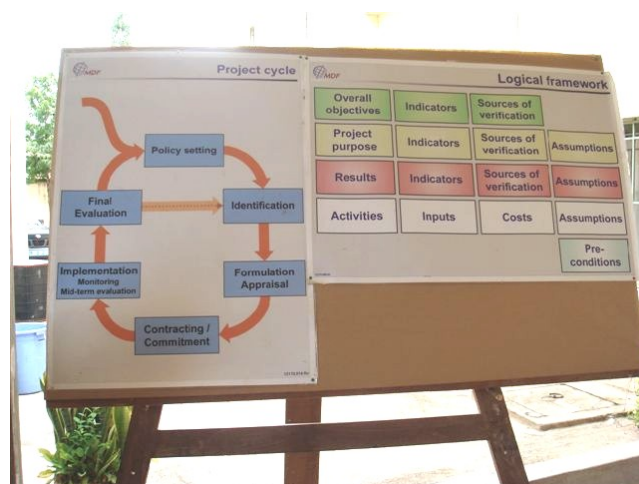


*This workplan is based on the activities as presented in the network proposal that is currently financed by the EU Commission under the Objective 3 of the Non State Actors Programme.

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Expected Outcomes:

- Improved understanding of criteria and prerequisites for trade union cooperation and partnerships
- Improved mutual knowledge and understanding of development policies and programmes, enabling more and improved coordination, cooperation and delivery
- Improved access for the trade union movement in-country and globally, to development funding
- Common policy setting and advocacy with respect to EU and other institutions
- Participation and engagement of the trade unions with other CSOs and within the consultation processes on development policy (EU, DAC-OECD, WB, FFD, ...)
- Increased interaction and cooperation between the trade union movement and the EU institutions on development cooperation policies
- The Decent Work Development Agenda will have been recognized and implemented.
- Existence of an effective Operational and sustainable network for Trade Union Development Cooperation



Activities 2010

1. International Conference on TU and Development Cooperation

Following the successful experience under the Swedish Presidency, with the conference in Stockholm (Runö) in “going public” as Actors in Developments, the Network proposed to organise a conference in cooperation with the Spanish Presidency as the first meeting of the Network in 2010, focusing on the consequences of the crisis for the development cooperation policies and their effectiveness.

International Conference on Crisis and Development Cooperation Effectiveness:

Madrid, 16-17-18 March



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2. Network General Meetings (TUDCN)

Networking general meetings allow the partners on a permanent base to follow-up the implementation of the action plan, to prepare benchmark exercises and to have an exchange of good practices on trade union development cooperation. The Network general meetings are also the “organizing” meetings of the Network, both in terms of implementing and monitoring the action plans as well as in terms of assessing and evaluating the TUDCN policy positions on development cooperation and in its work in relation to the institutional dialogues with the EU, the OECD/DAC and the UN system.

The network meetings may convene expert meetings on particular elements or organize policy setting seminars on development issues such as Aid Effectiveness, the international Aid Architecture*, and on particular relevant policy issues as well as advocacy initiatives with national, European and international decision makers. They should allow the partners of the TUDCN to fully participate in the European and international advocacy on development cooperation policies.



On this basis of the results of the four work streams in 2009, it has been chosen to group them together in one mailing list, which can serve as an information/dissemination/updating tool to spread news and/or documents relating to the issues in question, namely: Development Effectiveness and Aid Architecture*. This communication tool should facilitate the preparation and follow-up of the TUDCN network meetings.

Network Meetings 2010:

16-17-18 March in Madrid (following the international conference)

10-11-12 May in Helsinki

October in Brussels

3. Regional Consultations

Besides Network meetings, regional consultations will also be implemented:

a) Regional consultations on the “Principles of Trade Union Development Effectiveness”: (document produced by WS 1) these consultations are aimed at discussing the contents of the principles and promote common approaches to development cooperation; building up common methodology and procedures in planning and managing development initiatives at the national, regional and global levels, and providing **guidelines for monitoring development effectiveness**. These consultations will also inform the overall process on CSO effectiveness guidelines of the Open Forum on CSO Effectiveness**.



