



Trade Union Focus on Development

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Focus

Trade union seminar on the post-2015 framework

In a few days trade union and SSO representatives from all around the world will gather in Istanbul to discuss the trade union engagement in the post-2015 development framework process. In a series of debates and working groups involving, among others, speakers from the UNDP, European Commission and the ILO, participants will reflect on the lessons learnt from the MDG framework, the possible shape of the new framework as well as ways to foster trade union engagement in the process. The seminar is organised by the TUDCN.

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Placing Social Protection at the Heart of the Development Agenda

At the upcoming European Development Days (Brussels, October 16-17th) ITUC and the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs will host a high level event on the place of social protection in the development agenda. The event will feature a number of high-level speakers, including ITUC Secretary General Ms Sharan Burrow and the European Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs.

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ITUC and ETUC respond to the EC consultations on the post-2015 framework

In answer to the consultation on the post-2015 development framework, carried out by the Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid DG of the European Commission, ITUC and ETUC advocate a strong focus on full employment and decent work for all, as well as on universal social protection. The submission outlines the trade union perspective on the strong and weak points of the Millennium Development Goals as well as the possible shape of the future framework.

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Upcoming events

25-26 September 2012

TUDCN seminar on post-2015 development framework

Istanbul, Turkey

15 October 2012

EC releases a communication on social protection in development

In the end of August the European Commission published the Communication on Social Protection in European Union Development Cooperation. The document offers a useful perspective on the role and implementation of social protection in development policies and work. Trade unions particularly welcome the support for the Social Protection Floors approach (including the ILO Convention 102 and the newly adopted ILO Recommendation 202 concerning National Floors of Social Protection) as well as the recognition of the role of social partners, decent work and labour standards.

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Seminar on South-South Cooperation and the TUCa Cooperation meeting

Two seminars were held in Florianapolis (Brazil) between the 27-30 August where USO-Sotermun was represented by brother Santiago González. One of the seminars on Triangular and South-South Cooperation was organised by the ITUC Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN). The other was a Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCa) meeting on Cooperation.

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And now the people of Haiti! Second phase of the trade union programme of action

In mid-September 2012 the second phase in the TUCa/ITUC special programme of action on Haiti will start. Kattia Paredes Moreno will coordinate it on behalf of TUCa/TUCa.

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Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs approves new Trade Union Co-financing Programme 2013-2016

The end of August brought good news from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for FNV and CNV. In June 2012 both trade unions submitted a proposal for their new programmes to the Dutch Ministry. The evaluation process took all summer and in the last week of August both organisations received a positive feedback from the Ministry that approved the two programmes. A total amount of €49 million is available for FNV's and CNV's activities in developing countries. The new programmes will have a four year duration and start in January 2013.

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TUDCN WG on EU Policy & Instruments

Brussels, Belgium

16-17 October 2012

European Development Days

Brussels, Belgium

24-25 October 2012

TUDCN Seminar on TU Development Cooperation Support Mechanisms

Paris, France

5-7 November 2012

TUDCN Seminar on Development Education

Vienna, Austria

6-7 November 2012

TUDCN WG on TU Development Effectiveness

Brussels, Belgium

14-15 November 2012

TUDCN General Meeting

Paris, France

Publications

Annual Report 2012 on the EUs Development and external assistance policies and their implementation 2011

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European Commission

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UNCTAD

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LO and Carlsberg join forces to improve conditions for beer promoters in Cambodia

The Danish Confederation of Trade Unions (LO) and the Carlsberg group have joined forces in a unique partnership to improve conditions for women sales promoters in Cambodia who have been exposed to harassment and abuse from customers.

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Radio Labour interview Anna McMullen, Campaigns Coordinator, Labour Behind the Label

Listen to the RadioLabour interview with: Anna McMullen Campaigns Coordinator, Labour Behind the Label about the Play Fair report on Olympic workers in developing countries.

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The role of Labour in the development of global society

A debate between representatives of International institutions, Italian Government, Local Authorities, Trade unions and NGOs on the possible development model able to combine economic growth, environmental protection, employment promotion, rights and social cohesion in Italy and globally. The seminar is sponsored by the Association of Italian NGOs and ISCOS CISL under the project "Decent Work for all!" Realized with the contribution the European Commission.

26 September 2012 h. 9,30-17,00, Sermig – Piazza Borgo Dora 61 – Torino. More information: arpaia@iscos-cisl.org

News from the platforms

Open Forum is developing a new Resource for CSO Development Effectiveness

To further support country level implementation and strategic planning around the Istanbul Principles and the enabling environment, Open Forum is developing a Practitioners Activity Guide. The aim of this new resource is to train CSO practitioners to transmit the concepts and collective experience behind the [International Framework](#) and the accompanying [Toolkits](#), and to help CSOs take those first conceptual and planning steps on the path to improving their effectiveness. At present, the Practitioners Activity Guide is in its pilot testing phase. Between August and October 2012, one testing workshop is planned in each of the following regions: Africa, Asia, Latin America, MENA, North America and Europe. Based on the inputs from these consultations, a finalized version of the Practitioners Activity Guide will be completed by early December 2012.

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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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