

Introduction

The third ITUC World Women's Conference/Women's Organising Assembly brings together women trade unionists from around the world to claim our rights and realise gender equality through building workers' power based firmly in the principles of feminism and solidarity.

The Assembly takes place at a crucial time for women workers. We are living through a persistent global economic and jobs crisis, worsening impacts of climate change, deepening social and economic inequalities in many parts of the world, and the rise of populist misogyny and nationalism. The social contract between governments and people is broken. Trade union organising and activism is all the more important if we are to change course and create the future we want – for ourselves, for our families and for our communities – built on our values of peace, freedom and democracy.

The main themes of the Assembly, with a view to current and future ITUC priorities, are:

- Peace, freedom and democracy
- The future of work
- Changing the care paradigm
- Eliminating gender-based violence in the world of work