



MEETING OF STATE/PUBLIC CONTROL SECTOR

April 20 and 21, 2015

Hotel Fiesta American Reforma, Mexico, DF

Querétaro Room - 1st Floor

Introduction

When workers enjoy full human and trade union rights and are able to live in dignity and improve their standard of living, they are best able to provide quality public services. And it is through quality public services that we achieve and maintain equitable and sustainable societies for all.

The sectoral workshops place the spotlight on the theme for the Conference “*Advancing trade union rights for quality public services*”.

Each sectoral workshop is intended to provide opportunities for activists in the various sectors to:

- share success stories and lessons learnt
- discuss the trends, obstacles and challenges facing workers in the (sub) sector
- identify strategic priorities for the (sub)sector
- promote and build solidarity across the various sub-regions of PSI Americas
- recommend strategies that will change the status quo

An important element of all the workshops is to identify ways to improve communications within and between (sub)sectors to create the alternative.

Background

In late April 2014, more than 100 members from PSI’s affiliated unions in the Americas gathered in Buenos Aires for a Tax Justice and Anti-Corruption Forum.

The event was hosted by La Asociación del Personal de los Organismos de Control (APOC), as part of the 10th anniversary meeting of the Unión Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control. (See the [ULATOC website](#) for news and documents.). [ULATOC](#) – Unión Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control - integrates trade union organisations representing workers of the Public Control (Court of Auditors, Comptrollers, Audit). UITOC – Union Internacional de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control is an

international union bringing together similar organisations in the Americas and Europe with contacts in Africa and Asia.

Union leaders made specific commitments to involve their members and join together in civil society coalitions to advance tax justice and anti-corruption initiatives. In addition, unions made a [strong statement on the need for coordinated action on tax justice and anti-corruption](#).

This workshop during IAMRECON 2015 builds on the advances made since then and seeks to further develop PSI's anti-corruption work. It advances the work mandated by the 2012 PSI World Congress.

About this workshop

Specific objectives include:

1. To identify the specific protective labour demands and promote the need for international regulatory guidelines for workers whose specific task is the fight against corruption and in support of Tax Justice.
2. To make visible the workplace harassment and persecution faced by workers in the sector.
3. To prevent, detect and combat any pressure or harassment that threatens the independence of our workers.
4. To identify and share new union strategies such as the creation of the UITOC Network of Public Workers' Control, Justice, Taxation and Revenue and its effects on improving governance, transparency, combating corruption, tax evasion and smuggling.

Topics and issues to be discussed include:

- Narcotics: a new threat to decent work.
- The relevance of Public Utility Control to ensure quality.
- Increased Unionisation.
- Dissemination of specific actions and strategic alliances in the fight against corruption and in promotion of Tax Justice

Participants will also learn more about the planned international seminar organised by Information on the [ACFO](#)/UITOC to take place in Canada in June 2015.

REVISED AGENDA

Day 1 - Monday April 20

- 09:00 **Welcome and opening remarks**
Sandra Massiah, PSI Sub-regional secretary for the Caribbean
- Sergio Hemsani, Secretario de Asuntos Internacionales,
Asociación Personal Organismos de Control República Argentina
Responsable Unión Internacional de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control
Público*
Odette Patricia Lozano Rodriguez, UTRADEC, Colombia
- 09:30 **A summary and history of the sector**
*Sergio Hemsani, Secretario de Asuntos Internacionales,
Asociación Personal Organismos de Control República Argentina
Responsable Unión Internacional de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control
Público*
- 10:15 **Panel – A trade union perspective of the sector**
Panellists:
Roxana Rodriguez, SINDHAC/Costa Rica
O’Neil Grant, Jamaica Civil Service Association (name to be confirmed)
Representative from Andean sub-region (name to be confirmed)
Representative from Southern cone sub-region (name to be confirmed)
- Panellists will present a picture of the situation in their country or sub-region, highlighting the role that the union has played in fighting corruption and promoting tax justice. We also ask panelists to give some information on how they will continue the work on this issue.
- 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30 **Working group session: Identifying trade union strategies**
- We invite small groups to discuss and share new trade union strategies to fight corruption and promote tax justice. Representatives from countries and sub-regions should highlight the actions they have taken as well as the challenges they face in fighting corruption and promoting tax justice. The small groups should also identify the successes achieved and the lessons that unions have learnt.
- 12:45 **Report backs from working groups**
- 1:00 pm **LUNCH**
- 2:30 pm **Presentation and discussion - drug trafficking: a new threat against decent work**
Name to be confirmed

3:30 pm **Panel 2: The relevance of Public Control to ensure quality public services.**

Panellists:

We invite panellists to discuss how this sectoral work can increase union membership. We also invite the panellists to discuss and highlight allies and the strategic alliances that trade unions need to develop in the fight against corruption and in promotion of tax justice.

4:45 pm **Summary and conclusions from Day 1**

Sandra Massiah, PSI sub-regional secretary for the Caribbean

5:00 pm

END OF DAY ONE

Day 2 - Tuesday April 21

9:00 am **Priorities for the sector**

Omar Auton, Vice president of PSI Inter-Americas

9:30 am Joint actions in the fight against corruption and in support of tax justice

Daniel Bertosa, PSI Director of Policy & Governance

*Jürgen Buxbaum, PSI Policy Officer in charge of Public Administration,
Essential Services & Multinational Enterprises active in Public Services*

10:00 am **ACFO/ULATOC International seminar – June 2015**

*Scot W Chamberlain, Director of Labour Relations and General Counsel,
Association of Canadian Financial Officers ([ACFO](#))*

10:30 am Summary of main outcomes from the meeting

11:00 am

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 am **Discussion and agreement on conclusions and recommendations**

Signing of conclusions

Closing remarks

1:00 pm

END OF WORKSHOP

Useful documents and resources

[PSI and affiliates' Anti-corruption campaign work](#)

[PSI's tax justice campaign](#)

Foundation document - ULATOC (English)

Foundation document – ULATOC (Spanish)

Summary of ULATOC's 2014 meeting (English)

