



“HLPF AND BEYOND: A TRADE UNION DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS”

TUDCN General Meeting 2024

24- JUNE (1:30-4 PM CET) AND 25 JUNE (2-4 PM CET)

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(INTERPRETATION TO ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH)

BACKGROUND

Over the last years, under the facilitation of the ITUC Trade Union Development Cooperation Network ([TUDCN](#)), **trade unions have increasingly influenced the narrative around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by calling for a New Social Contract with SDG 8 at its core and** showing the leverage effect of SDG 8 and decent work to turbocharge the overall 2030 Agenda. For example, the workers’ demand for a New Social Contract is central in the UN Secretary-General’s report [“Our Common Agenda”](#), with its call for universal social protection, decent work, labour protection floors with just transition, and a renewed multilateralism based on solidarity. It is also increasingly visible in the discussions of the UN Commission on Social Development, that since 2022 recognises the need for “adequate labour protection to all workers”, social dialogue, minimum wages and investment in care and the fight against violence and harassment. Furthermore, the targets of the UN [“Global Accelerator for Jobs and Social Protection and Just Transitions”](#), launched by the UN Secretary-General in September 2021, match the trade union demands for a New Social Contract focused on decent jobs creation and universal social protection to ensure just digital and climate transitions.

The progressive **change of narrative at the global level is a result of the advocacy work done at the national level by trade union centres**. With the support of the ITUC and the ITUC Regional Confederation, national trade unions have been promoting the role of SDGs (and SDG 8 in particular) in the national dialogue with governments and the United Nations Resident Coordinators. As a result, in several countries unions have been influencing the national development strategies and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, as well as using social dialogue to push for SDGs policies and building effective alliances with like-minded civil society platforms.

At the same time, trade unions actively engage in the official monitoring process of the SDGs at regional and global levels. Concerning the regional level, **trade union leaders have engaged in the 2024 UN Regional Fora on Sustainable Development in Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa and Latin America** to show the centrality of decent work in accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda.

The ITUC also closely follows the preparation of the HLPF 2024, in its capacity of the leading organization of the Workers and Trade Unions Major Group to the UN. In this framework, the TUDCN General Meeting will be the opportunity to discuss the strategy for the HLPF with key UN representatives involved in the preparation of the HLPF and the implementation of its conclusions at the global and national level.



OBJECTIVES

- Provide an update on the main UN processes related to development policies where the ITUC is engaged;
- Share the results of ITUC work on development policies in 2023-24 and the workplan for 2024-25;
- Discuss strategies to enhance the effectiveness of union advocacy on SDGs from the national to global level.
- Share trade union priorities on the HLPF with key UN representatives involved in the preparation of the HLPF and its follow up.

PARTICIPANTS

- Trade union leaders that participate in the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN);
- ITUC leadership;
- Representatives from the United Nations.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

- [A trade union focus on the SDS – Report – Edition 2024](#)
- [A trade union focus on the SDGs - Country profiles for 2024](#)
- [ITUC official position paper to the HLPF 2024](#)
- [Website of HLPF 2024](#)



AGENDA

24 JUNE, 1:30-4 PM CET

1:30-1:40 pm	Welcome and opening	Paola Simonetti , Director Equality Department ITUC
1:40-3:00	Key UN development processes 2024-2025 and related TUDCN workplan	Giulia Massobrio , TUDCN Coordinator, ITUC Q&A and general debate
3:00-3:50	Priorities of the next Presidency of the of the UN Economic and Social Council: dialogue with Ambassador Bob Rae	Key note speaker: Bob Rae , Ambassador of Canada to the UN, vice President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and upcoming ECOSOC President Moderated by Luc Triangle , ITUC General Secretary Q&A and general debate
3:50-4:00	Conclusions of day 1	Paola Simonetti , Director Equality Department ITUC

25 JUNE, 2-4 PM CET

2:00-2:10 pm	Welcome and opening	Luc Triangle , ITUC General Secretary
2:10-2:45	Relevance of the HLPF 2024 to turbocharge the SDGs: dialogue with Ambassador Paula Narvaez	Key note speaker: Paula Narvaez , Ambassador of Chile to the UN, President of the ECOSOC Moderated by Luc Triangle , ITUC Secretary General Q&A and general debate
2:45-3:50	High Level Panel: the role of the UN Development System in making UN commitments a reality at the country level	High level panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rosemary Kalapurakal, UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) Deputy Director - Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, ILO Special Representative to the UN and Director Office for the United Nations Moderated by ITUC Q&A and general debate
3:50- 4:00	Main takeaways of the dialogue Conclusions	Conclusions by ITUC



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