

Protection Contracts and Freedom of Association in MEXICO



JUNE 12 at 13:00-14:30 in ILO Room IV

French/English/Spanish

What: ITUC-IMF Forum on Freedom of Association in Mexico

When: June 12, 13:00-14:30

Where: ILO room IV

English, Spanish, French interpretation

The situation in Mexico is growing worse each day as more and more workers who attempt to organize independent unions face violence, arrest and firings. The global labour movement is looking for strategic and creative campaigning to help support our Mexican colleagues in fighting corporate impunity and state-sponsored attacks on Freedom of Association. Join us for a panel discussion on how unions in Mexico and around the world are challenging Mexico's protection contract system and fighting barriers to Freedom of Association.

AGENDA

Welcome remarks 13:00

Panel discussion 13:10-14:00

- Chair: Stephen Benedict, ITUC Human and Trade Union Rights Director
Overview of the situation in Mexico
- Panelist: Héctor Barba, Union Nacional de Trabajadores (UNT)
Case of Atento: protection contracts in Mexico
- Panelists: Genaro J. Trejo Arteaga and Oscar Alzaga, National Mining and Metalworkers' Union of Mexico
Attacks by government and TNCs against independent unions cases: PKC / Harnesses, Excellon, Cananea
- Panelist: Liz Shuler, AFLCIO Secretary Treasurer
Cross-border strategies for fighting the criminalization of social struggles and trade unions in Mexico
- Panelist: Fernando Lopes, International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF)
Mobilizing globally to defend Freedom of Association in Mexico. TAKE ACTION.

Discussion and Q&A 14:00 – 14:25

Conclusions and recommendations 14:25 – 14:30

Sandwiches and drinks will be available

