**REUNIÓN GENERAL RED SINDICAL DE COOPERACIÓN AL DESARROLLO**

**TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION NETWORK GENERAL MEETING**

**RÉSEAU SYNDICAL POUR LA COOPÉRATION AU dÉvelopment RÉUNION GÉNÉRALE**

Sao Paulo, 18-20 de Marzo 2014

**NOTES ON THE AGENDA**

**Day 1**

The objective of day one is to discuss the “**development model we want**”.
During this day we bring around the table personalities and experts discussing their “vision” on development from different angles: political, institutional and from a trade union point of view. The Minister for Social Affairs from Uruguay and the director of the [Lula foundation](http://www.institutolula.org/eng/?tag=lula-institute) will be the opening session keynote speakers.

In the first panel representatives of the World Bank, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the EU Commission will share with us their institutional views on development.

In the second panel of the day the TUCA/CSA SG Victor Baez will present the [PLADA](http://www.ituc-csi.org/tuca-publishes-its-development-13719?lang=en) the development platform for the Americas currently debated and prepared for launch, as a major policy framework for the trade union action. The perspective on development from Africa will be voiced by the SG of ITUC Africa, Kwasi Adu- Amankwah.

With the participants from all regions, ITUC affiliates, Global Union representatives and Trade Union Solidarity Support Organisations, we will debate those inputs and trace the headlines for the “**development model we want**”.

**Day 2**

The second day will focus on a number of global, regional and national policy debates on the development agendas in plenary and working groups.

The GM will discuss a [synthesis document on the private sector in development](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/the_private_sector_and_its_role_in_development_-_a_trade_union_perspective.docx); after the TUDCN seminar in Barcelona, and ongoing discussion at the OECD/DAC, the Global Partnership and the UN2015 – including national policies of development agencies and global development banks - the GM will is asked to reach conclusions on trade union positioning in this debate.

A [short report](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/update_on_post_2015.docx) will be presented on the [most recent progress in the UN2015 discussion](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/focus_areas_document-_owg_sdgs_-_21_february_2014.pdf) for a new development framework replacing the Millennium Development Objectives. The discussion will give us the opportunity to address our priorities and proposals for the negotiations ahead.

South-South cooperation is an emerging factor in development cooperation, promoting sharing of experiences and cooperation based on mutual interests amongst partners. What is our approach on this cooperation that is affecting more and more countries, especially the emerging economies and middle income countries?

The last thematic discussion will be oriented on the [1st Ministerial High Level Meeting](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/first_draft_of_the_mexico_hlm_communiquei_march_3_2014_.pdf) of the Global Partnership for effective development cooperation (GPEDC), established in Busan (2011), that will take place in April in Mexico. Mr. Gerardo Bracho will present the objectives of the HLM and the elements for the final communiqué. The GM will discuss its positions on the Mexico event and more in general on its engagement on the development effectiveness agenda.

**Day 3**

The last day of the meeting will be focused on the ongoing work of the Network and the future plan of action. For all documents related to the points below, please see <http://www.ituc-csi.org/background-documents-14332>

Improving the **governance of the network** was one of the recommendations of the [external evaluation](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/executive_summary_v_15_april_2013_en.docx) of the initial programme period of the TUDCN. The decision to reinforce the organisations of the Network at regional level and to increase southern voices in the advocacy debates, has led to the option to decentralise activities to the southern regions and organise global meetings accordingly also in the south. This has an impact on resources but also on the multiple agenda’s, timings and capacities. We therefore propose to hold only one GM a year and to replace the second meeting by an [Open Coordination Meeting](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/future_mandate_ocm_and_gg.docx) complemented by a small Governance Group.

The [**report on the past activities**](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/tudcn_activity_report_november_2013_-_march_2014.docx) will be presented for assessment and comments.

An important task of the general meeting is to set out the orientations for further action and to discuss and approve the [action plan for 2014-2015](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/tudcn_action_plan_2014-2015.docx). At the last meeting in Slangerup (DK) a global [advocacy strategy document](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/tudcn_advocacy_strategy_2.docx) was endorsed as well as the direction for the [partnership work](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/docx/planning_tus_partnerships_for_development.docx). Based on those orientations a **draft action plan** is presented for approval to the GM.

Finally the GM is invited to discuss and suggest orientations and potential deliverables on TU development cooperation and partnerships to be taken for consideration to the ITUC congress that will outline the overall action plan of the ITUC for the next years.

Please find all related documents on the TUDCN website

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