

International Trade Union Confederation – Asia Pacific

***Development Cooperation
Priorities in Asia and the Pacific***

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Development Cooperation in AP

Creating and strengthening Regional TUDCN is central to the overall TUDCN's objectives in terms of both advocacy and partnerships. This has been promoted by the ITUC Regional Organisations together with the global network.

In December 2014, it was proposed to establish a TUDCN for the Asia Pacific region to ensure trade union organisations from the region working together on development cooperation.

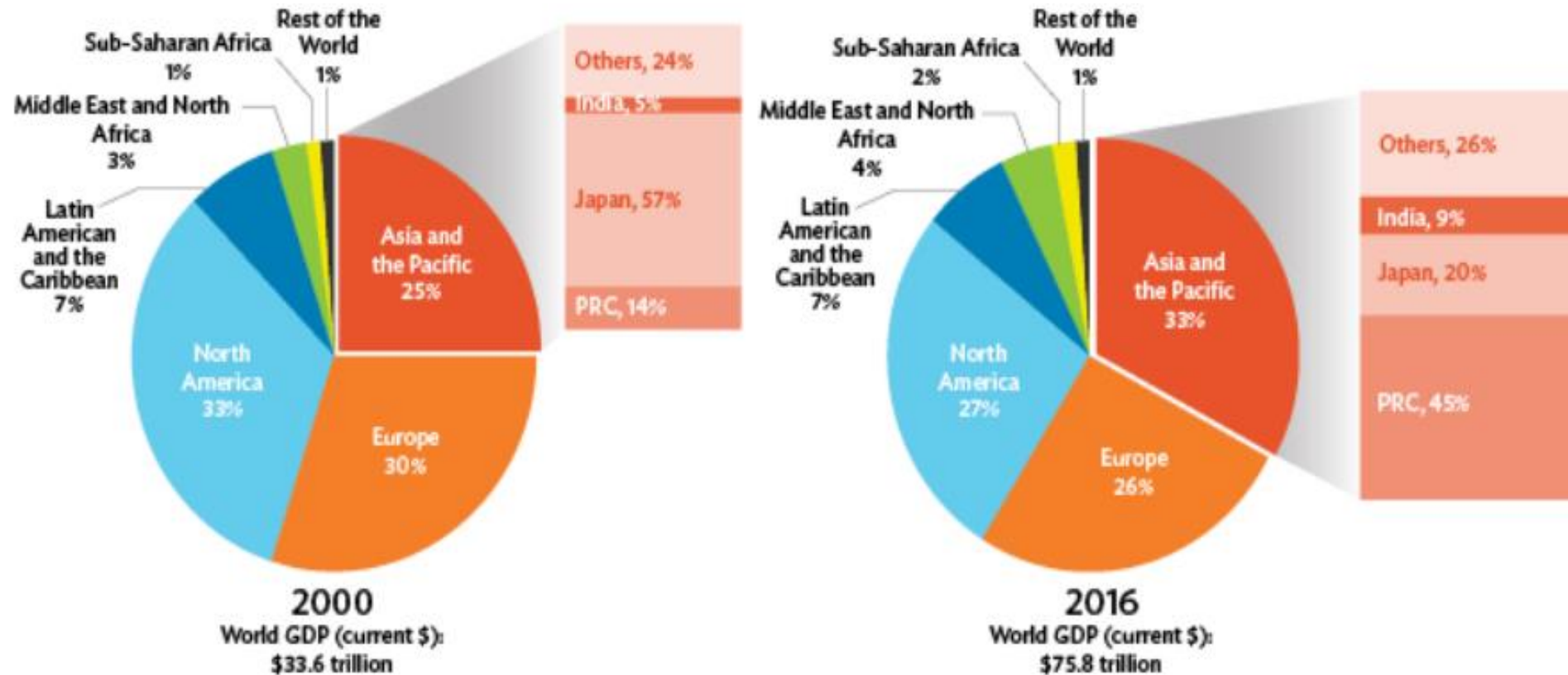
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Economic, Social and Political Challenges in AP



Source: World Bank. World Development Indicators.

