

# Trade Union input on the EU Communication

A Global Partnership for Poverty  
Eradication and Sustainable  
Development after 2015

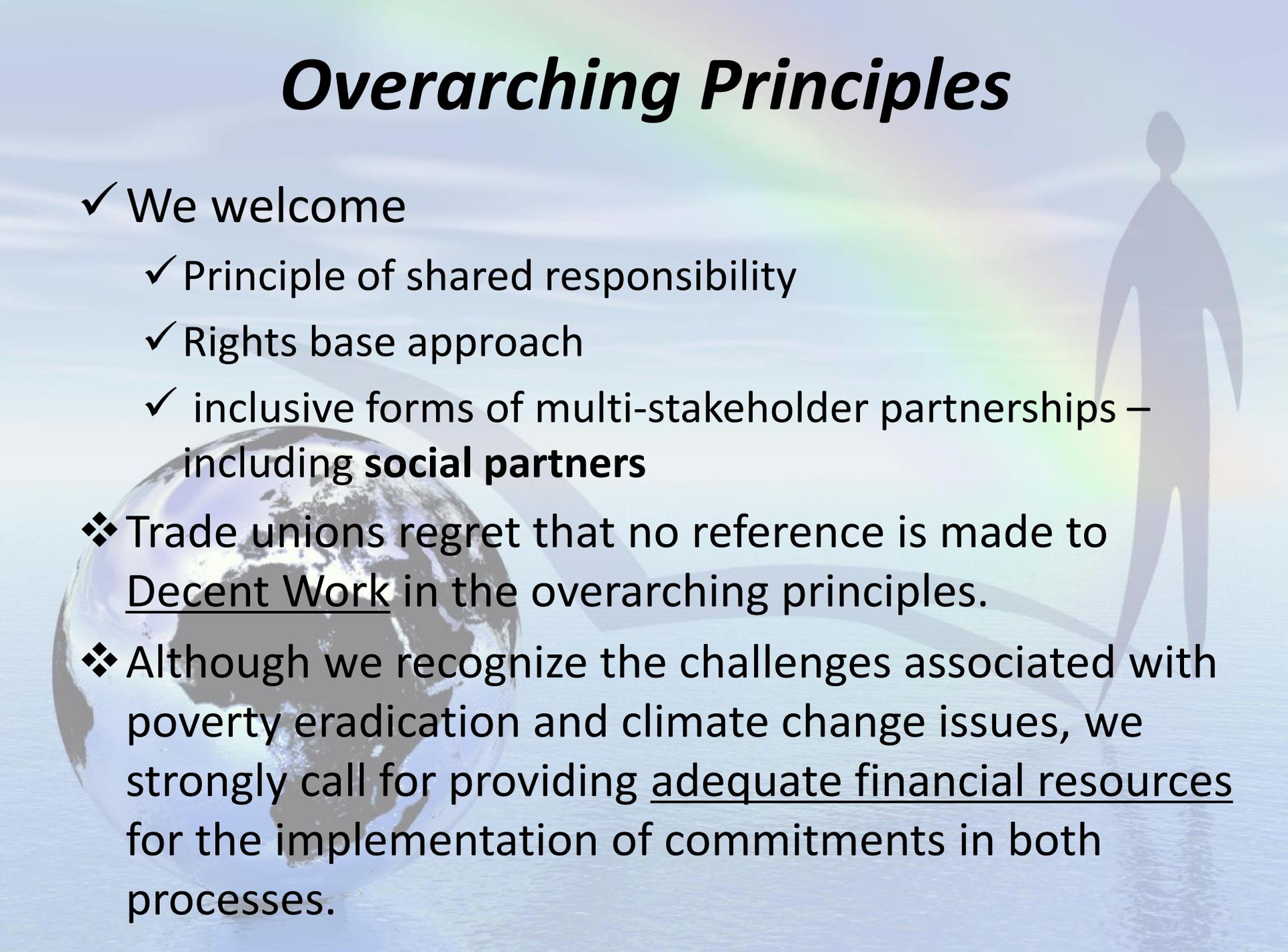


# Focus of the Trade Union movement

Since the debate on the POST-2015 Agenda started, the Trade Union movement asked for a *stand alone goal on Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work* for all and a *goal on Universal Social Protection*.

