

2nd Joint OECD-DAC and Trade Union Forum

“Donors and labour movement strategies to implement the UN 2030 Agenda”

Organised by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD, the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) and the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN)

OECD Conference Centre, 2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris
14 December 2015, 14.00-18.00
Conference Room 2

Context

At the September 2015 UN General Assembly, Heads of State adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The agreement has set an ambitious set of sustainable development objectives for the next 15 years, which include many top level priorities for the trade union movement and the world of work. With the Agenda 2030 now adopted, the focus turns to the implementation and monitoring.

This forum will address the potential for labour and donors to engage on shared strategies to implement the 2030 Agenda and its goals. The meeting will be aimed at sharing innovative approaches and policies that have proven effective at country level to reduce inequalities and to sustain country-led development.

Following up the conclusions from the last OECD/DAC-Trade Union forum in 2014¹, this meeting will provide particular attention on the role of social dialogue as a means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda and more widely as a crucial contribution to enhance sustainable development strategies.

The outcomes of the debates can serve to elaborate concrete recommendations and policy actions aiming towards possible future partnerships on these themes.

¹ See: http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/summary_tu-dac_forum_final_logos.pdf

Annotated agenda

14.00-14.15 Opening remarks

Erik Solheim, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, OECD
Wellington Chibebe, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC

14.15-15.30

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

The developmental relevance of social dialogue at country level

This panel will focus on the relevance of social dialogue in development, as a means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The debate will be aimed at sharing specific experiences and recommendations on how social dialogue can trigger developmental processes based on good governance and social sustainability.

Moderated panel by Wellington Chibebe, ITUC

- *Kacem Afaya, Deputy General Secretary UGTT, Tunisia*
- *Irene Wennemo, State secretary, Ministry of Employment, Sweden*
- *Alvaro García, Ministro Director de la Oficina de Planeamiento y Presupuesto, Government of Uruguay*
- *Kwame Ofori-Gyau, Ghana Employer's Association*

Followed by debate

15.30-16.30 National Strategies for Youth Employment and the role of social partners

Given its direct relation with commitments enshrined in Goal 8 (“By 2020, develop and operationalize a global strategy for youth employment”) the discussion will be focussed on National Strategies for Employment – youth in particular- and the role of social partners. This would help in understanding the specific contribution of social partners in defining and implementing employment policies and how these are contributing to development.

Moderated panel by John Egan, Coordinator - Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, OECD-DCD/GPP:

- *Prince Asafu-Adjaye, ITUC Africa Labour Research Institute (Ghana)*
- *Gianni Rosas, Director and Senior Employment Specialist, ILO Office for Italy and San Marino*
- *Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, Head of Europe, Middle East & Africa Unit, OECD Development Center*

Followed by debate

16.30-16.45 Break

16.45-17.45 How donor policies are contributing to decent work creation through private sector development cooperation programs

How donor policies can contribute to Goal 8 - namely decent work creation - through private sector development cooperation programs. This discussion can explore on the role of private sector actors in development and also on what are the necessary commitments for their involvement in development initiatives. This debate will be also stimulated by concrete cases at national level in developing countries.

Moderated panel by Dorothea Groth, DAC Vice-Chair:

- *Yves Dricot, General Advisor and Director of the Thematic Direction of the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Government of Belgium*
- *Alex Richard Nkosi, ITUC Africa Labour Research Institute (Malawi)*
- *Kristin Sjöblom, Senior manager ESG Affairs, Swedfund, Sweden*

Followed by debate

17.45-18.00 Final conclusions and recommendations

Wellington Chibebe, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC
Erik Solheim, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, OECD

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