



## “TIME FOR SDG 8 IN ASIA-PACIFIC: DIALOGUE BETWEEN TRADE UNIONS AND UN RESIDENT COORDINATORS”

REGIONAL WEBINAR, 7 FEBRUARY 2023, 14:00 TO 16:00 BANGKOK TIME

### Background

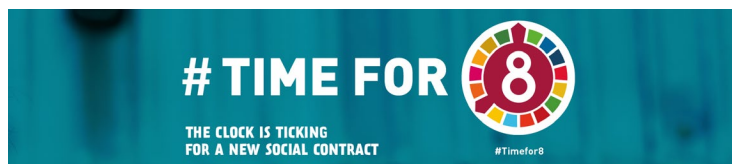
The [Time for 8 Campaign](#), launched by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) in 2019, has been putting forward the importance of SDG 8 in the recovery from the current multiple crises. ITUC affiliates' engagement in this campaign translated into an [incredible mobilisation of trade union leaders and workers](#) to emphasize the role of the trade unions as development actors and the importance of SDG 8 to leverage the overall Agenda 2030. The Campaign has also been a space to voice the trade union support to key UN processes, such as the UN Secretary-General's call for a “renewed social contract” in his report “Our Common Agenda”, and the UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for a Just Transitions.

An important part of our actions in the framework of the Time for 8 Campaign has been to promote national dialogue with the United Nations and the involvement of trade unions in the development and implementation of UN strategies at country level. Indeed, since the Reform of the UN Development System, the ITUC has been engaging with the UN Development Cooperation Office (DCO) at the global and regional level, to promote a structured dialogue between trade unions and the UN System. Likewise, dialogue has been promoted between national trade union centres the UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams, to provide inputs on the UN development policies, including the Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks.

As a follow up to such dialogue, in this Webinar we will promote a space for exchange between trade union leaders from Asia Pacific, on the one side, and UN Resident Coordinators, on the other side, to share good practices in terms of promotion of SDG 8 and discuss follow-up actions to strengthen national dialogues between the UN and trade unions, with the support of the ILO, to ensure a decent work-based recovery and accelerate the SDG Decade of Action.

### Objectives

- Discuss strategies to strengthen the national dialogue between trade unions affiliated to the ITUC-AP on the one side, and UN Resident Coordinators on the other side, in order to enhance the role of SDG 8 in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks
- Agree on a roadmap to build a structured dialogue between ITUC-AP affiliates and the UN Resident Coordinators at the national level, with the support of ITUC-AP, the UN Development Cooperation Office and the ILO.



## Participants:

- UN Development Cooperation Office for Asia-Pacific
- UN Resident Coordinators from selected countries
- ILO Regional Office for Asia-Pacific
- Trade union leaders from selected countries (Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, Fiji)
- ITUC and ITUC-AP leadership

## AGENDA

TIME	TITLE OF THE SESSION	DETAILS OF THE SESSION
14:00 – 14:15	Opening session	Shoya Yoshida, TUC-AP Secretary General Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa, ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific David Mclachlan-Karr, Regional Director, UN Development Cooperation Office
14:15 – 15:00	Union priorities in the national dialogue on SDG 8 with the UN System	Introduction to the session: Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa, ILO SDG 8 related priorities: panel of trade union leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trade union rights (Julius Cainglet, Vice President, Federation of Free Workers, Philippines)</li> <li>- Decent work creation (Aminur Rashid Chowdhury Repon, General Secretary, Bangladesh Free Trade Union Congress)</li> <li>- Social Protection (Eli Rosita, President, KSBSI Indonesia)</li> </ul> Plenary discussion Facilitated by Shoya Yoshida, ITUC-AP
15:00- 15:40	Upholding SDG 8 in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks	Introduction to the session: David Mclachlan-Karr Panel of UN Resident Coordinators sharing examples of Cooperation Frameworks that include SDG 8 targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gustavo Gonzalez, UN Resident coordinator for the Philippines</li> <li>- Gwyn Lewis, UN Resident coordinator for Bangladesh</li> <li>- Valerie Julliard, UN Resident coordinator for Indonesia</li> </ul> Contributions in plenary (25') Facilitated by David Mclachlan-Karr
15:40- 16:00	Conclusions and follow up	Shoya Yoshida, ITUC-AP David Mclachlan-Karr, DCO Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa, ILO

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