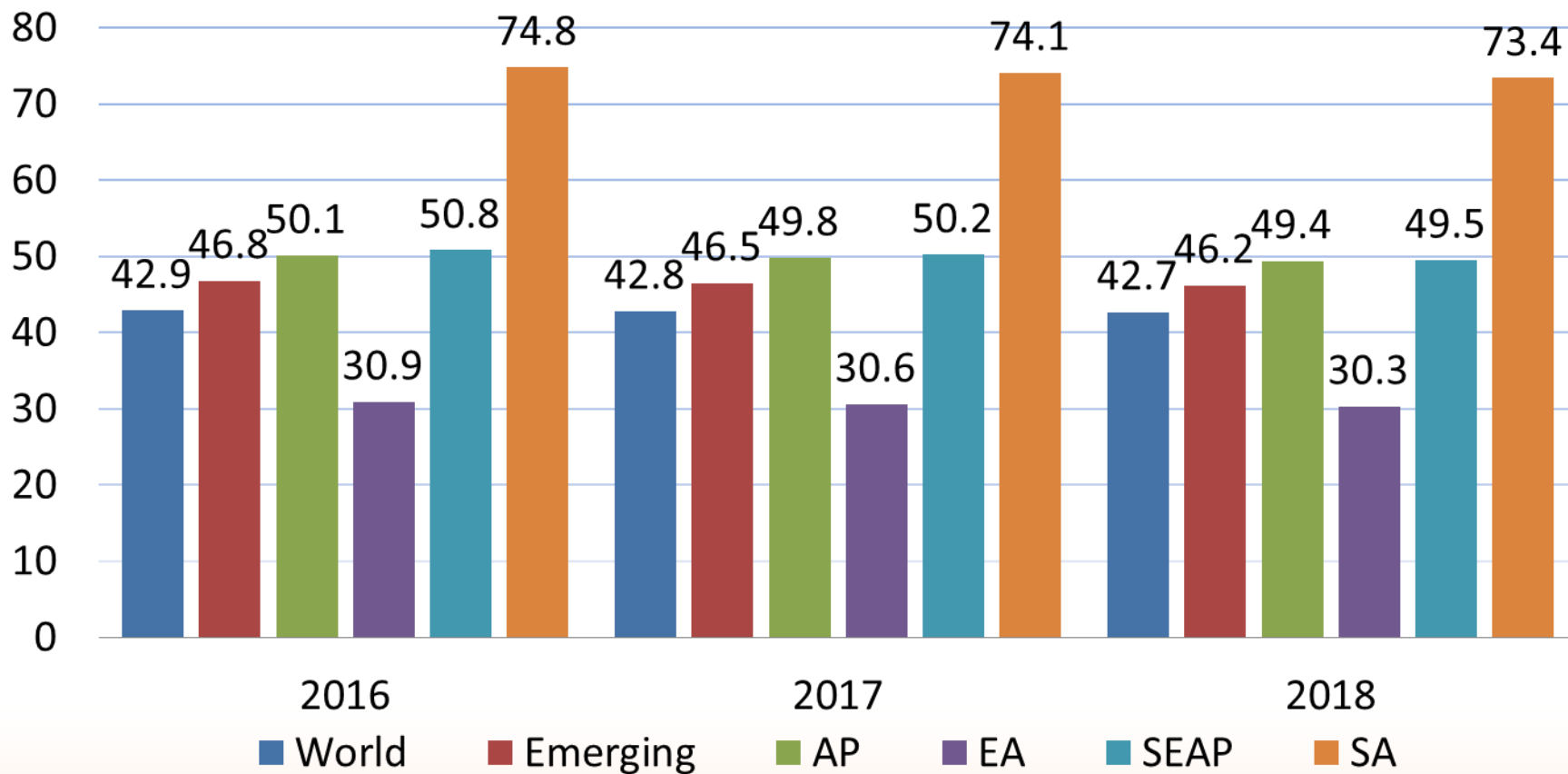


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Vulnerable Employment

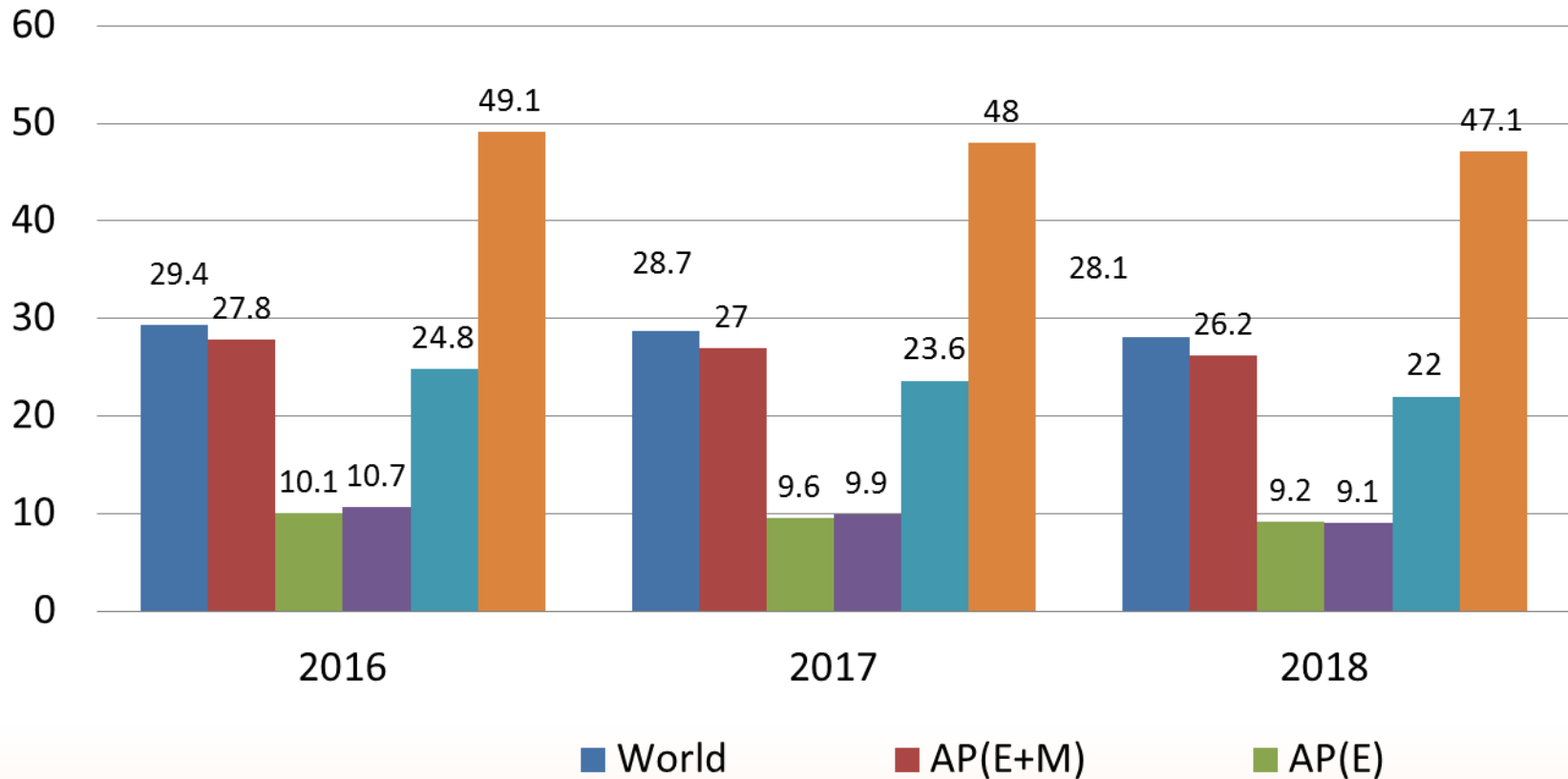


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