



# Trade Union Focus on Development

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## Focus

### Global launch of campaign “Better Aid for the World We Want”

On the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty civil society organizations all around the world launched a global campaign calling for a public support for firm political commitments that will make development aid truly work.

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Following up on the September meeting with Andris Piebalgs, the European Commissioner on Development, ITUC and ETUC have issued a letter to the Commissioner, summarising the key aspects of the trade unions' contributions to the European development policy.

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#### [BetterAid's response to second draft HLF4 outcome document](#)

With less than 50 days left to the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, the BetterAid reaffirms their position in the response to the 2nd BOD and at the meeting of the OECD DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness in Paris.

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#### [How DAC members work with CSOs in Development Cooperation Report](#)

More than ten civil society organisations networks and fifteen donor agencies took part in a seminar discussing the findings of the OECD report on the means of collaboration of DAC

## Sign the petition!

**BetterAid**  
FOR THE WORLD WE WANT

## Upcoming events

members with civil society organisations (CSOs) in the field of development cooperation.

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## **South Korea acknowledges the International Framework and calls on others governments to do the same**

Civil society organizations have received a powerful sign of recognition in their mobilization towards the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF4) as the government of South Korea publicly endorsed the Istanbul Principles and acknowledged the International Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness.

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## **TUDCN releases a study on Decent Work in donor countries development policy**

On the World Day for Decent Work the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network released a study on the integration of the Decent Work Agenda into the development policy of the major donor governments.

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## **TUDCN meeting on the private sector in development and the CIVICUS World Assembly**

Over 20 trade unionists from Europe, Africa and Latin America came to Montreal to attend the World Assembly of CIVICUS as well as the parallel Policy and Advocacy Working Group of TUDCN, where they discussed the issue of private sector's role in development.

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## **Trade unions call for a firm commitment to decent work in the development agenda.**

On the World Day for Decent Work - trade unions and civil society organisations ask for strong commitments at an upcoming High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness for development policies that will ensure decent work for all.

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## **Company representatives receive training on**

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26-28 Nov 2011  
**Busan Civil Society Forum**  
Busan, South Korea

29 Nov – 1 Dec 2011  
**4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness**  
Busan, South Korea

12 – 14 Dec 2011  
**TUDCN General Meeting**  
Florence, Italy

## **Publications**

### **Decent Work in donor country development cooperation policy**

A country overview of the integration of the Decent Work Agenda into the development cooperation policy of the major donor country governments. (ITUC)

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### **How DAC members work with civil society organisations: An overview 2011**

The report examines why donors think it is important to work with CSOs, the ways they provide funds and the challenges they encounter. (OECD)

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## employment of people with disabilities in Tanzania

21 participants from 6 companies based in Dar-es-Salaam employing people with disabilities attended a two-day training course in June this year under the Employment Support Programme for Workers with Disabilities in Tanzania Project launched by the Disability Aid Abroad (DAA) in 2010.

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## India, agricultural workers: Joining a trade union to emerge from poverty

The CFDT supports the action of an Indian NGO who helps the most marginalised populations.

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## Trade union cooperation to combat climate change

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges that the international trade union movement must address. The CFDT, is at the leading edge on this subject and has set it as a theme for its trade union cooperation with the poorest countries.

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## DFID trade advocacy fund ignores “big society”

DFID has just launched its new trade advocacy fund to help poor countries better participate in trade negotiations. The fund is welcome, but it's missing a vital component: it doesn't support those often marginalised by trade liberalisation – from workers to smallholder farmers – to have their voices heard during trade talks.

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