



Trade Union Focus on Development

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UN Development Cooperation Forum - development cooperation for decent work

Decent work and jobs creation were among issues discussed at the UN Development Cooperation Forum that concluded last Friday at the UN headquarters in New York. The biannual forum discussed the current trends in development cooperation in view of the recent geopolitical changes, the multiple crisis as well as the parallel policy processes, including the Rio+20 summit and the process coming out of the aid effectiveness forum in Busan.

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Rio+20: No Social Justice Without Environmental Protection

The global trade union movement is bitterly disappointed at the Declaration of the Rio+20 Summit, a declaration that lacks the concrete measures necessary now to end senseless environmental destruction, drive investment into the green economy to create jobs and reduce the alarming growth in inequity with the guarantee of social protection for the most vulnerable people.

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After the MDGs - UN post-2015 development framework process gathers speed

In 2015 Millennium Development Goals will expire. The United Nations has launched a process of elaborating the post-2015 development framework. The new framework is likely to be a new set of development goals, but their focus, scope or accountability mechanisms are still to be defined. ITUC brings in the trade union perspective to the process through a number of activities.

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28-30 August 2012
[TUDCN seminar on South-South Cooperation](#)
 Florianopolis, Brazil

25-26 September 2012
[TUDCN seminar on post-2015](#)

Global Partnership out of starting blocks on the wrong foot

What could and should have been the official launch of the Busan Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) turned to be a “business as usual” event that passed by the demands of the partner countries and the civil society. 6 months after Busan, and after an intense work in the Post Busan Interim Group, the OECD-DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness was called to conclude business and put in place the GPEDC.

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The European Parliament calls on Member States and the European Commission to strengthen development education across Europe.

After an intense 4 months campaign, the European Parliament adopts the written declaration on development education and global active citizenship.

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Progress measurement in development cooperation - a growing priority for trade unions

TUDCN continues working on trade union development effectiveness by organising on 11-13 June a seminar on ‘Outcome and impact measurement in Trade Union development cooperation’. The event took place in Elewijt centre, Belgium, and was attended by a wide range of organisations from Northern and Southern national centres, SSOs and Global Union Federations.

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Video introduction to TUDEP

TUDEP is a learning tool designed to support trade unions worldwide in the application of the effectiveness principles in their everyday development cooperation practice. In this short video you will learn more about the TUDEP.

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Organising workers in the EPZ

On June 11th 2012 the ITUC and ACTRAV held a meeting at the ILO to launch several publications on trade union experiences in the export processing zones (EPZ). The research papers have been prepared in coordination with ITUC Africa and TUCA as well as trade unions in the countries concerned. The publications focus on the strategies for organising and defending the rights of the workers in the EPZ.

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Istanbul, Turkey

15 October 2012

TUDCN WG EU

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News from the network**Development NGOs: too close to the powerful, too far from the powerless?**

Nicola Banks and David Hulme, at the Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester, have published a [paper](#) which argues that development NGOs need to change direction if they are to play a positive role in poverty reduction. At present, they argue, they are too concentrated on service delivery and advocacy on behalf of poor people. What they need to do is commit to empowerment of the poor, so that they can create their own solutions. This critique of the essentially philanthropist, top-down approach to development echoes what many in the trade union movement have been saying – especially those in the south.

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News from the network**In 2011, sustainable development made its way onto the international trade union cooperation agenda**

The Institut Belleville conducted ten projects across every continent during 2011, devoting 331,341 euros to them. For the first time, sustainable development became part of its solidarity activities directed at developing and emerging countries.

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News from the network**Support for trade union service capabilities****- CNT- Affiliated Public Service Union to Offer Child Care**

On 25 July, the USO's NGO for development SOTERMUN (Spain) and the CNT-affiliated national public workers' union, UNTE-SN, of Paraguay, will be opening a nursery in the capital Asunción with places for 120 children aged 0 to 5 years.

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News from the network**Dutch CBA also supports Moldovan youth**

The 150,000 cleaners in the Netherlands finally have a new collective agreement. After long and difficult negotiations, focused also on dignity and working circumstances, a well-developed package has been achieved. That's good news for them, but also for young people in Moldova, the poorest country of Europe. In their collective agreement the Dutch cleaners included an agreement to support young -potential- colleagues on the other side of Europe.

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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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Final Meeting of WP-EFF Came to A Close: Civil Society Question Inclusiveness of the Process

As negotiations for a Post-Busan governance structure and monitoring framework were finalized last Friday in Paris, civil society expressed deep concern over the process undertaken by the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-Eff), the multi-stakeholder forum responsible for leading global processes that produced the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA), Paris Declaration (PD) and the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (BPd). In a statement read by BetterAid Co-Chairs, Antonio Tujan and Mayra Moro-Coco, civil society expressed doubt over the consensus reached after Day 1 especially after suggestions raised by the various groups - such as civil society, NEPAD and CARICOM - were rejected, "it is not a Global Partnership interested in generating consensus and compromise among the range of stakeholders - whether others or us".

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