

ITUC Kick off meeting- campaign for a UN legally binding instrument (LBI) to regulate the law and the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises in international human rights

Background

In June 2014, the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva adopted a resolution drafted by Ecuador and South Africa. This established an open-ended intergovernmental working group (IGWG), chaired by Ecuador, with a mandate to elaborate on an international legally binding instrument (LBI) on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights.¹

The ITUC and GUFs have been directly involved in IGWG negotiations since 2016.

Heading into the 10th round of treaty negotiations at the UN Human Rights Council in October 2024, the ITUC and GUF are launching a public campaign in support of the Treaty process in order to secure an international legal instrument that delivers for the millions of workers in global supply chains.

The momentum to regulate highly exploitative global supply chains is a critical step to building a strong and sustainable global economy. To ensure the global economy is not only resilient but also conducive to democracy and social progress, governments must deliver a New Social Contract that rebuilds trust in the democratic process.

The 10th Session of negotiations for a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights provides a critical opportunity for governments and business to finally demonstrate their often-expressed commitment to responsible business conduct.

As part of the global union campaign for a Binding Treaty, the ITUC is inviting you to a virtual information session.

Date: 30.05.2024

Time: 13pm CET-17pm CET.

Venue: Online. Zoom

Please find below the link to the meeting:

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¹ [A/HRC/26/L.22/Rev.1](#)

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

Agenda

30 may 2924		
13.00-13.20	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luc Triangle (TBC) GS ITUC - Kemal Ozkan (IndustriAll AGS) 	
13.20-14.20	<p>Overview: Introduction to the Treaty process and evaluation of current draft negotiating text.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ruwan Subasinghe, ITF Legal Director - Paapa Danquah, ITUC HTUR/LEGAL Director. <p>Moderator: Monica Tepfer. Legal Officer.</p> <p>Q&A</p>	
14.20-14.40	Break	
14.40- 15.45	<p>Regional and sectoral perspectives on the binding treaty.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hugo Barreto, TUCA, Legal Advisor - Alex Nkosi, HTUR Director, ITUC Africa - GUF Representative <p>Moderator: Tepfer. Legal Officer.</p> <p>Q&A</p>	
15.45- 17hs	<p>Developing a trade union position- Presentation of proposed ITUC campaign and discussion on possible national/regional/sectoral advocacy strategies</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monica Tepfer, Legal Project Coordinator ITUC - Ruwan Subasinghe, ITF Legal Director - Jeff Vogt, , Rule of Law Director, Solidarity Center. (TBC) - GUF Representative <p>Moderator: Paapa Danquah, HTUR/Legal Director ITUC.</p> <p>Q&A</p>	