* WS 2 -trade unions and development actors– was finalised during the last international conference in Sweden, and WS 4 -development education– will be dealt with in training sessions (see New Member States Seminar 2009 and Workplan 2010).

**The implementation of regional consultations as well as the participation of the Experts Group is linked to the availability of resources from the Open Forum. The OF will take a decision at the 18-21 January GFG meeting in Mexico. <http://www.cso-effectiveness.org/>

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An Experts Group will be created in order to set up the methodological framework for the definition of the 'guidelines', which should facilitate the outcomes of these regional consultations.

Regional consultations on Principles on Trade Union Development Effectiveness (in conjunction with the training seminars, see below):

ITUC-Africa May

ITUC-TUCA tbd

ITUC-AP October

Experts Group meetings and seminar:

January in Brussels

December in Brussels

b) Regional consultations on Development Policies and Aid Architecture:

these consultations will be aimed at tackling the international debate on Aid Effectiveness, focusing on the relation between governments and civil society organisations in development cooperation, including specific criteria currently in discussion such as, Democratic Ownership and Accountability, South-South Cooperation, Conditionality and Internationally Agreed Standards and Indicators for Development Effectiveness.

Civil society voices for
Better Aid

Regional consultations on "Trade Unions, Development Effectiveness and International Aid Architecture"

*To be discussed with regions and negotiated with Better Aid**



4. Seminars

The network programme provides opportunity for training/(in)forming/updating trade union officers/activists who have responsibility in coordinating or promoting trade union development cooperation projects.

The programme provides seminars to be organised for different target groups:



a) New EU Member States: This specific target group responds to the priority in building capacity on Development Cooperation in the new EU Member States' trade unions.

***One seminar on advocacy capacity building:
November 2010***

* The Better Aid platform that coordinates the advocacy work of the CSO community has included in its workplan for 2010 consultations with the Trade Unions on Development Effectiveness. The ITUC has been asked to organize these consultation.

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b) Seminar on EC Development Cooperation programmes for trade union and Solidarity Support Organisation officials: The specific EU programs that will be addressed are: the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (IDHR), the



Non State Actors/ Local Authorities (NSA/LA) program and other thematic programs of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI). Special attention will be given to the policy debate on EC development cooperation (Quadrilogue) that takes place between Commission, Member States, the European Parliament and the CSO community (including trade unions/ITUC-TUDCN).

One training seminar:
25-26 February 2010

c) Thematic seminar: This seminar that is foreseen to take place in December 2010 will be part of the Experts Group planning. Its scope and content will be discussed and communicated through the Network general meeting.

d) Regional training seminars: One seminar is foreseen in Africa, in Asia-Pacific and in Latin-America, centred on capacity building for trade unions in the south to access in-country development support schemes (EU and others), to develop the corresponding Programming, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) and management skills for those responsible for national programmes and to understand and have the abilities to act on the overall development strategies and policies at the in-country, regional and international levels. These seminars are aimed at bringing together those responsible for the programmes and those who are the advocacy officers for development cooperation.

Regional Training seminars:
ITUC-AP 9-10 March in Singapore
ITUC-Africa May
ITUC-TUCA tbd
ITUC-AP October in Singapore

5. Advocacy and Lobby

The Network started the advocacy initiatives on behalf of the trade unions last year, and these activities will continue in 2010:

1. European Commission external assistance programs (European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights and the Development Cooperation Instrument): the TUDCN is following the whole process of the mid-term review of the main financial programs in the abovementioned fields, providing inputs on trade unions' priorities to be included in the next programming phase of the EU. To this end, the ITUC is also collaborating with the European Economic and Social Council in drafting and opinion on DCI and also in organising a joint lobby meeting with the EU officials, which have already produced concrete results (reported in the newsletter).



