



SOCIAL DIALOGUE FOR DEVELOPMENT

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In the current development paradigm and in light of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, social dialogue is becoming increasingly relevant for development policy makers.

Social dialogue as one of the four pillars of decent work (together with rights at work, employment creation and social protection), is enshrined in Goal 8 of the 2030 Agenda, but is also significantly relevant for many of the other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Country case studies](#)¹ undertaken by the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN) show the role that social dialogue can play to achieve Goals 1, 5, 8, 10 and 16, and its significance for the Means of Implementation, as a multi-stakeholder partnership with decades of experience all over the world.

The relevance of social dialogue for development is also in its contribution to the development effectiveness agenda's principles and commitments, especially those of ownership, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and accountability. With the growing role of the private sector in development, social dialogue is essential to guarantee a rights based approach. Its contribution to governance is also highly valuable, particularly for peaceful and democratic transition as well as State building, as recognised by the attribution of the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize to the Tunisian Quartet.

In this framework, the TUDCN, together with the International Labour Organisation, is holding a seminar on "Social Dialogue for Development". This event will provide a space for discussion on the key elements for success in the contribution of social dialogue to development and explore research pathways and initiatives to promote its role in development. It will also look into promoting a multi partner initiative to support social dialogue as an instrument for sustainable development.

The seminar will gather actors involved in the definition and implementation of development policies such as the Development Assistance Committee members, representatives of the European Commission, the International Labour Organisation, the Development Centre of the OECD and trade unionists working on development.

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¹ <http://www.ituc-csi.org/social-dialogue-development>