



# Trade Union Focus on Development

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## Focus

### **TUDCN addresses the European Parliament on DCI - Development Cooperation Instrument**

On May 31 the Trade Union Intergroup\* meeting at the European Parliament saw, for the first time, EU development cooperation as such among the discussion points in the agenda. The meeting was very timely set, considering the on-going legislative procedure on the DCI.

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## Policies

### **UN Development Cooperation Forum – development cooperation in the times of crisis**

On July 5-6 2012 the UN Development Cooperation Forum will gather for the third time at their bi-annual session in New York. The forum, taking place just two weeks after the 'Rio+20' Summit, will discuss how to advance sustainable development through development cooperation, on the top of its usual focus on the current trends in quantity, quality and allocation of aid and development cooperation. Another important topic will be the post-2015 global development framework. TUDCN coordinates the trade union delegation to the event.

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## Policies

### **Social Dialogue: 'unearthed' strategic objective of EU development cooperation?**

The European Commission has organised a seminar specifically centred on the role of social dialogue in development. The event took place on May 25 with the participation of the international and European social partner organizations and the presence of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

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## Policies

### **Development Education and Awareness Raising: does it matter for trade unions?**

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## Upcoming events

11-13 June 2012

**TUDCN Seminar on Outcome and impact measurement in Trade Union Development Cooperation**  
Brussels, Belgium

20-22 June 2012

**UN Conference on Sustainable Development "Rio+20"**  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

5-6 July 2012

On 22nd of May, at the EU Parliament session in Strasbourg, a round table titled "Do Europeans care for the rest of the world?" took place, hosted by the Polish MEP Filip Kaczmarek. The debate, facilitated by the DARE Forum, focused on the coincidence between "solidarity" and "mutual interest" in a globalised world. The roundtable was followed by a call for the MEPs to sign the Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Declaration and for the European Commission to increase the funds available for DEAR.

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#### Policies

### **Aid effectiveness criteria in the EU development cooperation programming process: what role for trade unions?**

During the first meeting of the EU Policy Forum in May, the European External Action Service (EEAS) and DEVCO officials finally presented the EU development cooperation programming modalities (stating how to spend development cooperation budget), that will be applied from 2014 to 2020. It is interesting to note that the programming process was launched long before the very approval of the development cooperation instruments that are currently going through the EU legislative procedure.

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#### News from the Network

### **Trade Union Nordic Development Cooperation meeting**

"To restore confidence, creating quality jobs, decent work must be the core of any legitimate policy of economic and financial reform and any strategy for growth... Norway has a rights-based approach to the decent work; we believe this approach is even more vital in times of crisis... Participation and dialogue must be at the centre of the recovery", Jonas Gahr Støre, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the participants from Global Unions and the Nordic Solidarity Support organisations at the Trade Union Nordic Development Cooperation meeting that took place near Oslo on 14-16 May 2012.

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#### News from the Network

### **Domestic work: dignifying the work, giving dignity to the workers**

Very young women, migrants from the rural areas, with little education and minimum self-esteem sometimes with family responsibilities and unaware of their labour rights. Unaware even of their status as employees, thousands of women workers in Bolivian homes become easy prey for unscrupulous employers, subjected to a state of semi-slavery, with no fixed working hours, no pay and virtually no rest.

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### **UN Development Cooperation Forum**

New York, USA

27-30 August 2012 [tbc]

### **TUDCN seminar on South-South Cooperation**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

25-26 September 2012

### **TUDCN seminar on post-2015**

Istanbul, Turkey

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#### **Publications**

### **ITUC Annual Survey of Violations of Trade Union Rights 2012**

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### **Private profit for public good? Can investing in private companies deliver for the poor?**

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### **International Development Matters (TUC)**

### **Cooperation Sindical al Desarrollo (CCOO)**

### **BetterAid Update**

### **OpenForum newsletter**

### **Solidar Round Up**

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#### News from the Network

### **Yes, the money is there!**

Spanish Alliance Against Poverty find way of avoiding social cuts in the general state budgets.

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#### News from the Network

### **TUC Aid Project mobilizes support for the ILO Recommendation on HIV in Nigeria**

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) is mobilizing support for the implementation of the ILO Recommendation on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work adopted by the International Labour Conference in June 2010.

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#### News from the Network

### **Fair Games? Not for workers making sportswear for the Olympics**

In the run up to London 2012, the Play Fair campaign has found [exploitative working conditions](#) in 10 factories making Olympic goods and sportswear in China, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. This has to change. Acting together, we can [demand](#) that the Olympic Movement and sportswear industry do much more to ensure that the human rights of workers making their goods are respected.

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#### News from the Network

### **John Carlos, Olympic legend talks about his fight for justice and supporting Playfair 2012**

John Carlos met with representatives of the TUC and Playfair 2012 campaign as he toured the UK speaking about his ongoing fight for justice and why we need to stand together and speak out against injustice at the local and global levels.

[Watch the interview >>>](#)

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#### News from the Platforms

### **Consultations on CPDE – the new global CSO platform for the post-Busan process launched. What place for the trade unions?**

In response to the official process coming out of the Busan High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness and the emerging Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, CSOs from all regions and sectors are working together to create a new platform to replace BetterAid and Open Forum that represented civil society in the Busan process. Consultations on the final shape of the CSO Partnership for Development

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## About us

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