

**Stop gender-based violence in the world of work –
Support an ILO Convention
Newsletter 1 January 2018**



**Call for
action**

Join our call for local and global action - from 14 February until 8 March 2018 - to convince governments to support an ILO Convention and Recommendation on “Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work”.

This is a crucial period for our campaign, since we are only a few months away from the first discussion on this international labour standard at the International Labour Conference in June 2018.

To support your actions, we will send you **a social media campaign package** by the end of January.

Resources

In the meantime, please use the **ITUC campaign toolkit** and visit the [ITUC campaign webpage](#) and [Facebook page](#) for campaign updates from unions and allies.

**Mailing
list**

Join our mailing list to receive campaign updates by sending an email to equality@ituc-csi.org or by subscribing [here](#) (look for the orange box on the right and insert your email address).




Unions




France: The French government supports the adoption of an ILO instrument with a strong gender focus >> [Read more](#) (in French)



UK: Still just a bit of banter? Sexual harassment report >> [Read more](#)


 **Canada: Unions celebrate Ontario government's support for paid domestic leave** >> [Read more](#)

 **USA: Chicago City Council Passes an Ordinance to Protect Chicago Hotel Workers from Sexual Harassment and Assault** >> [Read more](#)

 **Argentina: Trade union commitment for the eradication of gender-based violence** >> [Read more](#) *(in Spanish)*

 **Australia: We Won't Wait for Domestic Violence Leave campaign** >> [Read more](#)


 **ILO/ACTRAV: Violence and Harassment against Women and Men in the World of Work - Trade Union Perspective and Action** >> [Read more](#)

 *"Unions have been advocating for this for years because we know that designated, paid domestic violence leave means it is easier for survivors to keep their jobs and escape violent and abusive relationships. And sometimes, that can mean the difference between life and death." Hassan Yussuff, CLC President*


Allies and others

 **Solidarity Center: Unions Key to Ending Gender-Based Violence at Work** >> [Read more](#)


 **Actionaid: Double jeopardy: Violence against women and economic inequality** >> [Read more](#)

 **Hazards magazine: It's not OK: Sexual harassment at work is more blue collar than red carpet** >> [Read more](#)

 **European Parliament: Zero tolerance for sexual harassment and abuse** >> [Read more](#)

 *A new survey by the IFJ shows that "almost one in two women journalists have suffered sexual harassment, psychological abuse, online trolling and other forms of gender-based violence while working."*


Commentary

 **Equal Times: The triple threat of violence facing female journalists** >> [Read more](#)

 **openDemocracy: Surviving violence in a Bangladeshi garment factory** >> [Read more](#)

 **The Guardian: The Guardian view on #MeToo: what comes next? >>**
[Read more](#)

 **DW: You too? Sexual harassment in the German workplace >> [Read more](#)**

 **BBC: Harassment survey: 'I'm a waitress but I feel like a sex worker' >>**
[Read more](#)

Sign up

Share

Sign up to the campaign – with your official endorsement of the campaign, we will start posting a list of participating national centres and unions. Please fill in the contact information sheet below this newsletter.

Share your stories and campaign updates - for instance, your plans to lobby your government and/or employers, the steps you take to engage your union and friendly organisations in the campaign, recent or new publications and surveys on GBV in the world of work, etc. Sharing your actions and information will enhance the visibility and impact of our campaign. And it will inspire others to join. You can send your updates to equality@ituc-csi.org or post them on the [Facebook page](#) of the campaign.

Please share this newsletter with your colleagues, affiliated unions and friendly organisations. Encourage them to join the campaign!



The 3rd ITUC World Women's Conference/Women's Organising Assembly "Building Women Workers' Power" declared that the achievement of an ILO Convention and Recommendation which includes all forms of gender-based violence and harassment in the world of work, including the impact of domestic violence, is central to achieving all ITUC aims for equality, dignity, respect and safety for working women.

ITUC women therefore demand that all ITUC affiliates coordinate global action on this issue.



Campaign sign-up form



- Please send this form to: equality@ituc-csi.org
- To access the WORD version of this form, [click here](#)

1. Name of the contact person:
2. Position:
3. National Trade Union Centre:
4. Country:
5. Email address:
6. Trade union website:
7. Please **share your trade union social media accounts** like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and list them here:

8. **Campaign email list:** please sign up to our campaign email list here: <https://www.ituc-csi.org/gender-based-violence> (look for the orange box on the right and insert your email address). Problems to connect? Please indicate here you would like to join the list or send an email to equality@ituc-csi.org.

9. **Do you have information about the position of your government concerning the ILO instrument on “Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work”?** Please indicate here whether your government:
 - Supports an ILO Convention and Recommendation
 - Supports a Recommendation only
 - Does not support any ILO instrument
 - Other, namely:
 - I do not know what position my government takes.