Working Poverty



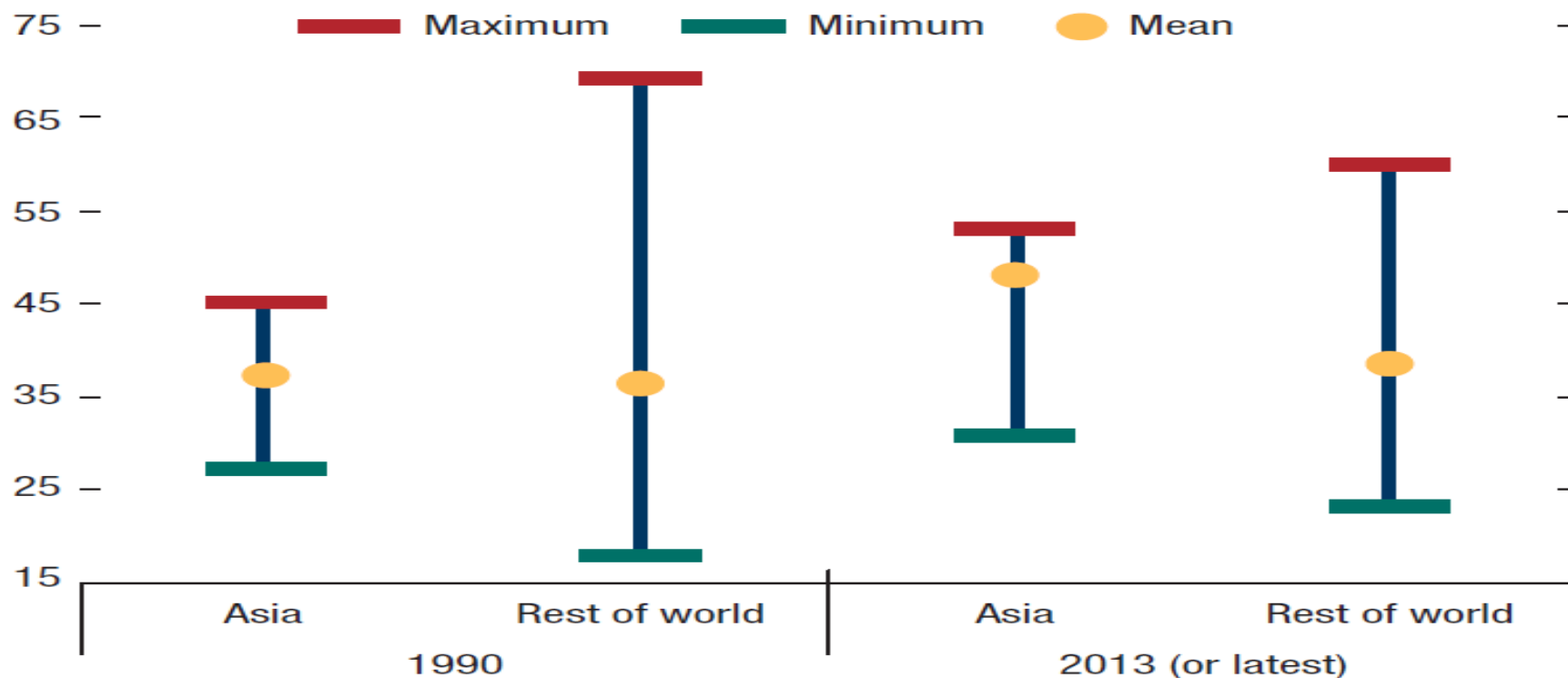
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World and Asia: Population Weighted Income Inequality

(Net Gini index; in Gini points; population-weighted average across the region)



Sources: SWIID Version 5.0; World Bank, World Development Indicators database; and IMF staff calculations.