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2. European Parliament: the TUDCN will organise ad hoc meetings with parliamentarians during the course of 2010, and will also involve them in international events. This work will be oriented towards influencing the new programming structure of the EU external assistance.
3. Quadrilogue: this is the dialogue composed by representatives from different EU Institutions such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, Member States and CSOs. There will be periodical meetings in 2010 which TUDCN will attend and report on to the Network.
4. International CSO networks: the Network has also taken part in the overall CSO work on development cooperation, especially in the follow-up platforms after Accra on Development Effectiveness. The ITUC is member of the Global Facilitation Group of the "Open Forum on CSO Effectiveness and Enabling Environment" and is member of the Coordination Group of the "BetterAid Platform". The ITUC is representing BetterAid in the financial monitoring group that oversees the financing of the Better Aid and Open Forum platforms by donors. The TUDCN will continue to participate in the work of these two networks (see regional consultations above). The action plans of both platforms are available on their website: www.cso-effectiveness.org and www.betteraid.org. The ITUC is also following closely the debates on development cooperation at the UN and in particular the development at the UN Development Cooperation Forum which will hold its next meeting in 2010.
5. European Development Days (July): the ITUC and affiliates participation is foreseen. Specific activities to be assessed with Belgian colleagues, will be communicated to the network during 2010.



6. Study, Research and Documentation

The programme provides for possibilities to conduct studies, publicise background materials and visibility tools. We took an option on linking the studies and materials as close as possible to issues discussed in the workstreams of the Network and to support advocacy actions.

a) The studies foreseen are:

- Decent Work Agenda in Development Policies; the objective is to evaluate the Decent Work Agenda in official development policies. (Could be linked to the outcomes of Workstream II on Trade Unions as Actors for Development).
Publication: November
- Trade Unions and Development Effectiveness; the objective is to disseminate trade union criteria on development effectiveness. The outcomes are already in place with the Principles Document and with future guidelines drafted by the experts group. Examples of best practices of TU projects will be also gathered.
Publication: December
- Benchmarking on Trade Union Development Cooperation Support this has as an objective to do the mapping of support mechanisms and allow for a com-

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parative study and eventual conclusions to be taken up with national governments, the EU and other institutions, allowing demonstration of the possible parameters for an enabling environment for Trade Union Development Cooperation Support. This is part of the proposed items and outcomes of Workstream III.

Publication: December

- **Gender Equality in Development Cooperation:**

The aim of this mapping and research exercise is to see how trade unions have included the gender dimension in their development programmes and what the challenges are throughout the different experience.

Publication: December



b) Background and documentation materials: on

EU policies and different aspects of International Aid Architecture will be published as informative booklets or documentation sheets ("Primers"):

- Compendium on EU development programs: elaboration of a practical handbook for Trade Union organisations on the most relevant programs of the EU on external assistance (assembling also the EU training materials used during the trainings)

Publication: November.

- International Aid Architecture:

- The Paris Declaration, the Accra Agenda of Action and the International Aid Effectiveness Debate
- The UN and International Aid Effectiveness

Publication: June

7. Monitoring, Evaluation and Planning of the Network Activities and Operations

These meetings are aimed at monitoring closely the progress and outcomes of the Network and its activities and finances, and at reporting at each network meeting to the network partners.

Evaluation group meetings:

16-17-18 March in Madrid (following the international conference)

10-11-12 May in Helsinki

October in Brussels

Final evaluation December in Brussels

8. Publications, Communication, Information, etc.

- Database ITUC affiliates development projects
- Base line information from Regional Organisations
- Newsletter (on going)
- Web site (on going)
- Annual reports,
- Documentation files and primers (see 6b)

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Agenda 2010

TUDCN Activities	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Expert Group meeting	27-28											
EU countries DEVCO trade union officials												
International conference + Network Meeting in MADRID+ Evaluation Group meeting			16-17-18									
Training Seminar Asia												
Network Meeting in Helsinki+ Evaluation Group meeting + Training Seminar Africa + Regional consultation on Principles												
ITUC 2nd World Congress						21-25						
European Development Days												
Training Seminar Latin america + Regional Consultation on Principles												
Evaluation Group meeting												
Training Seminar Asia + Regional Consultation on Principles												
Publications: Decent Work Agenda in Development Policies; Compendium on EU development programs; International Aid architecture												
New Member States Seminar												
Publications: Trade Unions and Development Effectiveness; Benchmarking on trade union development cooperation support; Gender Equality												
Expert Group meeting + Final Evaluation Group												
Lobby/advocacy + Information and Communication												
Other Events												
High Level Event on South-South Cooperation and Capacity Development (HLE Colombia) Bogotá.			24-26									
UN Development Cooperation Forum												



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