



Trade Union Focus on Development

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Focus

The Cebu Consensus - Civil society reorganises after Busan

Cebu, once a pearl of the Philippine tourism, is where Tony Tujan, the co-chair of BetterAid and native from the province, hosted the meeting that brought together 80 delegates from the BetterAid platform and the Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness on 20-23 February 2012. The meeting was called to discuss how CSOs will organise to work further on the issues of development effectiveness and interact within the new Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

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Key trade union messages on the new proposal of the EU Development Cooperation Instrument

In response to EC Proposal for a Regulation establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (DCI) ITUC and ETUC have formulated the Key trade union messages on DCI, outlining the trade union perspective on the text of the proposed regulation. Most important asks concern the need for an actor-based approach as well as more support to the Decent Work Agenda and social partners at country level.

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Trade unions voice their concerns about the Joint Africa-EU Strategy

The Joint Africa-EU Task Force met in Brussels on 8-9 March 2012. In preparation to the meeting ITUC and ETUC highlighted the concerns of trade unions from both continents in a letter to the EU Commissioner on Development, Andris Piebalgs. In respect to the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) trade unions stress the importance of the Decent Work Agenda, which is recognized in other EC's development documents, in particular the Agenda for Change, but still missing in the priorities of JAES. Other concerns include the need for EU's policy coherence, more synergies between the existing partnerships as well as a rights-based

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TUDCN WG on EU Policies

Brussels, Belgium

17-20 April 2012

TUCA Congress

Porto Allegre, Brazil

21-26 April 2012

UNCTAD XIII

Doha, Qatar

approach to the issue of migration, especially in relation to safeguarding migrant workers' rights.

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Trade unions on the move for Rio+20

With just 4 months to RIO+20 the ITUC is calling on all affiliates to mobilize for a more equitable, just and sustainable world. Visit the new page of the ITUC campaign for Rio+20.

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EU's aid to Haiti – no progress without Decent Work

The lack of recognition of the international labour standards and the right to social protection is one of the reasons for the perpetuation of extreme poverty in Haiti. Despite continuous efforts of ITUC, ETUC and Haitian trade unions, EU's aid programmes for the country still make no mention of the Decent Work Agenda among their priorities or principles. In a letter to EU Development Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, trade unions remind that without Decent Work principles at the core, the efforts for reconstruction and development of Haiti will not succeed. In their Roadmap, formulated in April 2010, trade unions present in detail their perspective on the necessary prerequisites for Haiti's reconstruction.

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Launch of the TUDCN gender mapping

The third TUDCN Development Paper maps the integration of the gender perspective in trade union development cooperation.

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Canadian trade union development cooperation in three stories

Strengthening trade unions in Zimbabwe, leadership training in Bolivia, empowering women in Bangladesh – these only some examples of the international solidarity projects of the Canadian Labour Congress and its affiliates. In three more in-depth stories from India, Mexico and Kenya you can learn more about the reality of trade union struggles around the world and the Canadian development cooperation projects supporting them.

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7-9 May 2012

TUDCN General Meeting

Helsingør, Denmark

22-24 May 2012

TUDCN Seminar on Indicators

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Geneva, Switzerland

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TUDCN Development Paper 3 - Mapping of the integration of the gender perspective in trade union development cooperation

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About us

The Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN) is an initiative of the International Trade Union Confederation that

Colombian trade unions and human rights organisations meet in Bogotá to unveil action against impunity

Since the 1950s, defending human rights in Colombia via a trade union organisation has been an extremely risky activity. Even more shocking is the fact that the majority of crimes and other attacks – both physical and mental – against trade unions and trade unionists and their families remain undocumented and as such have never gone to court or been punished. The work of Colombian trade unionists is fraught with danger and their activities are generally deemed so worthless that decent work in the field is extremely hard to come by.

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International seminar on the opportunities and challenges associated with labour migration in Peru

At a seminar held in Lima on 13 January 2012, ISCOD-Peru brought together several different national institutions to analyse the progress made in terms of social dialogue around labour immigration via the 2008-2011 AECID-ISCOD Cooperation Agreement.

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OISS and INSHT analyse the link between informal labour and the rate of occupational accidents in Latin America

Within the framework of the Latin American Occupational Health & Safety Strategy, the Latin American Organisation for Health & Safety and the Spanish government's Institute for Safety and Hygiene at Work (INSHT) brought out a publication entitled "Una mirada a las condiciones de trabajo de algunos colectivos especialmente vulnerables" (An overview of the working conditions of certain particularly vulnerable categories of workers).

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Teachers' Forum meeting in Marrakech calls for rural education to be made a national priority for Morocco

Over 250 rural teachers met in Marrakech from 13-15 January 2012 to attend the First Rural Teachers' Forum in a bid to remedy the serious shortcomings in public education in rural areas of the country. The event was organised by Morocco's National Teachers' Union (SNE) within the Democratic Labour Federation (FDT) and focussed on the topic "Development and improvement of public education in rural areas means motivating teachers and improving their conditions".

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brings together affiliated trade union organisations, solidarity support organisations, regional ITUC organisations and the Global Union Federations.

The objective of TUDCN is to bring the trade union perspective into the international development policy debates and to improve the coordination and effectiveness of trade union development cooperation activities.

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BetterAid Updates: What's Next After Busan?

The Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness was one of the high points of the long advocacy of civil society to promote development effectiveness. CSOs participated in the negotiations of the Busan Outcome Document, co-organized official thematic sessions, prepared mini-debates in the Knowledge and Innovation Space, and lobbied in the corridors of the Bexco Convention Center. Now, instead of pausing for a break, civil society celebrated their success in the HLF-4 by sustaining the momentum gained in Busan. Read more about some of the key undertakings of civil society during the first half of 2012.

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