

Engaging Trade Unions for Effective Development Co-operation

At the current rate of delivery, we will not meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Achieving the SDGs is central to the trade union agenda as they are rooted in the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, environmental and social dimension.

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) participates in the **Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)** where it continues to advocate for the promotion of decent work and just economic transitions, fighting poverty and inequality.

In the lead up to the GPEDC's first **Senior-Level Meeting (SLM)** at the **UN High-Level Political Forum** in July 2019, trade unions will promote and defend the labour agenda based on rights, social justice, and environmental sustainability: key pillars for all development policies and international co-operation efforts.

Effective development co-operation is defined by four key principles.

In 2011 at the **Busan High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness**, a multi-stakeholder constellation of key actors, including nearly 160 countries and various international organisations, endorsed the Busan Partnership Principles and agreed to:



Align their co-operation with national priorities and plans, tailored to country-specific situations and needs (**country ownership**)



Ensure accountability among partners and provide openly available information on development co-operation (**mutual accountability and transparency**)



Foster innovative partnerships with openness, trust and mutual learning that boosts development impact (**inclusive partnerships**)



Ensure investments and efforts have a lasting impact on eradicating poverty and reducing inequality for sustainable development (**focus on results**)

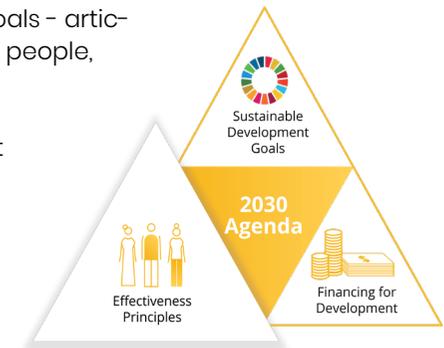
Effective Development Co-operation and the 2030 Agenda

Complementing the enabling architecture of the **Agenda 2030**:

The what: The Sustainable Development Goals – articulating what we want to achieve for planet, people, and prosperity.

The means: The Financing for Development process – including the different types of resources needed for the 2030 Agenda.

The how: The effectiveness principles – working in more empowered, inclusive, and equal partnerships to develop 'whole-of-society' solutions for more sustainable development outcomes.



The role of trade unions as promoters of workers' rights is essential to ensuring that no one is left behind and in achieving the 2030 Agenda.

Trade unions promote: workers' rights and decent jobs, based on living wages, freedom of association and collective bargaining rights. Trade unions call for universal social protection coverage and for due diligence and accountability driving business operations. Trade unions support social dialogue ensuring just economic transition measures from the effects of climate and technology. To this end, the work of trade unions impacts multiple SDGs e.g. SDG 1, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 16.

To ensure that the above goals are achieved, trade unions work alongside multiple stakeholders including governments, business and local communities, to demand that development partnerships (SDG 17) in all countries prioritise labour rights, and that trade unions are included in country-level dialogues on development and SDG national plans.



Get involved and collaborate with all stakeholders to defend the rights of workers, everywhere.



✔ Consult with your GPEDC Representative

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) is the global voice of the world's working people. Its primary mission is the promotion and defence of workers' rights and interests, through international co-operation between trade unions, and global campaigning and advocacy within major global institutions. The ITUC serves as the voice of trade unions on the GPEDC's 25-member Steering Committee - a multi-stakeholder governing body that meets biannually to guide the work of the Global Partnership and ensure that it is carried out transparently, and in full consultation with each stakeholder group.

For inquiries, contact your constituency representative, Ms. Paola Simonetti, International Trade Union Confederation (paola.simonetti@ituc-csi.org).

✔ Be Informed by the GPEDC Monitoring Data and Evidence

The Global Partnership's monitoring exercise is a voluntary, country-led and multi-stakeholder process that tracks progress on the implementation of the four effectiveness principles, using **10 indicators**. Using this data, trade unions can find out more about country progress on key indicators that matter to them. This includes finding out which countries have basic conditions for public-private dialogue, ensuring that there is an opportunity for trade union voices to be heard in key national decision-making processes. The results of the monitoring round feed into the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Contact monitoring@effectivecooperation.org or visit the [website](#) for more information.

✔ Use the GPEDC Knowledge-Sharing Platform

Trade unions can use the upcoming Global Partnership Knowledge-Sharing Platform – **a one-stop digital hub for information, training, and peer-learning**. It provides practitioners the opportunity to network around successes, bottlenecks and innovations in effective development co-operation and sustainable development. Local and global trade union groups can share their success stories, experiences and lessons learned, create a group with other trade unions around the world or host online consultations on key workers' rights issues.

Available in June at www.knowledge.effectivecooperation.org.

Trade Unions for Effective Development Co-operation

Trade unions are instrumental for ensuring that all workers around the world are given appropriate rights. To this end, trade unions can collectively:



Improve social protection systems: Trade unions can help design policies and programs which allow people to manage the risks of unemployment, sickness, disability and old age.



Advocate for labour rights: Trade unions can help improve working conditions and harmonise labour codes at the national level, which is critical to achieving sustainable impact in terms of eradicating poverty and reducing inequality.



Strengthen social dialogue processes: Trade unions can help create, reinforce and institutionalise multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms where workers, alongside governments and employers, are involved in policy making on labour-related issues.



Enhance international solidarity: Trade unions can push for the Decent Work Agenda, ensuring that it is a priority in all projects and programmes, and that all development actors are aware of this critical cross-cutting agenda.

Contribute to the 2019 GPEDC Senior-Level Meeting

The GPEDC is holding its **Senior-Level Meeting in July 2019**, taking place in the margins of the United Nations **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development** in **New York**. This Senior-Level Meeting will showcase tools – from and for the country level – for making development co-operation more effective. The input of trade unions at the SLM is necessary to ensure that workers' voices are represented, advocated for and, most importantly, acted upon at the global level by all stakeholders. Trade unions will be invited to engage in discussions around effectiveness through different platforms and social media.

Contact info@effectivecooperation.org to find out ways to get involved.