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# *Overarching Principles*

- ✓ We welcome
    - ✓ Principle of shared responsibility
    - ✓ Rights base approach
    - ✓ inclusive forms of multi-stakeholder partnerships – including **social partners**
  - ❖ Trade unions regret that no reference is made to Decent Work in the overarching principles.
  - ❖ Although we recognize the challenges associated with poverty eradication and climate change issues, we strongly call for providing adequate financial resources for the implementation of commitments in both processes.
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# *Remarks concerning the key components:*

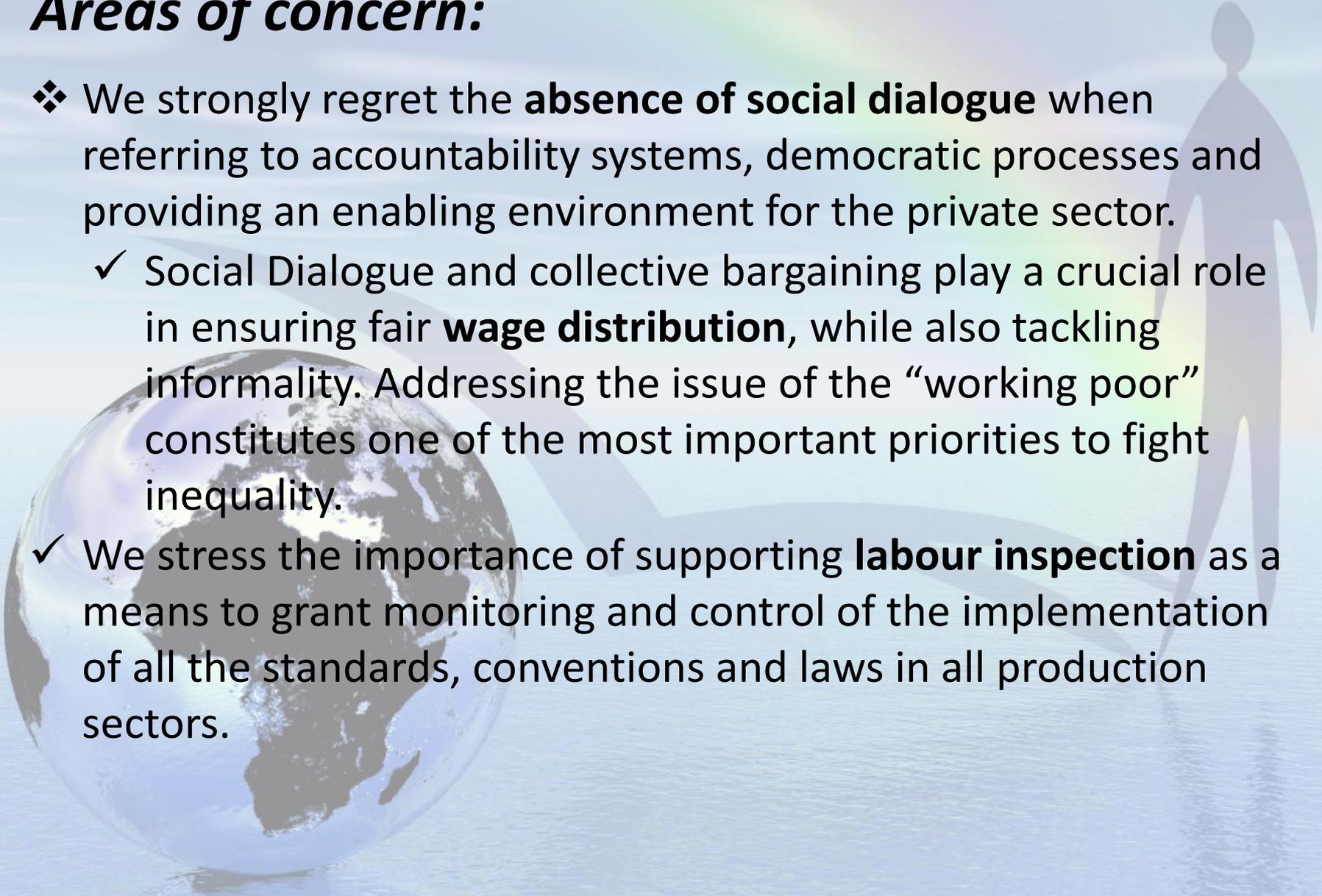
## 1. An enabling and conducive policy environment

Positive aspects:

- ✓ The inclusion of legal frames that promote and protect human rights, **core labour standards...**
- ✓ Promote access to **decent jobs** with sustainable and adequate **social protection** for all



