



ACTRAV-TUDCN Seminar

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development follow-up and implementation: role for Trade Unions

12-13 December 2015

Hotel Campanile Paris Est, Room Auteuil-Vincennes

Day 1 - SDGs indicators

With the 2030 Agenda now adopted, the focus turns to the implementation and monitoring. While the general framework for monitoring has been included in the 2030 Agenda, the specifics as to what will be monitored are still under negotiation through an UN Inter-Agency Expert Group and the UN Statistics Commission. With this process still underway with an expected agreement on the indicators package to be reached at the next UN Statistics Commission in March/April 2016, trade unions still have a capacity to shape and further influence the 2030 Agenda. The importance of the indicators' framework cannot be understated. As the saying goes, "what gets measured gets done". Very concrete efforts, especially through national trade union centres with their government counterparts, should go a long way in ensuring an indicators' package, which upholds the ambition in the agreed set of SDG goals and targets.

09.00-09.30 Welcome and introduction

- Maria Helena Andre, Director, ILO Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV)
- Wellington Chibembe, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC
- Participants' introduction

09.30-10.00 Contextualizing process and outcomes of the 2030 Agenda: goals and targets, indicators, and means of implementation (MOI)

- Matt Simonds, ITUC

10.00-11.00 Focus on the indicators process

- Rafael Diez de Medina, Director, ILO Statistics Department
- Claude Akpokavie, Senior Adviser, ACTRAV
- Open discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30 Trade Union inputs and reflections on indicators/MOI and next steps

- Antonia Wulff, Coordinator, Education International
- Sandra Vermuyten, Head of Campaigns, Public Services International
- Paola Simonetti, Coordinator Development Cooperation, ITUC
- Open discussion with intelligence sharing: What advocacy is needed at national level to win trade union priorities on indicators by March 2016?



12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Breakout groups - Building a trade union agenda vis-à-vis the SDGs

Introduction to breakout groups: Claude Akpokavie, ACTRAV

- 1) Review the SDG goals, targets and indicators and prioritise the most important ones for trade unions at national level
- 2) Propose ideas on how trade unions could use these targets and indicators in defending and promoting the interests of workers at national level

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 Feedback in plenary and discussion

17.00-17.30 Preliminary conclusions

Day 2 – Follow-up and implementation

The 2030 Agenda made a valuable recognition that governments alone will not be able to implement such an ambitious agenda and that all actors in society at all levels –global, regional, national and local– will need to contribute to it. It is therefore critical to engage trade unions on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It is also crucial to start strategizing on how we can grant trade unions the voice and influence necessary to put the 2030 Agenda into practice, as well as ensuring that the ambition in the goals and targets is materialised at all levels (global, regional and specifically at national level).

09.30-10.00 Trade Unions' engagement strategies on the 2030 Agenda: Outreach & awareness raising within trade union organisations

- Ariel Castro, ACTRAV – Turin
- Joan Lanfranco, Communication and Outreach, ITUC

Proposals to develop a Trade Union Toolkit/User Guide on the 2030 Agenda

10.00-11.00 Breakout groups

Introduction to breakout groups: Joan Lanfranco, ITUC

- 1) What tools and initiatives trade unions do need to familiarise their leaderships and affiliates?
- 2) How these tools and initiatives can/should be shaped?

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30 Feedback in plenary and discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch



14.00-14.30 Trade Unions' engagement strategies in the 2030 Agenda: monitoring its implementation and influencing external stakeholders

- Shigeru Wada, ACTRAV Asian Desk Office
- ITUC inputs from: Matt Simonds, Diego López, Alison Tate

Scenario on current institutional and CSOs led initiatives on 2030 Agenda monitoring and follow up:

- UNDESA
- GPEDC – CPDE monitoring process
- CSOs alliances

14.30-16.00 Breakout groups - Building up an operational trade union roadmap on the 2030 Agenda

Introduction to breakout groups: Paola Simonetti, ITUC

- 1) How advocacy strategies shall be shaped at regional and national level in 2016, in terms of stakeholders to be targeted and in terms of specific activities to be undertaken?
- 2) How can we foster coherence and complementarity around various initiatives around the 2030 Agenda monitoring?
- 3) What capacity is needed in the monitoring process at national level and how can ACTRAV and the ITUC/TUDCN support the work of Trade Unions?

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 Feedback in plenary and discussion

17.00-17.30 Final conclusions

- Claude Akpokavie, Senior Adviser, ACTRAV
- Wellington Chibebe, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC

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