

Intervention on behalf of the constituency of trade unions

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1) SDG-oriented investments: jobs, social protection and Just Transition

- _400 hundred million jobs lost, with 1.6 billion informal workers. In such context, all investments should be aimed at implementing the SDGs, with plans to build recovery on the real economy with decent jobs through investment in enabling green infrastructure, industry policy, skills training and health care to ensure social and economic resilience.
- _Social dialogue and the full involvement of social partners – _which are institutional pillars within the EU – _should be at the very basis of these plans, and the EU should promote their involvement worldwide.
- _In the context of the UN Reform, synergies and shared agendas of the EU and UN should be strengthened both concerning objectives and modalities of strategic programming (i.e., social partners involvement).

2) Global challenges – _global governance

- _COVID-19 is showing how global responses are necessary to cope with global challenges. Trade unions believe that thematic programmes are crucial to ensure that global challenges are properly addressed, and therefore they should be adequately resourced. This is in line with the EU strategic objective to support multilateralism and global governance.
- _Within the thematic programmes, a much greater support for civil society organisations (CSOs) is needed. In particular, regional and global CSO networks need to be supported to grant continuity of engagement from global to national level, coordinating and reinforcing the developmental impact of their national members.

3) Multi-stakeholder partnerships and role of FPAs:

- _A concrete way forward should be to ensure that the Roadmaps for Engagement with Civil Society used by the EU delegations always include the organizations that signed Framework Partnership Agreements (FPAs) with the EU. Likewise,



- regional and global networks should be effectively involved in the programming
- process led by the European Commission in Brussels.
- • _There is a need for true political and strategic dialogue and partnerships.