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MDGS: NEED TO TURN GOOD INTENTIONS INTO ACTION

We welcome the commitment of the world leaders present at the UN mid-review summit of the MDGs (20-22 September) to deliver on the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and that decent work has been included in the Summit outcome document. We also welcome that progress has been made by some governments, like France, Belgium and Spain, for a financial transaction tax which could secure new money to reach the goals.

We called on world leaders to produce an action-orientated outcome in the new report by The Global Network and SOLIDAR released at the ITUC/Global Network/SOLIDAR side event during the Summit (read more below), but this was something that was sadly lacking. Conny Reuter said: "We need to make sure that the commitments made by heads of state are turned into concrete actions to reach the goals. It is not about intentions, it is about eradicating poverty and offering decent work and decent life for all!"

Conny Reuter, Secretary General

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SIDE EVENT AT UN MDG SUMMIT: 'DECENT WORK AND THE MDGS: KEEPING THE PROMISE'

On 21 September, about 100 participants attended the ITUC/Global Network/SOLIDAR UN MDG Summit side event on 'Decent work and the MDGs'. The Global Network report on decent work and the Millennium Development Goals was also launched at this event (see article below). The event, hosted by Conny Reuter, included speakers Jane Stewart (ILO), Sharan Burrow (ITUC), Mira Said (DWRC), Georgina Opoku Amankwah (ITUC - Africa Women's Committee) and Yon nec Polet (PES).

Sharan Burrow spoke about the window of opportunity that has opened where a shift in development policies could be made to put decent work and global social protection at the heart. She also underlined her readiness to work with civil society and SOLIDAR on making this change happen. Jane Stewart welcomed the progress made in the Summit outcome document when it comes to decent work and called for a large coalition to keep pressure high.

NEW REPORT SHOWS DECENT WORK IS CRUCIAL TO ACHIEVE MDGS

During the UN MDG Side event on 'Decent Work & the MDGs' in New York, [The Global Network](#) launched a new report which shows that decent work can be a catalyst to achieve these goals and calls on leaders to make a renewed commitment to the [Decent Work Agenda](#). [Read more.](#)

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

EC LAUNCHED "YOUTH ON THE MOVE" INITIATIVE

SOLIDAR welcomes the [EC proposal](#) which aims at increasing young people's employability and their access to the labour market. Today, youth unemployment is at its highest level in Europe at an average of 21%, affecting in particular early school leavers and socially disadvantaged youth. SOLIDAR supports in particular the 'youth guarantee' which ensures that all young people should be in a job, in education or in activation within four months after leaving school and we additionally support the idea of elaborating a quality framework for internships. [Read more.](#)

NEW PUBLICATION: 'THE CHANGING LABOUR MARKET IN GERMANY IN TIMES OF CRISIS'

A new SOLIDAR briefing was published this week on '[The changing labour market in Germany in times of crisis](#)'. Over the last decade there has been significant changes in the German labour

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