



TUDCN OPEN COORDINATION MEETING (OCM)

MEETING REPORT

3-4 OCTOBER 2018 - RUE HAUTE 42 (FGTB), BRUSSELS

The meeting presentations are available [here](#).

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER 2018

SESSION I: TAKING STOCK ON OUR ENGAGEMENT AND FUTURE EU DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Following the opening of the meeting and the presentation of the agenda and participants, the TUDCN Secretariat presented the updates and next steps in terms of SDG involvement, social dialogue for development, private sector accountability, trade union partnerships, and communication and outreach. The regional secretariats then proceeded with their updates since the last General Meeting of the TUDCN and next steps.

The next part of this session focused on the EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)'s [Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument \(NDICI\)](#). Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary of the ETUC introduced the context in which the overall MFF is being developed and its components, with a specific focus on the Neighbourhood and the World heading. Giulia Massobrio, from the TUDCN Secretariat followed, presenting the characteristics of the NDICI and its three pillars.

Jeroen Kwakkenbos from EURODAD then introduced the details of the European External Investment Plan (EIP), which is built on three pillars: policy dialogue, technical assistance, and blending and guarantee facilities. He highlighted that the first projects are at a very early stage and that there should be caution with respect to the follow-up of the EIP in the new MFF, as a strong proposal is on the table although no assessment has been done so far on the current implementation. After Jeroen's presentation, Giulia introduced the [key trade union messages for the new NDICI](#).

Conclusions EU development policy

- Key trade union messages on NDICI finalised. They will be used to follow up institutional negotiations. Regular updates will be shared.
- National organisations are called to advocate their national governments and share relevant intelligence.
- Follow up on the current European Investment Plan's initiatives.

SESSION II: PRIVATE SECTOR IN DEVELOPMENT: FOCUS ON NATIONAL PROCESSES AND STRATEGIES AHEAD

The afternoon session started with a presentation by Elodie Aissie from the Institut Belleville of the CFDT. Elodie presented the [process undertaken within the French National Council for Development and International](#)

[Cooperation to involve the private sector in development](#). She explained the involvement of the CFDT, their key asks and the extent to which these were incorporated. Participants highlighted the fact that development agencies are applying looser compliance criteria to the private sector than to trade unions and Civil Society Organisations.

After this presentation, Nerea Craviotto from the TUDCN Secretariat, presented the findings and recommendations of the study that was done to [map donors' and DFIs' engagement with the private sector](#). Paola Simonetti, Coordinator of the TUDCN, followed with the presentation of the [trade union criteria on private sector engagement](#), which resume the main trade union asks in this area. The purpose of this matrix is to have a common approach that can be used in a flexible way at national level.

Conclusions: Private sector accountability

- Key trade union criteria on business accountability finalised.
- National organisations, as well as, regional and global structures engage with relevant stakeholders demanding alignment and implementation of those criteria.
- Sharing experiences, knowledge and analysis will be facilitated by the TUDCN.
- Cooperation on case studies with national organisations.

The day ended with a presentation of the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation's \(GPEDC\) third monitoring round](#) by Diego López from the TUDCN Secretariat. The third monitoring round was launched in July 2018 and will inform the next Senior Level Meeting (SLM) of the GPEDC in July 2019. Trade unions are expected to participate around the issues of enabling environment and private sector engagement. A call for evidence will be launched by the TUDCN in preparation for the GPEDC's next SLM to show how trade unions are working on developing cooperation.

Conclusions: Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

- National organisations participate in the monitoring process and share outcomes
- Gathering evidence to support the role of trade unions in development: briefs ready by the Senior Level Meeting. A small group will be set up to deliver TORs

DAY 2 – THURSDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER 2018

SESSION III: OUR SDG STRATEGY FOR 2019

The second day of the meeting started with a presentation by Stefano Prato Co-Chair of the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism. Stefano analysed the evolving context in which the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is being implemented and made concrete suggestion for rethinking our engagement.

Julius Cainglet, from FFW, introduced the work that is being undertaken in the Asia-Pacific region with respect to the engagement on the SDGs and more particularly within the Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism and in the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) organised by UN ESCAP.

In the final part of this session, Nerea Craviotto presented the [trade union SDG engagement strategy for 2019](#) to influence the narratives of the HLPF 2019 related processes. The key deliverables for this strategy will be: at least 15 trade union SDG country reports, a global report on Goal 8, an HLPF 2019 submission and a trade union position

paper, and two trade union side-events. After the presentation, participants broke out into groups to give inputs on these deliverables.

Conclusions: SDGs Engagement

→ Strengthen the political weight of the SDGs review. This calls for an increased engagement at country level, as well as, engagement in promotion of more democratic mechanisms at regional and global level.

→ 2019 strategy finalised, in particular:

- ✓ Goal 8 analysis/profile
- ✓ HLPF process/side events/innovative actions
- ✓ Thematic submission

SESSION IV: EXCHANGE ON SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION AND NEXT STEPS 2018-2019

The afternoon session started with two presentations on South-South and Triangular Cooperation, one by Daniel Angelim from the TUCA Secretariat and one by Alex Nkosi from the ITUC-Africa Secretariat. Daniel introduced the work that TUCA is doing in Haiti together with the ITUC and Solidarity Support Organisations; this was complemented by Kjeld Jakobsen from the TUCA Secretariat, with information on the initiatives undertaken by the CUT-Brazil Cooperation Institute. Alex unpacked the concept of South-South cooperation and mentioned the initiatives undertaken by COSATU-South Africa with the TUC-Ghana and the NLC-Nigeria, but also with CUT-Brazil and KCTU-Korea amongst others. Participants, mainly from Solidarity Support Organisations, also mentioned the triangular cooperation initiatives that they are supporting. Information on all the existing trade union initiatives will be gathered to put together the main trade union asks for the next South-South Cooperation Conference in Buenos Aires in March 2019.

Conclusions: South-South and Triangular Cooperation

→ Case studies will be drafted in preparation of the BAPA+40. Organisations are called to send in relevant information and materials.

The meeting ended with some information on the TUDCN side event in the upcoming ITUC Congress, and the presentation and adoption of the meeting conclusions and the global and regional work plans for 2019.



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