# Update on trade union engagement on SDGs at global and regional level

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## OUR MESSAGES: NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT based on SDG 8

- 1. Creation of decent and climate-friendly jobs with Just Transition. Job-creating industrial transformation to achieve netzero carbon emissions, along with decent jobs in health, care, education and other quality public services.
- 2. Rights for all workers, regardless of their employment arrangements, to fulfill the promise of the ILO Centenary Declaration with its labour protection floor including rights, maximum working hours, living minimum wages and health and safety at work.
- **3. Minimum living wages and equal pay policies** by enforcing statutory minimum wages that guarantee dignity for all workers and their families, and putting forwards equal pay policies to guarantee equal pay for work of equal value.



# OUR MESSAGES: NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT based on SDG 8 (II)

- **4. Universal social protection,** including the establishment of a Social Protection Fund for the least wealthy countries.
- **5. Equality. Ending all discrimination,** such as by race or gender, through inclusive labour market policies, redistributive public policies and collective bargaining.
- **6. Inclusion.** Ensuring a truly inclusive multilateral system, engaged in redressing the current imbalance of power and wealth, and where developing countries have the policy space to define their developmental models and use social dialogue as a key means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

→ SDG 8 is key for recovery and to drive the 2030 Agenda forward.



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#### **Advocacy Tools**

- 1. SDGs Country Reports
- 2. Global Monitor on SDG 8
- 3. #Timefor8 Campaign









#### 1) TU "COUNTRY REPORTS ON THE SDGs"

development in provinces and administrative regions.

While consultations on priorities for SDG implementation in the country were

organised by the government, trade unions have not been consulted or involved

in this process, and neither have employers' representatives. Agenda 2030 and its

implementation in the country has not been included on the agenda of the tripartite

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More than 70 country reports produced so far, covering all regions



domestic workers and construction workers. Furthermore, a new universal health

coverage initiative has been launched in 2021 to fill the gaps in health insurance

coverage. However, trade unions alert that the overall resources allocated to reaching

the goals of Agenda 2030 are limited, in particular in the areas of education, social

protection and health.

ions but no interaction

Social partners not involved in defining and

# SDG country reports produced by AP unions over the years

- Philippines
- Pakistan
- Thailand
- Indonesia (3)
- Bangladesh
- Mongolia
- Republic of Korea
- Japan
- Australia
- India
- Nepal





#### 2) SDG 8 GLOBAL MONITOR

- We built an SDG 8
   composite indicator, which
   shows "how far" we are
   from SDG 8 at global and
   regional level
- It highlights interrelations between SDG 8/other SDGs
- It shows that <u>SDG 8 is</u> key for recovery from <u>Covid-19 and to drive</u> <u>Agenda2030 forward.</u>





#### 3) #TIMEFOR8 CAMPAIGN





#### Objectives of the campaign

1) Influence the Ministerial Declaration of the High Level Political Forum

### 2) Expose workers' struggles!

Bring to HLPF strong testimonies from workers around the world that we disseminate through our social media channels.





















### High Level Political Forum 2022





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#### Our SDGs advocacy: highlights 2022



Delegation to AP SDG Forum (UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, march 2022)



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ITUC Congress (Melbourne, November)

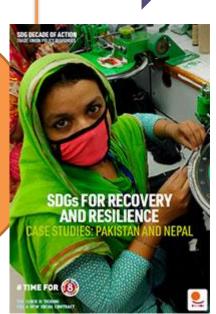
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UN High Level Political Forum on Sust. Development

July, New York



Research
"SDGs for
recovery
and
resilience:
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#### **SDGs Roadmap for 2023**



**UN High Level Political Forum** 

10-19 July, New York

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ITUC-AP Delegation to AP SDG Forum (UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, march 2022)



SDG Summit 19-20 sept, New York





# Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)



TOPIC: "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific"."

27-30 March 2023, Bangkok



# Preparations for High Level Political Forum 2023

- HLPF 2023: 10-19 July, New York
- Theme: "Accelerating the recovery from COVID19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels".
- 9 AP Governments presenting their "Voluntary national Reviews": Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Fiji, Maldives, Mongolia, Singapore, Vietnam, Timor-Leste
- SDGs under review in 2023:













#### **SDG Summit 2023**

- 19-20 September, New York
- Mid-point of the 2030 Agenda
- Objectives: "review the state of the SDG implementation and provide high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions for achieving the SDGs"
- Outcome: Political Declaration negotiation between march and July (co-chairs: Ireland and Qatar)



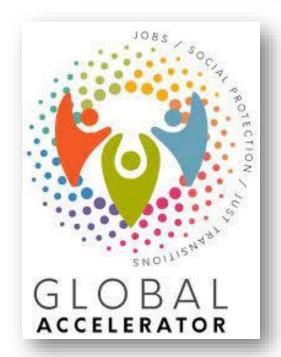






United Nations Headquarters, New York





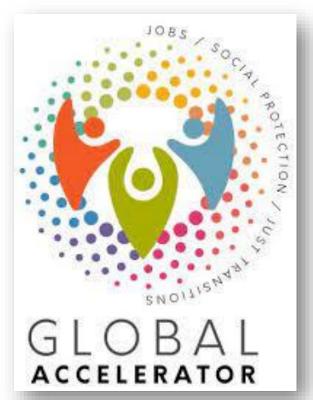




Call by the UN Secretary General

- "we need a renewed social contract"
- "Labour protection floor"
- "Universal social protection"
- "Reform of the international financial system" ("morally bankrupt")





Call by the UN Secretary General

#### Objectives:

- 400 million decent jobs created, esp. in the green, care and digital economy
- 4 billion people covered by social protection floors



# COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT United Nations Headquarters, New York

Key references to trade union priorities:

- 2022: "adequate labour protection to all workers, social dialogue, minimum wages, investment in care, fight against violence and harassment"
- 2023: "long term policy frameworks to promote decent work, statutory mínimum wages, Social dialogue, Gender Equality (care, Equal pay, gender-based violence, genderresponsive social protection systems), Universal social protection



### Thank you!

