

Just Jobs: Achieving full employment and decent work

ITUC Global Meeting – 7 November 2023

Background

The ITUC is committed to the objectives of full employment and decent work, and has set a global target for the creation of 575 million new jobs by 2030 as well as the formalisation of at least 1 billion informal jobs, representing half of the total global informal economy during its Fifth World Congress in 2022. The creation of quality jobs is also one of the six main objectives the New Social Contract that the ITUC has committed to promoting.

Achieving these objectives requires active government policies and investments – particularly in labour intensive sectors with strong social and environmental dividends, such as infrastructure, the care economy, green economy. Investment in quality education and training, as well as developing active labour market policies and quality employment services, are moreover essential in order to enable workers to take advantage of the massive labour market transformations underway, such as technological change and the transition to a low carbon economy - helping ensure that they are ready to take up the new jobs that are created. As such they are also important components of a Just Transition. In all cases, employment and jobs strategies must entail the full involvement of trade unions – as democratic representatives of workers – through institutionalised social dialogue.

In this virtual Global ITUC meeting, trade union participants will be able to explore the main trends experienced globally in relation to employment. The meeting will summarise the results of a recent global ITUC survey on jobs and employment policies and will provide space for trade unions exchange on their priorities for action at workplace, sectoral, and national levels, as well as their work with governments in the development of national employment and jobs strategies.

Agenda

13h30-13h45	Introduction <i>Eric Manzi, ITUC Deputy General Secretary</i>
13h45 – 15h00	Presentation of the results of the ITUC Global Survey on Jobs and Employment Plans Beatrice di Padua, Economic Justice Officer, ITUC Followed by exchange of experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CTA-T Argentina• CCOO Spain• CESTRAR Rwanda• CSN Quebec Open discussion
15.00 – 15.15	Break
15.15 – 15.45	Negotiating national employment plans for a Just Transition Presentation by Bert De Wel, Officer for Climate Policy, ITUC
15.45 – 16.45	Further exchanges of union priorities on jobs/employment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cartel Alfa Romania• CTC Colombia• TUC Nezavisnost Serbia• BFTUC Bangladesh Followed by open discussion <i>Moderator: Beatrice di Padua, Economic Justice Officer, ITUC</i>
16.45– 17.00	Wrap up and closing Alison Tate, Director, Economic and Social Policy Department, ITUC

Interpretation will be available in BSCM – EN – ES – FR

Background documents:

ITUC Global Survey Report on Jobs and Employment Plans

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