

Organizing Partner Governance Reporting Form

For Workers and Trade Unions

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Division for Sustainable Development- Major Groups Programme

I. Governance

1. How many OPs facilitate engagement of your Major Groups constituency into the UN Sustainable Development agenda? Number - **2**

2. Please describe the process within which you were selected or elected as organizing partners for your Major groups

The ITUC coordinates a network, the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network, which brings together the different worker and trade union constituencies. These include national trade union centers, through the ITUC; Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC); the regional trade union confederations; the Global Unions Federations (GUFs): Education International (EI), Public Services International (PSI), Building and Wood Workers International (BWI); and trade union solidarity support organizations (TUSSOs). Each of these organizations are membership based, with affiliates at national levels thus comprising thousands of trade union organizations. The network has selected the secretariat of the ITUC to serve as the OP for the Post 2015 process.

a. Are OPs selected

b. Make sure to describe:

- i. how you ensure regional and thematic facilitation within your sector.
- ii. how you ensure global coverage

i. The major group is made up of regional bodies as well as sectoral organizations. As OPs we consult directly with representatives from both the regional bodies and the sectoral organizations on a regular basis.

ii. The ITUC is an international membership organization with affiliate in 161 countries.

3. How did you coordinate with other OPs in your Major Group to ensure a fair division of labor?

We work collectively on and share responsibilities as a principle of working—so all responsibility is shared equally.

4. Please indicate whether you maintain regular coordination with other Major Groups sectors OPs **Yes**

- a. *If yes, describe how you reach cooperate with other sectors including through the development of a joint work plan, as appropriate.*

We coordinate with other major groups on political positioning, produce joint work, and do collaborative advocacy .

II. Outreach

5. Please explain how you identify and reach out to new member organizations and regional networks within your Major Group, to ensure appropriate engagement at the regional and international level and how you brief these new organizations on how to engage with the UN intergovernmental process on sustainable development.

The character of the international trade union movement is unique as it is comprised entirely of membership based organizations that do their own outreach. As OPs we try to encourage all organizations that make up the membership base to engage in these processes. Any organization that wishes to be engaged is welcome with the only criteria that they are affiliated to the Global Unions. <http://www.global-unions.org/about-us.html>

- a. *Do the OPs cover all regions of the world? Yes*
b. *If not, how do you specifically reach out to regional networks?*

- a. We are an international organization made up of affiliated members in all regions of the world—161 countries.
b. We also coordinate regularly with for regional trade union confederations—the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA), ITUC-Africa, ITUC-Asia Pacific, Pan European Regional Council

6. Please explain how you assess new requests for Major Groups membership and the process for new organizations to join.

Any sectoral or national trade union center can join the Major Group list and participate as actively as they wish.

7. Please describe activities your organizations conducted to maintain an accurate and up-to-date understanding of sustainable development processes and the work of the CSD and HLPF, and other relevant processes since the lead up to Rio +20 (2011).

The ITUC has followed and coordinated trade union input in the lead up to both CSD and the creation of the HLPF.

8. Please describe the process you use to provide constituents with timely and appropriate background information and understanding about logistics and process to ensure their effective engagements. Please provide links to this information if possible.

We make use of relevant internet listserves and do direct outreach to members that have worked on these issues in the past. As OPs it is also important to be able to easily identify organizations that have already shown a commitment to this work and identify new organizations that are interested to take part.

9. Please describe the frequency of briefings to constituencies on UN process and Major Group involvement. How are these briefings organized, and what is the primary means of engagement (e.g. Conference calls, in person meetings, newsletters etc.)?

We hold one general meeting per year convening the network which includes all the constituents mentioned under question 2.

In addition to the general meeting we hold regular open coordination meetings. We also hold thematic seminars.

We use an online listserv dedicated to the process.

We publish a monthly newsletter

III. Reporting

10. Please describe, step by step, how you develop your Major Groups position papers.

Please include how:

- a. *you consult with regional groups*
- b. *coordinate among the various OPs*
- c. *achieve consensus or account for minority reports*

a. Our positions are developed through the outreach tools under question 9. We do not wait for the official process points or moments for input to develop a coherent set of positioning. It is part of our core work to have this sort of positioning up to date,

b. the OPs work with equal responsibility in the positions papers.

c. Consensus is achieved through the listserv related to the process.

11. What is the standard that you apply for any Major group statement presented in intergovernmental processes and submitted to UN-DESA? How do you gauge whether it represents a broad range of views in your constituency?

Our positioning is developed collectively with inputs from all active organizations and must be formally and officially agreed. No position is presented without broad consensus.

12. Please describe the process by which how you ensure fair participation and speaking opportunities of various organizations within your constituency.

We operate with the principle of regional and gender balance as best as possible, while also trying to give priority to organizations and representatives that have not already had an opportunity.

13. Please describe how you organize your constituency to provide expert advice, presentations, best practices, and position papers to quickly respond to expert-based sustainable development request. Please list any working groups, committees, or list of experts you have set up.

Other than the list dedicated specifically to the Post 2015 and Sustainable Development Processes, we also have online working groups on other relevant issues. We also hold regular thematic seminars (1-3 per year) on relevant topics.

IV. Communication

14. The Secretariat is trying to ensure transparency and inclusivity through the use of the Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform.
How frequently are you posting information on the Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform? **Once per month**

15. How could the Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform be made more useful for your constituency?

No comment.

16. Please describe if and how you have used social media to support the UN outreach strategy. How frequently do you engage with our social media platforms? Please indicate the name and contact information for your social media contact.

This is an area we can improve.

VI. Coordination with UN-DESA

17. Please describe how you coordinate with the Division for Sustainable Development to facilitate the regular participation of Major Groups throughout the intergovernmental process?

We are in regular contact with DESA via email and other online tools i.e. skype.

18. Have you participated in all monthly conference calls to get information on ongoing processes and to update the Secretariat on ongoing activities over the last year?

Yes

19. How have you instilled in your constituencies, policies relating to appropriate behavior and conduct at the United Nations not only between members of other Major Groups, but with UN staff and security?

We brief all organizations on any specific "code of conduct" they may not already be familiar with before participation in any events.

20. Do you plan on nominating your organization to continue to serve as OP for the next two year term?

Yes