



“SDG 8 as a New Social Contract for a job-rich recovery and resilience”

TUDCN SIDE EVENT AT 5TH ITUC WORLD CONGRESS

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CONTEXT

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations in 2015, trade unions have been actively involved in its implementation at all levels with the support of the ITUC Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN). This effort was clearly reflected in the Statement of the 2018 ITUC Congress, which recognised the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a key tool to foster the new developmental model demanded by trade unions, and called on the ITUC to work with its affiliates for sustainable development within the framework of the SDGs. This work is further supported by the resolutions adopted by the Regional Organisations of the ITUC in Africa, the Americas and Asia-Pacific.

The SDGs have proven to be a key tool to uphold trade union priorities and in their responses to the COVID-19 crisis, in the context of the ITUC call for a human-centred recovery aligned with the SDGs. SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth in particular is a key to social and economic progress and provides strong leverage to accelerate action towards the overall 2030 Agenda.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Strengthen the awareness of trade unions on the SDGs and their driving role for delivering transformative policies in line with trade unions priorities, including in the context of the recovery from COVID-19.
- ✓ Sharing experiences on current trade union engagement on the SDGs, highlighting challenges and achievements and showing that trade unions can be game changers in national and international development policies.



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AGENDA

Time	Session	Speakers
6:00- 6:05	Introduction on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its relevance for trade unions	Ayuba Wabba, President, ITUC
6:05-6:15	Trade union wins on SDGs at the <i>global</i> level	Paola Simonetti, Director, Equality Department, ITUC
6:15-6:45	Panel: trade union wins on SDGs at <i>national</i> level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aminur Rashid Chowdhury Repon, General Secretary of Bangladesh Free Trade Union Congress - Fanny Sequeira, General Secretary of the Confederation of Workers Rerum Novarum, Costa Rica - Thusang Butale, General Secretary of Botswana Federation of Trade Unions - Cristina Faciabén, Secretary of International, Cooperation & Migrations of Comisiones Obreras, Spain
6:45-7:20	Interventions from the floor and general debate	Moderation by Paola Simonetti, ITUC
7:20-7:30	Conclusions	Ayuba Wabba, President, ITUC



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