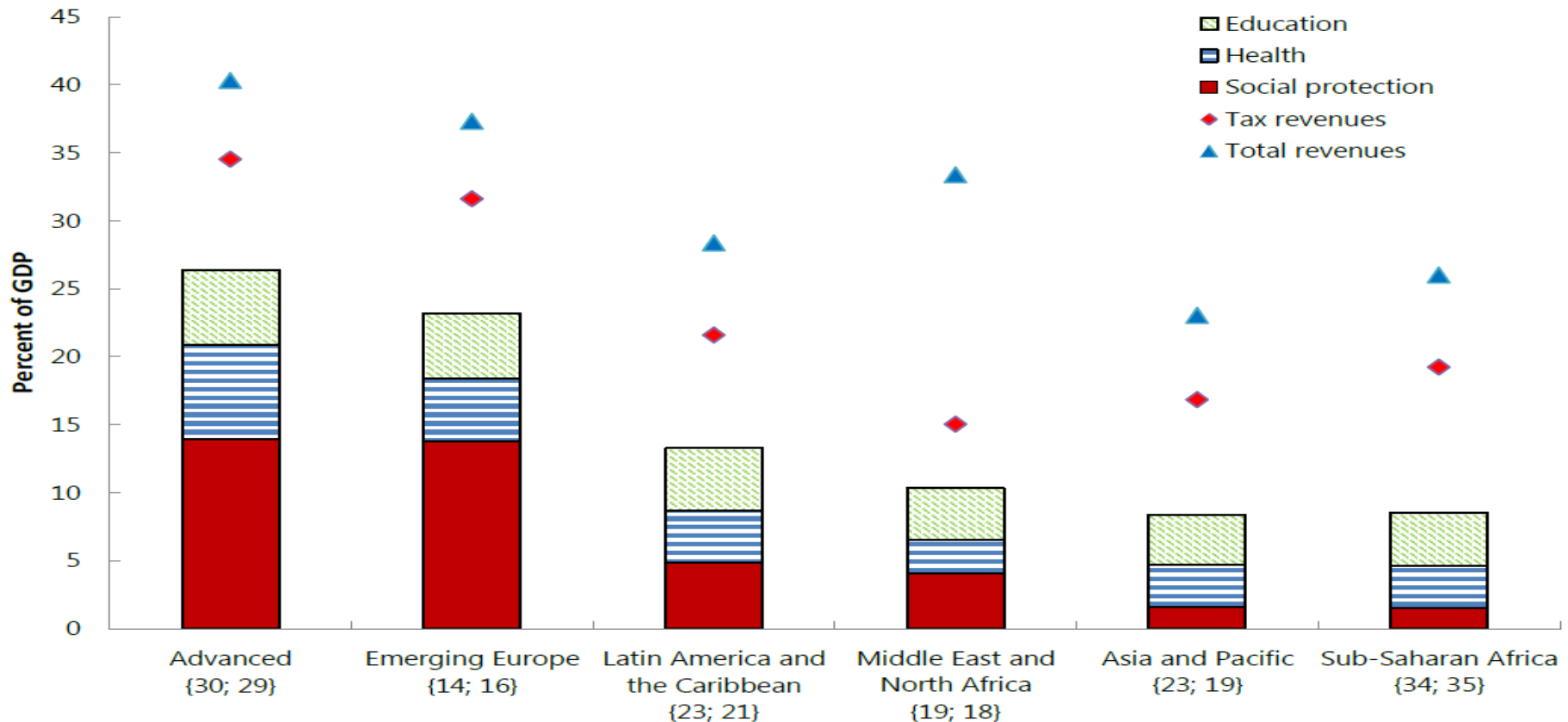


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Level and Composition of Tax Revenues and Social Spending , 2010



Source: IMF database.

