



INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION - ASIA PACIFIC

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### **Agenda 12-1: Formation of the ITUC-AP Trade Union Development Cooperation Network**

The founding Congress of the ITUC in 2006 identified development cooperation as one of the organisation's political priorities. With a view on giving new impetus to trade union advocacy and capacity building in this domain the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN) was created in 2008.

The TUDCN's mission is centred on two interrelated areas:

1. **Advocacy:** supporting trade union's voice in policy debates around development at various levels (global, regional and national), placing decent work at the core of all development agendas; and
2. **Partnerships:** improving trade union international solidarity, strengthening coordination mechanisms and methodologies used in the context of development cooperation programmes.

The TUDCN is an open and inclusive structure, based on the voluntary commitment of the organisations involved, bringing together various affiliated trade union organisations, solidarity support organisations (SSOs), the regional organisations of the ITUC, the Global Union Federations (GUFs), the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) to the OECD.

Creating and strengthening Regional Trade Union Development Cooperation Networks is central to the overall TUDCN's objectives in terms of both advocacy and partnerships. This has been promoted by the ITUC Regional Organisations together with the global network.

In line with this priority, the ITUC-AP organised together with the ITUC a first meeting of the TUDCN in the Asia Pacific region in December 2014 to consolidate networking around development cooperation issues at the regional level.

Following this meeting the ITUC-AP is proposing to establish a TUDCN for the Asia Pacific region which will bring together trade union organisations from the region working on development cooperation. This regional network will be part of the global network.

## **1. Main Tasks of the TUDCN**

The main tasks of the ITUC-AP TUDCN will be:

### **Participation**

Participate and input to the TUDCN General Meetings, Open Coordination Meetings and seminars, as well as the TUDCN working groups and work areas.

### **Advocacy**

Participate in the discussions towards the elaboration of development cooperation policies and coordinate advocacy work on these policies at the regional, sub-regional and national level.

Elaborate and coordinate advocacy work on regional development cooperation policies based on the priorities of the region.

### **Partnerships**

Co-organise and participate in TUDCN Partnerships seminars in the region to develop and put in place common methodologies around development cooperation: Trade Union Development Effectiveness Principles, Monitoring and Evaluation methodologies, Organisational Capacity Assessment tools.

### **Communication**

Guarantee a continued flow of information to sub-regional and national organisations on development cooperation debates and TUDCN policies.

### **Research**

Coordinate development cooperation related research work on specific TUDCN research themes in the region.

### **CSO Platforms**

Participate in the CSO Platform for Development Effectiveness at the regional, sub-regional and national level.

## **2. Composition**

The ITUC-AP TUDCN is composed of nominees of the affiliates. Affiliates are encouraged to nominate one official who will be responsible for development cooperation activities in the organisation. The ITUC-AP will support the operations of the ITUC-AP TUDCN in coordination with the ITUC.

## **3. Work of the ITUC-AP TUDCN**

The ITUC-AP TUDCN operates as part of the ITUC TUDCN and would be guided by the ITUC-AP Governing Bodies.

### **Recommendation:**

**The Regional General Council is requested to endorse the formation of the ITUC-AP Trade Union Development Network.**