



Trade Union engagement on SDGs



Milestones

- In 2015, countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- In 2015, as well, countries adopted the Addis Ababa Action Agenda that established a strong foundation to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by aligning all financing flows and policies with economic, social and environmental priorities.
- In 2016, the Paris Agreement on climate change entered into force, addressing the need to limit the rise of global temperatures.

Premised on the recognition of a mutual dependence of environmental, economic and social sustainability, the above 3 provide the framework for achieving sustainable and resilient societies by 2030.



BUT...

- Three years down the line, **countries are not on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030** - obstacles remain in eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities, addressing climate change, ensuring decent work and building peaceful and inclusive societies for all.

FURTHERMORE..

- Governments are taking **little action to overcome the obstacles to achieving the SDGs** taking by 2030.

The 2019 High Level Political Forum (I)



- The **High Level Political Forum (HLPF)** in 2019 will address the theme, **'Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality'** and will conduct an in-depth review of the following goals (in addition to SDG 17 which is reviewed every year):



All goals are relevant, but SDG 8, 10 and 13 will be a priority for the ITUC – TUDCN.

Related relevant targets for the trade union constituency



SDG 4

- More holistic approach, about ensuring public access to Education in the implementation of the Agenda 2030. As well as about the implications for the educational labour sector.

SDG 8

- 8.3: Promote development-oriented policies that **support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship**, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of **SMEs**, including through access to financial services;
- 8.5: By 2030, **achieve full and productive employment and decent work** for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and **equal pay for work of equal value**;
- 8.7: Take immediate and effective measures to **eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking** and secure the prohibition and **elimination of the worst forms of child labour**, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms;
- 8.8: Protect labour rights and **promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers**, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.

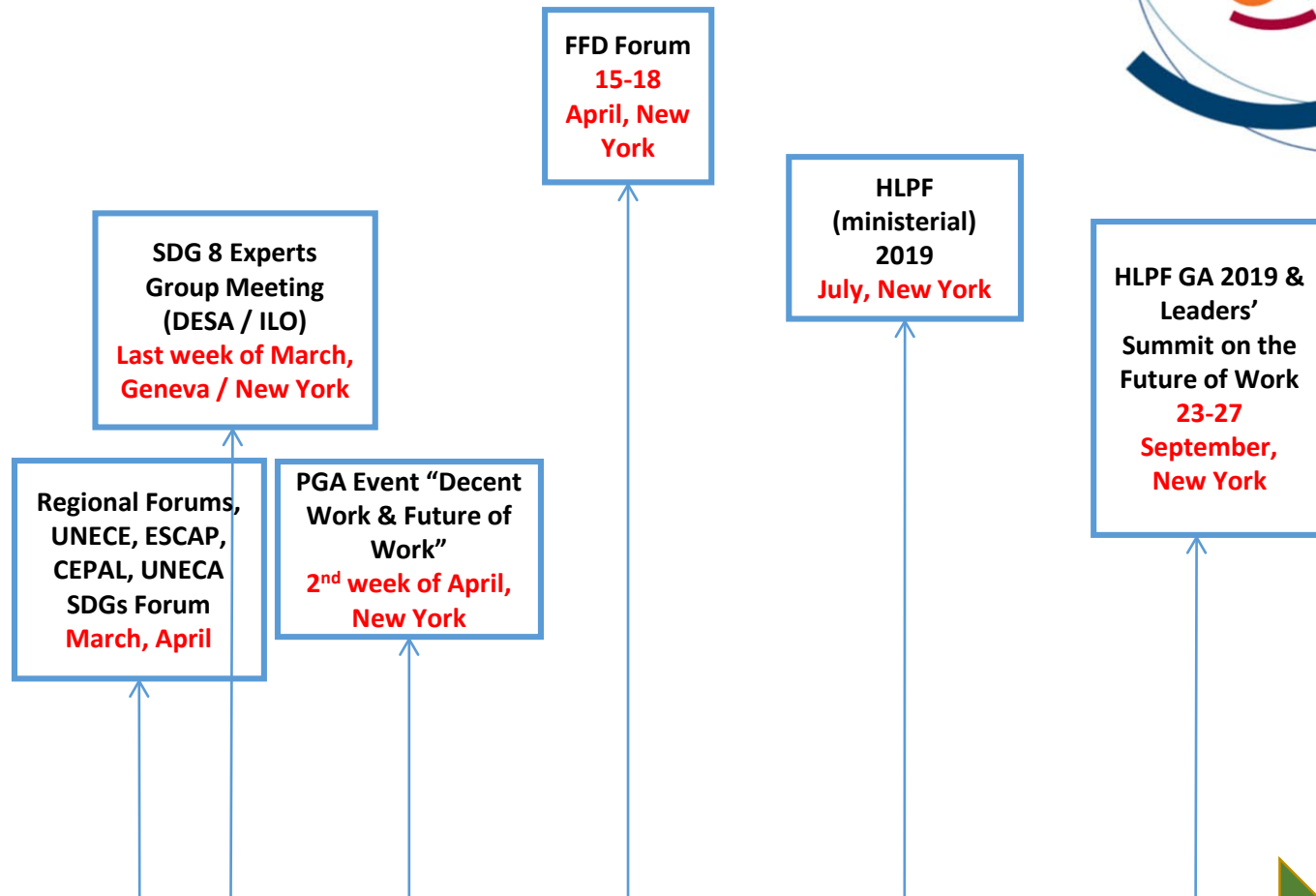
SDG 10

- **Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies**, and progressively achieve greater equality.

SDG 13

- **Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies, and planning** – which relates to the Just Transition agenda.

Key events on the way to HLPF 2019



Policy area: SDGs implementation and monitoring (HLPF)

The Regional SDGs Forums



- The Regional Forums on Sustainable Development (RFSD) follows up on and reviews the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the different regions where they take place;
- These Forums Create a regional space to share policy solutions, best practices and challenges in SDG implementation and helps identify major regional and sub-regional trends.
- They are open to the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including international and regional organizations, civil society, trade union representatives, academia and the private sector.

* Period March / April 2019 – best to contact regional offices, CEPAL (LA), ESCAP (Asia/Pacific), UNECE (Europe) and UNECA (Africa).



Building blocks:

What is our engagement strategy?

Mobilisation and Engagement

Familiarise Trade Unions with Agenda 2030

Advocacy and Implementation

Trade Unions influence Agenda 2030 planning and implementation through social dialogue

Monitoring and Reporting

“Trade Union report on SDGs implementation”



Objective:

- Influence the narratives of the HLPF 2019 related processes, including the HLPF 2019 Ministerial Declaration, around the goals under review.



Thank you!

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