Note: Numbers in brackets refer to number of countries in the {tax; spending} country samples

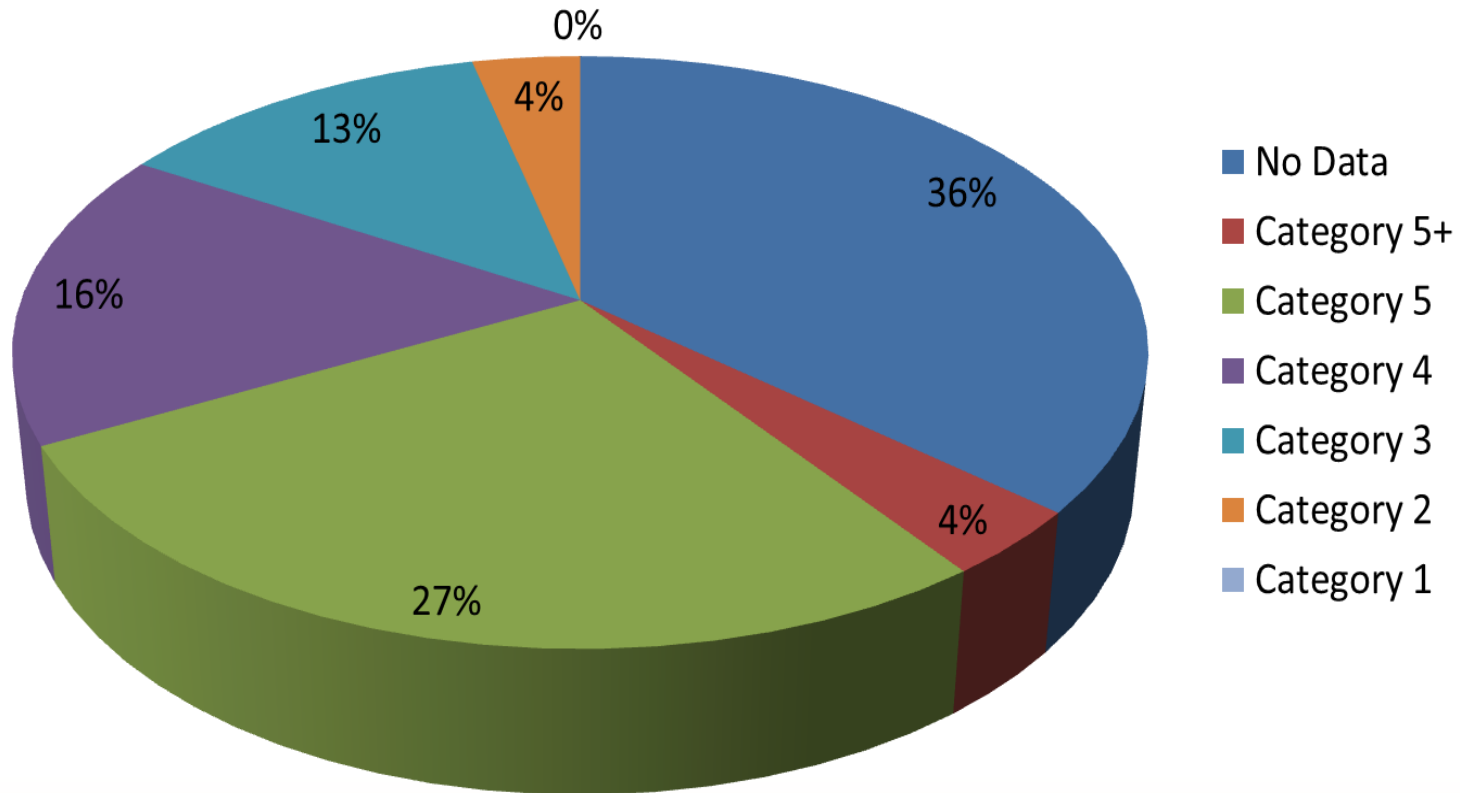


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ITUC Global Rights index (55 AP countries)

