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Editorial

On 12th December, European Foreign Affairs Council adopted a [second set of conclusions on the role of the private sector in international development](#). The document follows the EU Commission's communication, released on 13th May 2014, and the first set of Council conclusions, published on 24th June 2014.

Although the conclusions bring about positive improvements regarding the support to local SMEs, social enterprises and cooperatives, unfortunately they fail to recognize decent work and social dialogue as fundamental pillar to sustainable development

Trade Unions have released a [detailed statement](#).

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Policies

Trade unions and donors discuss development in the OECD

On 30th November, in Paris, trade unionists from 18 countries met with representatives of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) to discuss existing and potential avenues for a strengthened cooperation between donors, the labour movement and other stakeholders.

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"What's good for social justice is also good for the economy"

Roberto Bissio is the coordinator of [Social Watch](#), an international network of citizens' organisations reporting on how governments and international organisations implement their commitments on poverty eradication and gender equality. He talks to Equal Times about this crucial moment in the development world.

[To read the full Q&A](#)



Madrid Declaration on the creation of an international panel for poverty and inequality eradication

The [Spanish Alliance Against Poverty](#) supports the proposal to create a permanent Panel that enables to continue the fight against poverty and inequality, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the post 2015 agenda and provides political guidelines for the actions of governments and the United Nations.

[To read the full Declaration](#)

UK aid investment target tax havens

Private sector arm of DfID (Department for International Development) and other EU development institutions channel significant investments to offshore havens, study finds.

[Read the Guardian's article](#)

Upcoming events

Latin America Regional Development Network Meeting (focus on advocacy),
Panama City

Date 2-4/03/2015

Thematic seminar: OCA (organizational capacity assessment) frameworks,
Brussels

Date 19-20/03/2015

TUDCN General Meeting, Florence

Date 27-29/04/2015



News from the network

Report of the Open Coordination Meeting

The Open Coordination Meeting was held in Brussels on 29 and 30 of September.

TUDCN members and regional coordinators monitored the progress made on advocacy and oversaw the implementation of the TUDCN plan of action.

[To read more about the meeting](#)

Cooperation policy meeting of the TUCA

The Cooperation Policy Meeting of the TUCA was held in Paris on Tuesday 28 October. The meeting, convened by the TUCA Secretariat, was attended by many of the solidarity support organisations working with the TUCA.

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The GTDIH debates the industrialisation policies and defines a plan for the implementation of the PLADA

The Working Group on Hemispheric Development and Integration (GTDIH) of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas, jointly organised with the FESUR, held its last meeting of the year in Montevideo, Uruguay on 6 and 7 November.

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ISCOD activity report 2013

As you can see from the [report of activities 2013](#) (in Spanish), ISCOD is continuing its mission to act against poverty in all countries, providing solidarity support for the fight waged by workers' organisations to end exclusion and defend human rights.

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Monitoring the partnership between ABVV Metaal and the Kenyan Engineering Workers' Union (KEWU) with the TUDEP tool

ABVV Metaal, started a partnership with KEWU, representing the Kenyan Engineering workers in Kenya, in 2006. In 2007 a joint cooperation project was set up with co-funding of the Belgian Development cooperation. This project was set up using the Project Cycle Management's tools. [More](#)

"Decent work and migrations" workshop organized by the CUT, CGIL and CDHIC

The 'Decent Work and Migration' workshop organised by the CUT, CGIL and CDHIC, held in São Paulo on 5-6 November, was an excellent opportunity for the main trade union organisations of Italy and Brazil to share experiences on migration.

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Workshop of the Trade Union Network on Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Migration

Many trade union organisations attended the workshop held in Casablanca, Morocco, from 6 to 8 August

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Call from social partners: Open up the EAC (East African Community) job market

East African Employers and Workers Organizations join forces and urge politicians to remove barriers on free movement of labour within the region.

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