



“SDGs FOR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE: TRADE UNION PRIORITIES”

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Asia-Pacific has suffered some of the most dramatic social, economic and health impacts of the pandemic. This situation has also negatively impacted the region’s already limited progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)), with SDG 8 (on decent work and economic growth) being one of the biggest areas of concern.

Key SDGs will be under review in 2022 such as Goal 4 on education, Goal 5 on gender equality and Goal 17 on SDGs means of implementation. Achieving these goals is an integral part of building forward better in a post-pandemic with resilience for future shocks. At the same time, SDG 8 constitutes a permanent point of reference given its multi-dimensional character and multiple interlinkages across other goals, especially for the Asian and the Pacific region with serious and persistent decent work deficits. The ITUC’s *Time for 8* Campaign reflects the engagement of trade unions in demanding accelerated actions to implement SDG 8 commitments, which will be crucial to achieve a New Social Contract between governments, employers and workers. In this virtual discussion trade unions aim at providing contributions and ways forward to the implementation of SDG 8 and Agenda 2030 in the lead up to the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (AP-RFSD) and the HLPF.

AGENDA

9:00-9:10	Welcome and opening	Shoya Yoshida , GS ITUC-AP Paola Simonetti , Director Equality Department ITUC
9:10-9:20	Setting the scene on the global and regional processes on the SDGs	Giulia Massobrio , ITUC
9:20-9:40	Contributions from trade union leaders in VNRs countries on SDGs implementation and pandemic recovery: highlights and challenges Reflections from the ILO Bureau of Workers’ Activities (ACTRAV)	Affiliates from The Philippines and Pakistan which have elaborated the SDGs country reports Maria-Helena André , Director ACTRAV, ILO Moderated by Diego Lopez , ITUC
9:40-10.30	High Level Debate: Strategies for recovery and resilience in the SDGs Decade of Action	Srinivas Tata , Director, Social Development Division, UN ESCAP Albert Park , Chief Economist Asian Development Bank

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	Q&A	Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa , ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Moderated by Shoya Yoshida , GS ITUC-AP
10:30- 10:50	TU engagement in Regional processes on the SDGs: the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	Riccardo Mesiano , Sustainable Development Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, UN ESCAP Joy Hernandez , ITUC-AP
10:50-11:00	Conclusions	Paola Simonetti , Director Equality Department ITUC Shoya Yoshida , GS ITUC-AP



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