## ***Areas of concern:***

- ❖ We strongly regret the **absence of social dialogue** when referring to accountability systems, democratic processes and providing an enabling environment for the private sector.
    - ✓ Social Dialogue and collective bargaining play a crucial role in ensuring fair **wage distribution**, while also tackling informality. Addressing the issue of the “working poor” constitutes one of the most important priorities to fight inequality.
    - ✓ We stress the importance of supporting **labour inspection** as a means to grant monitoring and control of the implementation of all the standards, conventions and laws in all production sectors.
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## 2. Mobilization and effective use of domestic public finance:

- ✓ We **welcome the reference** to green economy transformation and climate change actions, as well as just tax policies promotion (progressive taxation).
- ✓ We **share the demand** for transparency and accountability including disclosure of payments by companies to governments, and eradication of tax havens.
- ✓ We welcome the **strong support** for meeting the UN target of 0,7% ODA

### 3. International public finance: Areas of concern

- ❖ Trade unions insist on greater transparency and accountability for blending mechanisms, which can become instruments for tied aid.
- ❖ Funding for climate should be “new AND additional” like said at the Copenhagen summit.
- ❖ We also highlight the additional role of the FTT in development financing.



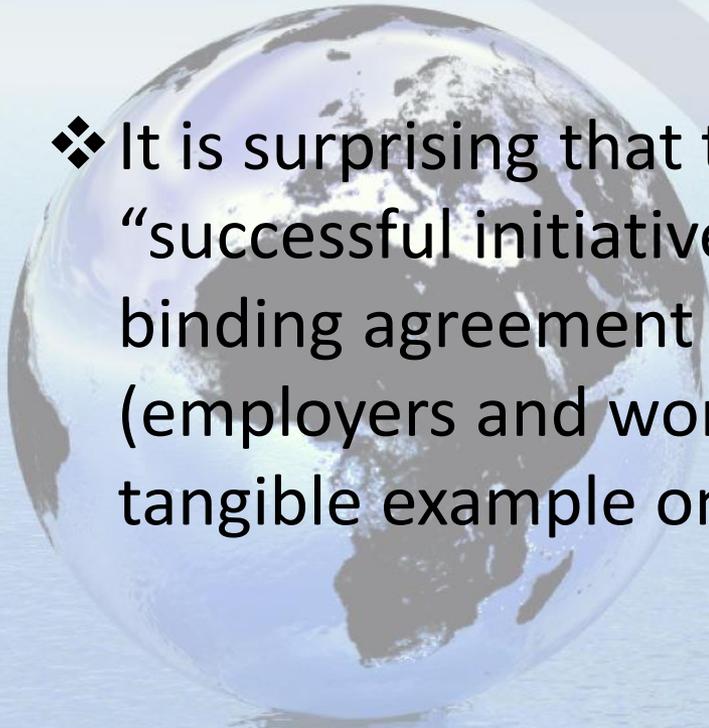
## 4. Trade: Areas of concern

- ❖ All countries **must avoid** giving up, via trade agreements, national tools for structural transformation and their capacities to define policies that would generate state income and create decent work.
- ❖ **Labour standards** are gravely affected by global trade and investment patterns. Investment treaties and agreements should guarantee the enforceability of national labour laws and internationally recognized core labour standards.



## 5. Domestic & International Private sector: Areas of concern

- ❖ Business compliance to binding social and environmental standards must be granted if we want to achieve sustainable development.
- ❖ It is surprising that the Accord is mentioned as a “successful initiative of business”. The Accord is a binding agreement between social partners (employers and workers organizations), offering a tangible example on the relevance of social dialogue.



## 6. Migration

- ✓ We welcome that migration is given a **specific and quite detailed link** with Development, specifically the issue of portability of earned social security benefits, skills recognition, protection against high charges, combating discrimination.
- ❖ However, we regret the lack of mention of coverage by social protection floors and universal health coverage in particular.
- ❖ Skills recognition is crucial and there should be reference to the need for international agreements and frameworks for skills recognition.

# Key Components of Global Partnership

- We call for an inclusive and multi-stakeholder global partnership based on binding commitments for all development actors.
- We welcome a global partnership based on “already established systems for monitoring and accountability such as those established under international agreements”.
- It is important to highlight the ILO framework as a ‘living’ example on how accountability mechanisms can work at global level through to the national level.

Thank you for your attention.

