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**TUDCN Asia-Pacific Caucus**

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# Introduction, agenda and methodology

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# Presentation of TUDCN at global level

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# Mission of TUDCN



- **To ensure input of trade union views in the development-related policy debates** and especially concerning the inclusion of the decent work agenda and democratic ownership in development as key issues for sustainable development strategies.
- **To improve trade union development cooperation “effectiveness”** (cooperation and coordination) through joining efforts and resources; sharing of information and practices; and by stimulating improved impact and results of the solidarity efforts within the trade union movement.

# TUDCN pillars



**Advocacy**

**Partnerships**

# TUDCN advocacy goals

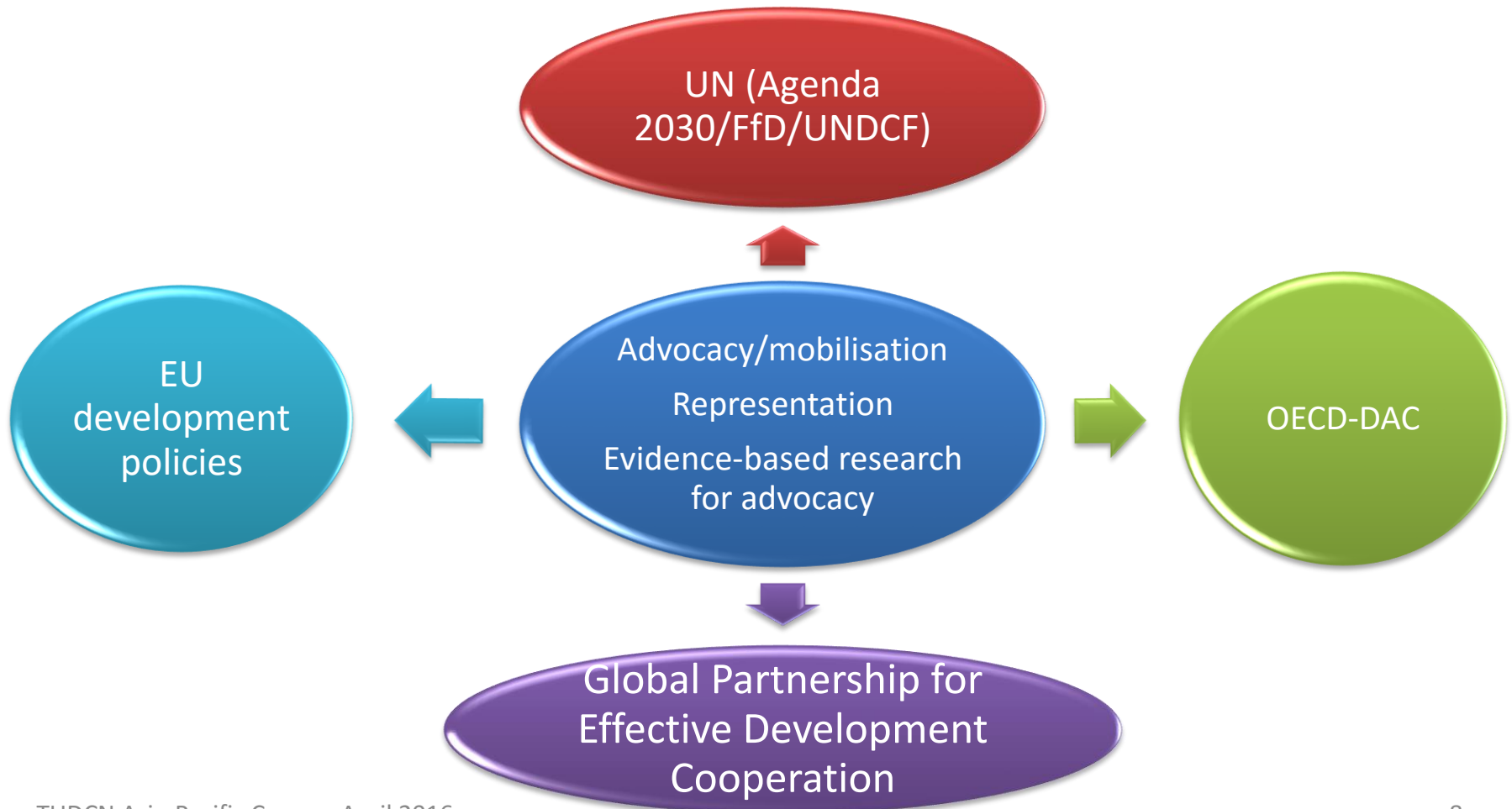


- Elaborate trade unions' policy positions
- Bring them towards development policy decision-making bodies: UN, OECD/DAC, GPEDC, EU
- That trade unions continue being recognised as actors of development cooperation in their own right

# TUDCN strategic engagement axes



**Trade unions are development actors in their own right**



# TUDCN strategic engagement axes



## Trade union partnerships for international solidarity



Ownership & equal partnerships

Shared criteria

Facilitating coordination



# TUDCN communication tools



## Internal

- Mailing lists
- Working groups

## External

- TUDCN website and project database
- TUDCN monthly newsletter
- TUDCN social media channels
- TUDCN publications and positions



# **Individual presentation of the participants, organisation, expectations and involvement on development issues**

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# Current challenges in 2030 Agenda at global level

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# **Regional challenges and 2030 Agenda: Asia-Pacific**

**Pong-Sul Ahn, ILO/ACTRAV Asia-Pacific**



# **Regional challenges and 2030 Agenda and coordination with CSOs and institutional engagements**

**Julius Cainglet, FFW Philippines**



# **Regional challenges on 2030 Agenda: trade union perspective at national level**

**Rekson Silaban, KSBSI Indonesia**

## Main challenges face by trade unions

- Unions traditionally focus more on labor advocacy and less involve on macro-economic issue
  - As a consequence, no resources (financial and person) allocated to economic issues
  - Lack of organisational capacity (analysis, lack of data, networking)
  - Unions often not familiar work with NGOs and UN agencies besides ILO
  - Unions should work as **advocacy/pressure groups** while SDGs also need partner as **facilitators** or “**partners**” in the relevant processes.
  - In countries with many unions, difficult to build common ground for joint action



## What strategic issues of union for SDGs?

- Union need to start looking for ways to involve. SDGs requires involvement of CSOs (including unions) to implement Agenda 2030.
- Unions need to appoint somebody in charge for TUDCN network
- Unions need to establish 'trade union caucus' to identify strategic issue , set the indicator and strategy to lobby (both in regional and national level)
- Use Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) to implement SDG 8 through collaboration with ILO and social partners

## What strategic issues of union for SDGs?

- Make sure parliament is involved, because obstacle often come from absence of legal basis to carry out the implementation of the SDGs
- Lack of financing of the country can't be accepted as excuse for not implementing SDGs. Union have to propose alternative financing particularly by generating domestic income (modernise tax, efficiency, etc.)
- Establish trade union south-south cooperation to learn best lessons, good practices
- Try to establish lobbying capacity towards other UN bodies; ESCAP, UNDP, etc.



**LUNCH**



**Brainstorming: how we could build a strategy on the implementation and monitoring of Agenda 2030 in the Asia-Pacific region?**

**Chair: Rekson Silaban, KSBSI Indonesia**



# Themes for the next TUDCN Asia-Pacific regional meeting and recommendations

Haridasan, ITUC-AP



# Closing of the meeting



**See you soon!**  
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