

EU WG Budapest					3-4							
SD Final conf Budapest					5-7							
UN/LDC Conf+ TU delegation Istanbul					30- 3June							
OF Global Assembly II Manila						Tbc						
TU Dev Ef WG Brussels						tbc						
CB WG Brussels												
FSG+ TUDCN-GM+ EU WG Brussels										Tbc		
PWG+ TU delegation+ IV HLF Busan Korea											26/28nov- 1dec	

Acronyms:

EU WG: working group on EU development policies of TUDCN; **PWG:** Policy and Advocacy working group of TUDCN

TU Dev Ef WG: working group on trade union development cooperation Effectiveness of the TUDCN; **CB WG:** working group on Capacity Building with regional organisations of the TUDCN; **FSG:** Facilitation and Steering Group of TUDCN; **TUDCN-GM:** TUDCN General Meeting;

BA: BetterAid CSO platform for development cooperation; **OF/GFG:** Open forum/Global facilitation group; **SD:** Structured dialogue of the EU

ENP: European Neighbourhood Partnership (Eastern Europe + Mediterranean)

WSF: World social forum

Explanation note on the work plan:

The work plan described above includes both meetings and seminars relating to the actual work of the TUDCN, as well as, relevant events concerning development cooperation policies. The following notes are aimed at highlighting the context and perspective pertaining to each TUDCN activity. The 'ad hoc' seminars (see document on Mission, mandate, and work plan of TUDCN) are not yet included in the work plan. This will happen after consultation with the FSG in February 2011.

January: the meeting of the WG on EU policies is foreseen. This meeting is directly linked to the consultations launched by the EU on development policies (Green Paper) and external financial instruments, as well as, to the finalisation of the conclusions document of WG1 &2 of the EU structured dialogue. The WG will focus on elaborating policy positions on those documents.

The first meeting of the Facilitation and Steering Group (FSG) of TUDCN will be focused on the presentation and discussion of the current work plan and its finalisation, as well as, relative strategies. The SFG will also address the issue of the organisation and TORs of the specific working groups of the TUDCN. Some of the SFG members will also participate in the following days to the EU SD WG3 meeting.

February: the first meeting of the ITUC General Council (GC) will take place; in this session the document on the Principles & Guidelines on TU Development Effectiveness will be presented for approval. This will finalise the first cycle of work around TU development effectiveness, leading to a second phase focused on indicators. Indeed, the first meeting of the WG on TU Development effectiveness will be organised following the GC. The objectives, strategies and working methods will be discussed with the WG members. The work plan will also take into account the strategy of the Open Forum, to which the unions will keep contributing, in particular during the 2nd Global Assembly (June).

The meeting on the EU SD in Azerbaijan (European Neighbourhood area) will be followed by the ITUC regional coordinators (PERC and Arab States), who will be reporting to the TUDCN-GM.

March: the meeting of the EU SD will be aimed at reaching final consensus on the findings/conclusions of the WG1-2-3. These results (together with the consultations mentioned above) will directly influence the decision making process around the new EU Development Cooperation Instrument 2014: objectives, political priorities, operational modalities. Also, these results will be also used by the EU to finalise their position towards Busan.

Policy making process towards the next HLF Busan: the first meeting of the TUDCN policy WG will take place in parallel with the BetterAid consultation for trade unions on Development Effectiveness (including other representatives from trade union organisations). This consultation is aimed at contributing as trade unions to the work of BetterAid platform and its policy positions; at providing latest updates on the OEDC DAC Working Party, and getting feedbacks from the trade union movement on the “Road to Busan”-agenda. These feedbacks will be used for the proposed joint meeting BetterAid/ Open Forum in which the CSO policy strategy towards Busan should be elaborated and agreed.

April: First General meeting of the TUDCN (including SFG), reporting and feedbacks for orientation and implementation of workplan 2011.

May: the TUDCN EU WG will gather to prepare the last event of the EU SD in Budapest (Final conference).

Also a trade union delegation will be organised to attend the Least Developed Countries conference in Istanbul.

June: the 2nd Global Assembly of the Open Forum will be aimed at finalising the ‘CSOs development effectiveness framework’ (defining guidelines, indicators etc.) and also at reiterating the political approach and strategies (especially on the CSO Enabling Environment) towards Busan. Therefore, the TUDCN WG on TU Dev Ef will gather around the OF/GA (to be decided).

The first WG on Capacity Building (international meeting) will tentatively take place in conjunction with the ILO Conference.

October: Following the II TUDCN GM and FSG the EU WG meeting will take place. This is linked to the fact that the EU is planning to release important communications on the role of CSOs in development cooperation, aiming at revisiting also the EU Development consensus in 2005. Further information and preparatory documents will be circulated in due time.

November: the final meeting of the PWG will take place in Busan, together with a trade union delegation to the IV HLF in Korea.

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