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 net-zero 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”

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

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**ARGENTINA**

LOS TRABAJADORES Piden un nuevo contrato social para la recuperación y la resiliencia.

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**COVID-19: LOS TRABAJADORES A LA CRISIS BASADAS EN LOS**

El Gobierno argentino respondió a las demandas de la pandemia de la COVID-19 con reformas sociales y económicas que han emergido con la crisis.

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**PAKISTAN**

A TRADE UNION FOCUS ON THE SDGs

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**NAMIBIA**

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**COVID-19: WORKERS NEED SDG-DRIVEN RESPONSES TO THE CRISIS**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pakistani government responded through the National Disaster Management Authority, introducing lockdowns and cash aid, and supporting those most affected. The pandemic has impacted the economy, with widespread job losses and decreased demand for goods and services.

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**WORKERS DEMAND A NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT FOR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE**

In Latin America, trade unions have been asked to support governments in implementing the SDGs, particularly in relation to public health, education, and social security. Trade unions have also been involved in the Oxfam Report on the SDGs, which highlights the need for greater government accountability and transparency.

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**ARE TRADE UNIONS AT THE TABLE?**

The Pakistani government has adopted the SDGs as part of its national development agenda, mainstreaming them in national policies and strategies, including the Five-Year Plan and provincial growth strategies. The National Union of Teachers (NUT) has been active in advocating for the inclusion of trade unions in decision-making processes.

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**NORTH KOREA**

UN and employers’ organizations were unable to reach agreement on the SDGs.

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**GLOBAL TRADE UNION FORUM**

The ILO’s global trade union forum has been unable to reach agreement on the SDGs.

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**WHAT IS THE SDG ESSzimmer?**

The SDG ESSzimmer is a platform for civil society organizations to engage with governments and the SDGs.

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**SHORT CASE STUDIES**

Case studies from Argentina, Pakistan, and Namibia highlight the role of trade unions in implementing the SDGs.

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**TRANSPARENCY**

The implementation of the SDGs has been hindered by lack of transparency and accountability.

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**INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES**

The SDGs have been slow to deliver on their promises, with many countries failing to meet their targets.

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**SOUTH AFRICA**

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION**

The ITUC has been active in advocating for the inclusion of trade unions in the implementation of the SDGs.

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**SOCIAL INSURANCE**

Trade unions have been active in advocating for better social insurance schemes.

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**SOCIAL DIALOGUE**

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**WHO'S WHO IN THE SDG ESSzimmer?**

The SDG ESSzimmer has been unable to reach agreement on the SDGs.

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**DATA AND INFORMATION**

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**OUTLOOK**

The implementation of the SDGs has been hindered by lack of transparency and accountability.

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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 SDG 8 is key for recovery from Covid-19 and to drive Agenda2030 forward.
3) #TIMEFOR8 CAMPAIGN

# TIME FOR

THE CLOCK IS TICKING
FOR A NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT

#Timefor8
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)

Global and regional Advocacy

UN High Level Political Forum on Sust. Development
July, New York

ITUC Congress (Melbourne, November)

Research “SDGs for recovery and resilience: Pakistan and Nepal”
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SDGs Roadmap for 2023

- **HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
  
  **UN High Level Political Forum**
  
  10-19 July, New York

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- Global and regional Advocacy

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

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- **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

- 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)
Other UN processes related to the SDGs
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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
Other UN processes related to the SDGs

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 minimum wages, Social dialogue, Gender Equality (care, Equal pay, gender-based violence, gender-responsive social protection systems), Universal social protection
Thank you!