Meeting of TU Development Cooperation Network  
MAJVIK Meeting and Convention Hotel  
HELSINKI-FINLAND  
10-11-12/05/2010

The main objective of the meeting is to discuss the future of the Network. Other elements for discussion relate to the progress on principles, guidelines and indicators for TU Effectiveness; the structured dialogue with the EU commission and the upcoming activities (UN-DCF; OECD-WP on Eff; MDG summit and Open Forum/BetterAid meetings). We would also like to introduce a time-slot for sharing of information on evolutions at national level or from the regions or GUF (on Development Cooperation). Therefore the time-schedule is very tight and we will have to facilitate the proceedings as much as possible. In order to do so, we encourage you to share your (national/regional) reports in writing before the meeting (1 pagers, please), that allows us to avoid long informative speeches and take note of the main evolutions. We also ask you, if that was needed, to prepare the discussion on the future of the network by means of the ISSUE PAPER that is enclosed. The paper is meant for discussion, it is not a “statement document” or policy position that has to be amended. The idea is to collect your ideas using the issue paper as a trigger for discussion. The collection of the ideas will be the basis for our conclusions on the way forward.

Sunday 09/05

Arrival of participants

Monday 10/05

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09.00h Meeting of the expert group on Principles, Guidelines and Indicators for Trade Union Effectiveness (see separate invitation send by Poala to those concerned).

12.30h Lunch break

14.00h Opening of the Network meeting
Welcome by Finnish trade unions and SASK

15.00h **Progress report since Madrid** (short reports)

- Structured Dialogue with the EU
  - Launch of the Structured Dialogue with the EU (23/03)
  - Meeting of Working Group 1 & 2 (27/04)
- Meetings of BetterAid BACG (11-12/03)
- Meeting of the TT on CSO Effectiveness (13/03)
- Evolutions at the UN system
  - UNDCF preparation (28-30/06)
  - MDG meeting in September (20-22/09)
  - Other issues

15.30h **MAIN DISCUSSION**

**THE FUTURE OF THE TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION NETWORK**

Introduction of the *ISSUE PAPER* by Jan Dereymaeker

16.00h Working groups on the “issues”

- Appetizer: the crossroads of the network
- **Composition and status of the Network**
  - Who are the TU DC actors? (1 hour)

18.00h Reports from the working groups

18.30h Dinner

**Tuesday 11/5**

9.00h Plenary feedback

- Crossroads of the network (evaluation)

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1 See questions on page 2 of the issue paper
2 See questions on page 3 of the issue paper
➢ Synthesis of discussion on Composition and Status of the Network

Discussion on synthesis.

10.00h Working groups

➢ **Vision, Mission, Objectives/Expected Outcomes and roles/functions of the TUCDN**

12.00h Reports from working groups

12.30h Lunch break

14.00h Plenary feedback

➢ Synthesis of discussion on

1. Vision, Mission, Objectives/Expected Outcomes and roles/functions of the TUCDN

2. Priorities for future workplan

Discussion on synthesis.

15.00h Working groups

➢ **Priorities for future workplan**

➢ **Activities and other elements for workplan**

17.30h Plenary reports

18.00h Break

**Wednesday 12/05**

09.00h Plenary feedback

➢ Synthesis of discussion on

1. Priorities for future workplan

2. Activities and other elements for workplan

Discussion on synthesis.

Way forward on the implementation of the future Network structures

➢ EU projects

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See questions on page 6 of the issue paper

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See questions on page 10 of the issue paper
10.00h

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- REPORTS FROM TUDCN-MEMBERS ON EVOLUTIONS AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

11.00H

- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2010 WORKPLAN

1. Policy working group

- BetterAid
  - OECD
  - UNDCF
  - TU and development effectiveness

- Open Forum
  - TU development cooperation effectiveness

2. EU working group

- Structural Dialogue
  - WG and support initiatives
  - Human Rights
  - Development Education

- European Development Days

3. Update workplan on Principles, .. (see results of workshop on Monday)

4. Seminars and research

  - Capacity development for Advocacy (New EU member states)
  - Thematic seminar on Principles, Guidelines and Indicators for Trade Union Development Effectiveness
  - Regional training seminars
  - Decent Work Agenda in Development Policies; the objective is to evaluate the Decent Work Agenda in official development policies.

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6 See newsletter nr 8
o **Trade Unions and Development Effectiveness**: the objective is to disseminate trade union criteria on development effectiveness.

o **Benchmarking on Trade Union Development Cooperation Support** this has as an objective to do the mapping of support mechanisms and allow for a comparative study and eventual conclusions to be taken up with national governments, the EU and other institutions, allowing demonstration of the possible parameters for an enabling environment for Trade Union Development Cooperation

o **Gender Equality in Development Cooperation**: The aim of this mapping and research exercise is to see how trade unions have included the gender dimension in their development programmes and what the challenges are throughout the different experience

5. **Database on projects and mapping of trade union cooperation**

12.30h **END OF THE MEETING**

14.30-16.00h **TUDCN MONITORING AND EVALUATION GROUP**