



Trade Union Focus on Development

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Focus

Social protection at the heart of the development agenda

The High Level Event that ITUC co-hosted together with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the European Development Days on placing social protection at the heart of the development agenda attracted not only eminent speakers, but also a full room of development professionals interested in the topic. ITUC Secretary General Sharan Burrow, European Commissioner Andris Piebalgs and French Minister for Development Pascal Canfin were only some of the distinguished speakers who, stressed the importance of social protection as a crucial element of development policy and practice.

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Trade union response to the EC Communication on CSOs in development

In response to the recent European Commission's Communication 'The roots of democracy and sustainable development: Europe's engagement with Civil Society in external relations' trade unions welcome the document and its recognition of the role of the civil society with the particular mention of social partners and social dialogue as well as the Commission's commitment to supporting regional and global networks and ensuring timely and inclusive policy dialogues. Trade unions welcome also the recognition of the role of Development Education as a means of strengthening public accountability of the EU external action.

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Trade unions react to the EC Communication on social protection in development

ITUC and ETUC warmly welcomed the new EC Communication "Social Protection in European Union Development Cooperation" and its evolved understanding of social protection, with references to the relevant ILO recommendations. Trade unions appreciate also the recognition of the role of social partners in the elaboration and implementation of social protection schemes. Concerns remain however around

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24-25 October 2012

TUDCN Seminar on TU Development Cooperation Support Mechanisms

Paris, France

the role of Corporate Social Responsibility in this domain.

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ITUC's reaction to the World Bank's report on jobs

Responding to the launch today of the World Bank's World Development Report 2013, devoted to the theme of "Jobs", ITUC General Secretary Sharan Burrow welcomed the publication as recognition by the world's largest development institution that it must focus on employment creation as a priority goal.

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Trade unions' views on working with donor governments in development – a new study from the TUDCN

The new TUDCN Development Paper outlines trade unions' experience with the governmental support systems for development cooperation in 18 countries. The study, carried out by the HIVA Institute offers also a number of policy recommendations, both to the donors and to the trade unions on how to improve the effectiveness of these support mechanisms.

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Social Protection Floors – Lifting People out of Poverty

In an interview for the European Development Days website ITUC Secretary General Sharan Burrow stresses the importance of social protection in development and outlines the means of implementation of social protection floors. Burrow talks also about the role of social partners in establishing social protection schemes and her perspective on the EU role in supporting social protection in poorer countries.

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ITUC page on the Post-2015 Development Framework process launched

A dedicated page on the ITUC website has been launched to keep the ITUC affiliates as well as external visitors informed about the UN Post-2015 Development Framework process and the ITUC inputs, reactions and plans in that respect. You can already access the first news and documents, including the Guide for trade union engagement in the post-2015 development framework process and soon the report from the recent trade union seminar on that topic.

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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

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A decent job? Assessing DFID's contribution to achieving Decent Work

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Is DFID allergic to Decent Work?

Nearly everyone agrees a decent job is the best way for someone to escape poverty. So why is the Department for International Development (DFID) doing so little to help? Read the new TUC report "A decent job" and the blog post on this topic by TUC Ben Moxham.

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Haïti - successful mobilisation on October 5th.

Following the call for action launched by the ITUC and TUCA on the occasion of the Global Day of Action for Decent Work, Haitian trade unions took the streets of Port au Prince to insist on genuine decent work policies. More than 2000 people demonstrated and demanded the government to respond to worker's urgent demands, as defined in the trade union roadmap. A video highlights the main moments of that day.

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