



Trade Union Focus on Development

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Focus

HLP report on the Post-2015 Development Framework - Business ... as usual

The HLP released its report at the end of May, after a "lengthy and broad consultation" process.

The Trade Union movement welcomes the tone of the report when it comes to setting the desired outcomes and expressing the ambition to challenge some of the major obstacles to sustainable development.

The option to consider the world as one and address development objectives as relevant for all societies and people is clearly a step forward, considering the scope of the previous generation of MDGs.

However, upon reaching the HLPs recommendations, illustrative goals and proposed concrete targets, fundamental shortcomings and ideological bias emerge.

In the preliminary opinion, that is now open for discussion by the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network, a number of specifics are at the heart of our concerns as workers and trade unions: decent work, social protection, social dialogue and democratic ownership.

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Policies

Development Committee Communiqué

The Development Committee met on April 20, 2013, in Washington, DC.

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EU's support to private sector development: focus on poverty reduction and job creation is needed

An April seminar on the "Evaluation of the European Union's support to private sector development in third countries" showed that much more needs to be done to maximise the impact of EU money on the ground, since linkages between EU support to private sector development and poverty reduction and job creation remain very distant.

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Concept note of the ILO: jobs and livelihoods in the post-2015 development agenda: meaningful ways to set targets and monitor progress.

This synthesis note, published in May 2013, reviews options for global goal, national targets and statistical indicators that might be used in tracking progress and informing policy. The purpose of the note is to provoke discussion on how a possible employment-related development goal might be expressed in terms of targets and indicators of progress at country level.

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Upcoming events

ITUC Africa Regional Seminar +2015

26/28 June, Lomé, Togo

News from the network

Call on the GUFs and SSOs to be involved in the ITUC project "Building a strong trade union movement in Myanmar"

In September 2012, the General Secretary of the FTUB was allowed to come back to the country after many years of exile. The ITUC along with several SSOs and GUFs, immediately expressed support for the return of democracy and the launch of another phase of trade union operations.

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16th Regular Congress of the DEOK - '50 Years of Demands and Struggle'

With the clear and sound message "50 years of demands and struggle" the 16th Congress of the DEOK took place in Nicosia on the 12th April 2013. More than 300 delegates coming from industry-sector unions of the Federation participated in the congress.

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TRIALOG Facilitates Partnerships for Development - Partnership Fair 2013

After the initial success of its predecessor events in 2006, 2010, and 2011, TRIALOG hosted the fourth Partnership Fair from 13th to 15th March 2013 in Vienna. In all, the conference counted nearly 120 participants from 84 organisations working in the development cooperation sector (NGDOs), coming from both old and new member states of the European Union. The Fair successfully created an arena for all of these NGDO representatives to learn, network, find partners, create joint projects and work on project proposals that are to be submitted to the European Commission in the course of the coming call on Development Education.

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Supporting Worker Participation in Factories in Vietnam

Some of us (and this definitely includes me) have sweated bitter hours over flat-pack furniture. However, it's fair to say that fitting together even the most fiendish collection of wood pieces into a double bed is child's play compared to actually working in the factories that produced it.

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Progress of the action plan "... And now the people of Haiti! "

This action plan forms part of the implementation of the trade union roadmap for the reconstruction and development of Haiti adopted during the trade union summit in Santo Domingo on the 9 April 2010.

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Pacific Growth and Employment Project (PGEF)

The latest progress chart on the Millennium Development Goals

Publications

The European Report on Development (ERD) 2013 "Post 2015: Global Action for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future"

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AidWatch Special Report 2012 – making sense of EU development cooperation effectiveness

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Tax Justice Network's blog - Why tax havens cause poverty

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Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Communication of the Commission on Social protection in EU development cooperation

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indicates a large to very large decent work deficit in Oceania. Progress is insufficient to reach the MDG target if prevailing trends persist. The opportunity to earn a living wage, in a secure job where you are treated with respect and dignity remains a challenge in Oceania. In recognition of this challenge, the Pacific Growth and Employment Project (PGE) was developed.

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For a trade union solidarity network - Discuss, share, engage

The CGSLB actively supports its trade union partners from the South, consequently it is important to be able to meet and to take stock a year after the launch of our trade union cooperation programme (co-financed by Belgian Cooperation Development).

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Quote from Gemma Freedman (former TUC)

"Did great interview just now with PSI's sub-regional Secretary for South Asia. He explained how through an LOTCO/PSI project, a union in India managed to get improved wages, terms and conditions (including recruitment of 28,000 new workers) for amazing child care workers who were earning just 2,500 Rupees a month (£30!) for caring for 30+ children (and sometimes were stretched to work in two child care centres in one day!) and their mothers in some of the poorest villages in Tamil Nadu seven days a week. They now earn up to 7,500 a month, have a small pension, get Sunday's of work and other benefits. They are also campaign for the buildings (rudimentary) which house the children during the day to be upgraded. They are still not receiving enough remuneration for their exhausting and incredible work bringing up the nation's children but it's a great improvement. This is just one example of the fabulous work of trade unions all over the world! Inspirational !"

About us

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