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Focus

[#Timefor8](#) [#GlobalLaunch](#) The ITUC launches [#timefor8](#) campaign ahead of HLPF dedicated to recovery and resilience from Covid-19



This new edition of the #timefor8 campaign aims telling decision-makers meeting at the HLPF 2021 that all recovery and resilience plans for our economies must be based on employment creation, green jobs with just transition and universal social protection.

[Find out more](#)

Policy and advocacy

Unions call for New Social Contract with SDG 8 at its core to UN Regional Fora on Sustainable Development



The UN Regional Fora on Sustainable Development are important regional policy making spaces, which mark a first step in the lead up to the High-level Political Forum that will be held in New York in the month of July.

[Find out more](#)

Publication **SDGs for crisis recovery and resilience**



New research released by the ITUC-TUDCN shows the gap between government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa and Latin America and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 8.

[Find out more](#)

Publication **New Social Contract : ITUC report makes economic case for social protection**



There is a strong economic case for governments to extend social protection. Increased investments in it can yield between 0.7 and 1.9 times their value in economic returns.

[Find out more](#)

#Timefor8: Unions' action at national level #CostaRica

Trade unions in Costa Rica strengthen engagement with the United Nations system



In December 2020, Costa Rican trade union centres met with United Nation actors to discuss the state of decent work, social dialogue and human rights in the country.

[Find out more](#)

News from TUDCN network

CCOO and UGTT fight for the right to maternity leave in Tunisia



The trade union centres are strengthening their close cooperation, which dates back fourteen years, with the announcement of a joint study on the structural discrimination faced by women workers in Tunisia.

[Find out more](#)

"Our fight has been worth it!" - Valuing women's work in the face of Covid-19



March 8 is International Women's Day, but what about their rights in these special times of health crises around the world? WSM met women activists from three continent.

[Find out more](#)

Female trade unionists join forces to stop violence and harassment in the workplace



Female trade unionists from six countries in the Middle East and North Africa are launching a cross-country campaign on violence

and harassment in the workplace with the support of the Danish-Arab Partnership Programme.

[Find out more](#)

Lesotho garment worker program to combat gender-based violence begins



A worker-centered, precedent-setting programme that targets gender-based violence and harassment in four Lesotho garment factories is now in effect for as many as 10,000 workers producing jeans for the global market.

[Find out more](#)

Publication **ÖGB Austria raises young people's awareness of the links between the SDGs, working conditions and the environment**



The union has produced a series of printed materials and developed a project on democracy in the world of work to reach young people between 15-25 year-olds.

[Find out more](#)

Positive evaluation of the Belgian Joint Strategic Frame on Decent Work



The Belgian Government's Special Evaluation Service acknowledges the added value of the Development Cooperation Joint Strategic Frame on Decent work that trade unions and non-governmental actors have undertaken during the period 2017-2020.

[Find out more](#)

Nigeria: Unique alliance works together for a Just Transition for workers active in fossil energy sector



Mondiaal FNV and Friends of the Earth have supported Nigerian trade unions and environmental organisations to organise and inform workers about the consequences of climate change and the role of Just Transition in ensuring workers in the "old" fossil economy are retrained and offered new good green jobs.

[Find out more](#)

Publication DGB Bildungswerk analyses the state of trade union rights worldwide



This new publication assesses the state of trade union rights worldwide and describes the meaning of trade union rights, its place in the international human rights protection system, and the ways these rights are enforced.

[Find out more](#)

Publication **The rise of the far right: Building a global trade union response**



TUC has launched a new report on strategies for tackling right-wing extremism in workplaces and communities. It is aimed at trade unions, organisers and the wider labour movement. It includes a collection of case studies gathered via its international cooperation projects.

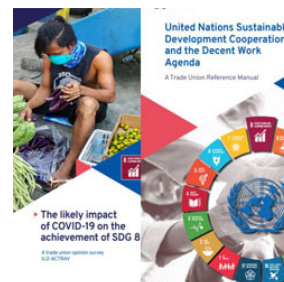
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News from the development community

Publication **ILO-ACTRAV launches two flagship publications for unions**

The first publication is a reference manual on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Cooperation and the Decent Work. The second is a report on the likely impact of Covid-19 on the achievement of the SDG 8.

[Find out more](#)



Publication **New research on the Social Dialogue in the 21st Century**



Dutch unions CNV Internationaal and Mondiaal FNV have contributed to a research conducted in ten countries that analyses the root causes of major barriers to impactful social dialogue amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 **Editor's pick**



In Guatemala, Chortí women are trying to overcome adversity through enterprise

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Upcoming events

May (TBD)

Webinar TUDCN General Meeting

06-15 July

UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2021

Useful links

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[International Trade Union Confederation](#)

[African Trade Union Development Network](#)
[Cooperation Network of the Trade Union Confederation of Americas](#)
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[ILO's Bureau of Workers' Activities \(ACTRAV\)](#)
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