Stop gender-based violence in the world of work – Support an ILO Convention

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Campaign updates

International Labour Conference
The ILO yellow report is out! Read carefully the report and proposed conclusions. The report will form the basis for the first discussion at the ILO Conference in June 2018.

Fifty governments have already indicated support for an ILO Convention and Recommendation! But our work is far from over. We need to keep lobbying to ensure more government support, as well as to keep the support we have so far. For more information, check the global map on the ITUC campaign page.

Days of action
Between 14 February and 8 March, unions in more than 50 countries, including the Global Union Federations and their members, responded to ITUC’s call for action in support of an ILO Convention and Recommendation to eradicate violence and harassment, including gender-based violence, from the world of work. Check out our Storify page and photo album.

Next call to action:
28 April: Unions will be organising for safer, healthier, decent work. This also means workplaces free from violence!
1 May: International Workers’ Day Make sure to include messages in support of an ILO Convention and Recommendation in your union actions and event(s), including in social media.

We have made available the following campaign tools:
- Updated version of the campaign toolkit
- Factsheet
- Infographics

For more information and updates from unions and allies, check the ITUC campaign page and Facebook page. Please share your own campaign updates and pictures on Facebook or by sending us an email to equality@ituc-csi.org.
Campaign updates from unions

- Americas: Campaign actions in support of the Stop gender-violence at the workplace campaign >> Read more (in Spanish)

- Canada: The CLC’s #donewaiting campaign outlines concrete ways the federal government can remove three key barriers to women’s economic justice: wage discrimination, sexual harassment and violence and the child care crisis >> Read more (in English and French)

- Chile: CUT urges the government of Piñera to support the new ILO Convention on gender-based violence in the workplace >> Read more (in Spanish)

- USA: AFL-CIO meeting with allies and union leaders on sexual harassment in the workplace >> Read more (in English)

- Italy: CISL joins ITUC campaign "Stop gender violence in the workplace!" >> Read more (in Italian)

- Spain: 5.9 million workers participated in the two-hour strike called by UGT and CCOO on International Women’s Day >> Read more (in Spanish)

- Sweden: Union to Union seminar on “#metoo - Nordic union tools in a global perspective” >> Read more (in Swedish)

- Australia: Australian Unions Call For Domestic Violence Leave With ‘3 Billboards’ Stunt >> Read more (in English)

- ETF campaign to say 'no' to workplace violence against women transport workers >> Read more (in English)

- UNI Global Union: A union guide to prevent and tackle sexual harassment in the workplace >> Read more (in English)

- ILO/ACTRAV: The Threat of Physical and Psychosocial Violence and Harassment in Digitalized Work >> Read more (in English)

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

- The Guardian: Employers’ response to gender violence plan ‘appalling’ >> Read more
- IPS News: #MeToo in the Global Workplace: Time to Connect the Dots >> Read more
- Equal Times: Feeling angry about gender-based violence? Good. #MeToo >> Read more
- Equal Times: Interview with Marie Clarke Walker of CLC Canada >> Read more
- OpenDemocracy: In lieu of a silver bullet: #metoo in the global workplace >> Read more

Stay informed

Visit the ITUC campaign webpage and Facebook page for campaign updates from unions, allies, and campaign materials. Sign up to the campaign by filling in this form and sign up to our campaign email list (on the ITUC campaign webpage or contact us).

Share this newsletter with your colleagues, affiliated unions and friendly organisations. Encourage them to join the campaign! For our January newsletter, check here.

Share your campaign updates – for instance, plans to lobby your government and/or employers, organising events, activities to engage your union and friendly organisations in the campaign, publications and surveys on GBV in the world of work, stories of women affected by GBV in the world of work, etc. Your actions and sharing of information enhances the strength, visibility and impact of this 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.