

## TUDCN MEETING REPORT, 15-18 NOVEMBER 2010

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\*All referred documents sent before and presented during the meeting can be found in the TUDCN website and in the newsletter n. 14\* <http://www.ituc-csi.org/+tudcn-documents-+.html>

### *Introduction:*

- TUDCN is an open network based on an inclusive approach for joint structures that assume their own responsibility
- Joint and shared principles on development effectiveness to be adopted both on multilateral and bilateral level by trade unions partners (the principles and guidelines will be brought to the ITUC General Council for adoption)
- More attention to south – South cooperation, highlighting more need for coherence between Brussels and the Regions
- The DCE department will take responsibility for the management of multilateral projects relating to different ITUC departments. Therefore, there will be extra human resources to be able to deal with this task
- Next step: ensure dissemination of all TUDCN documents amongst GUFs, affiliates, SSOs.

### *Agenda Presentation*

- Report of the Secretariat and affiliates involved
- Discussion of the future of TUDCN (governance and work plan)

## **PART 1: Progress report**

### *TU Development Effectiveness*

- The document on TU Principles and guidelines on development effectiveness was presented in the plenary. A general consensus arose from participants regarding the contents of the document, as well as, the format
- Next step: finalisation and dissemination of the document by December 2010 and presentation to the ITUC GC for adoption

### *EU working Group*

- The ITUC Secretariat is following the EU structured dialogue process, advocating for a privileged position of trade union in development cooperation. The main lobby reference document in the 'dialogue and actor based approach' which was presented in plenary

- The preliminary conclusions of WG 1 and WG 2 of the structured dialogue will be finalised and presented to the CSOs platforms during the European development Days (7 December)
- Next step: organisation of the next EU working group meeting to elaborate inputs to the preliminary conclusions (suggested dates 11-12 January 2011, see below)

#### *Research mapping / Newsletter*

- 3 mapping studies have been launched: Gender, Decent Work and Donor support. Questionnaires will be sent to the national organisations, GUFs and SSOs.
- Next step: interested organisations must send back the answers **by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2010**.

#### *Seminars*

- See detailed report on web site. Lessons learned: need for more capacity on influencing dev-co policies in the regions and at national level; need for setting up/strengthen a pool of experts in development cooperation at regional and national level

#### *Advocacy*

- The Open Forum and Better Aid strategies have been presented. Consult the documents presented during the plenary (see web site)
  - EU structured dialogue: reports from thematic and regional/Brussels consultations have been presented by participants. Major issues: reinforcing the regional dimension of development cooperation instruments; right of initiative and enabling environment see 'dialogue and actor based approach' document)
- Next step: participants to the SD WG must send their written reports to the secretariat **by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2010**. The reports will be posted on the web site

#### *EU regional agreements*

- EU-Africa: the 7<sup>th</sup> partnership of UE-Africa deals with migration, mobility and employment. TU Summit recommendations highlight the need to include social dialogue, social protection, decent jobs creation (including green jobs and social economy) and vocational training in the partnership framework. Regarding migration, there should be a more direct link between migration and decent work , as well as, the reference to the root causes of migration
- EU- Latin America: a trade union summit took place some months ago and its recommendations remain the reference in our campaigns
- Haiti: the ITUC has set up a 'road map' to enhance coordination among affiliates and with ILO last April. A permanent ITUC representative is located in Haiti. The Haitian trade

unions meet on a regular basis. They have just launched a programme of brigades to struggle against cholera. A trade union conference should take place in Haiti around the 12<sup>th</sup> of January.

- ASEM: it is a process of dialogue and co-operation bringing together European Union Member States and the European Commission with Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat. In this context, the 'Social Partners Forum' gives recommendations and inputs to the Labour and Employment Ministers Conference (LEMC) and the ASEM Employment High Level Forums. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Partners Forum was held in Brussels and mainly discussed issues of green jobs and social protection. The Trade Union Summit was organised by ITUC, ETUC and their Belgian affiliates, CSC-ACV, FGTB-ABVV, and CGSLB on October 1 with a view to preparing the input of the trade unions to the ASEM8 Summit and the Asia Europe People's Forum. The People's Forum was held in various locations in Brussels from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. Moreover, on the morning of Monday 4 a limited delegation of trade union leaders and representatives met with the Belgian Prime Minister and host of this year's Asia Europe Meeting, Yves Leterme. The main issues recalled are: social protection; developing green skills, putting pressure on Burma for democracy, promoting decent work and creating jobs to recover from the crisis.
- G20: dev-co is mentioned for the first time in the agenda of the G20. This is very interesting for the presence of emergent economies like China, Brazil and India. At the moment, the reference to development is mainly linked to infrastructures and services and trade related issues (see newsletter N. 14).

→ Next step: The ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers Conference III will be held in Leiden, the Netherlands, on December 13-14. There will be a Social Partners Consultations meeting where some Ministers are expected to take part. Trade unions from Asia and Europe are encouraged to participate in the Social Partners Consultations meeting and lobby with their Labour Ministers to convince to attend the meeting and discuss with unions.

#### *EU Cooperation Programmes*

- See newsletter N. 14

#### **PART 2: Working Document on TUDCN**

- The discussion document has been amended according to the inputs and suggestions gathered during the plenary (the Network should be: accessible; attractive; ambitious!) See revised draft in attachment.

→ Next step: **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December** the organisations must send to the secretariat:

- eventual comments on the wording of text of the revised draft
- Names for Working groups members
- Candidates for the FSG

→ Next Step: by the end of the year the secretariat will send back the final version of the document and will propose the composition of the FSG

### **PART 3: Trade Union Advocacy strategies**

- Reports from affiliates: UK, Italy, France, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Cyprus, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Portugal, Germany, ITUC Africa and TUCA. Main issues highlighted: widespread danger of financial cuts to dev-co allocations; tight prioritisation of themes and countries; emergence of private sector.

→ Next step: please submit written reports to the secretariat **by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2010**, for updating website and newsletter. The suggested framework to elaborate the NATIONAL report is:

- Updates on governmental settings and strategies in development cooperation;
- Updates on supporting modalities to TU;
- Updates on TU strategies and recent initiatives vis-à-vis the national government (and/or other civil society actors)

- Advocacy strategies: the EC has launched public consultations on two recent communications (Green Paper) on:

- Budget support (deadline: 31/12/10)
- EU development policy (deadline: 17/01/11)

<http://ec.europa.eu/development/how/consultation/index.cfm>

→ Next step, BUDGET SUPPORT: you can send comments to the secretariat **by the 5<sup>th</sup> of December**

→ Next step, EU DEVELOPMENT POLICIES: brainstorming session of the EU working group on the 11-12 of January 2011 in order to finalise common inputs for the consultation. Interested organisations must confirm their attendance **by the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2010**.

### **SUMMARY OF MAIN DEADLINES**

<b>event</b>	<b>Internal deadline</b>	<b>EU deadline</b>
- Mapping answers - National Reports - SD WG written reports	→ <b>by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 to the secretariat.</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation of attendance to the EU WG on 11-12 January 2011 (see below)</li> <li>- Comments on Budget support Green Paper</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">→ by the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2010 to the secretariat.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31/12/10</p>
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<p>EU working group on the 11-12 of January 2011 (Brussels), topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU SD (WG 1 &amp; WG2)</li> <li>- EU Green Paper on Development Policies</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;">25/01/11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17/01/11</p>

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