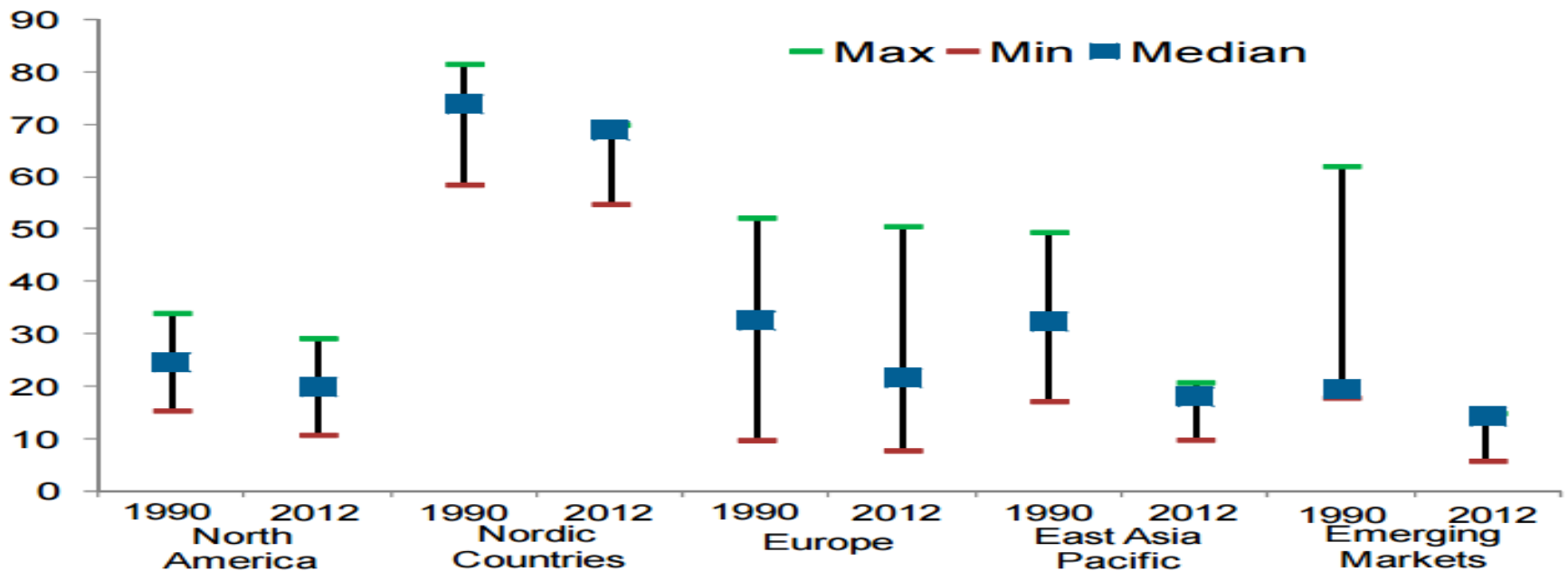


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Union Rate by Country Group (Percent)



Sources: Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development; and IMF staff calculations.



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- Progress made since 2000
- Progress needed to achieve target in 2030
- Regressed since 2000



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ITUC-AP Priority Areas 2018-19

5 Areas of Priority

1. The Ratification of the ILO Core Convention
 - Targeted countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia and Korea
 - Priority groups: migrant workers, informality
2. Employment and Social Protection
 - SSNs, OHS, Eradication of Child Labour
 - Climate Change and Just Transition



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ITUC-AP Priority Areas 2018-19

3. Global Supply Chains

- including actions to promote due diligence, supervising and remedy etc.

4. Women & Youth

5. Social Dialogue and Tripartite Cooperation

- including promotion of concept of constructive industrial relations



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National Programs 3Q of 2018

Country	Programme	Date
Bangladesh	Future of Work (Women and Informal Economy)	30-31 July
Myanmar	Social Protection	24-25 July
India	Women (Informal Economy And Migrant)	15-16 September
Mongolia	Social Protection and Migrant Labour	11-12 September
Nepal	Future of Work (Social Protection, Women and ILS)	14-15 August
Sri Lanka	Domestic Violence (Informal Economy And Migrant Labour)	



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Building Workers Power

- **Union Growth**
- **Sustainable Jobs**
- **Realising Rights**

Union Density

Unity – the Way Forward



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