



# TRADE UNIONS



Global  
Partnership  
for Effective Development  
Co-operation

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP: TRANSFORMING THE WAY WE WORK TOGETHER

With only halfway to go till we reach the 2030 deadline and with overlapping challenges and crises, we must strengthen political momentum for and champion development co-operation that is **country-owned, focused on results, inclusive, and transparent and mutually accountable** – the four principles of development effectiveness. By bringing diverse development actors together on the basis of a principle-led approach, the Global Partnership fosters **trust and policy action in countries**. It provides **new and relevant evidence** that empowers country-level actors to understand and tackle challenges towards better development co-operation.

### WHY TRADE UNIONS?

Trade Unions facilitate, reinforce and institutionalise social dialogue platforms where workers, alongside governments, development partners and employers, come together for more *effective* policy making and implementation of decisions and programs that have an impact on labour-related issues.

Trade Unions advocate for labour rights, decent work, elimination of child labour, minimum living wages, and social protection.

### HOW? TRADE UNIONS AS EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT ACTORS

- **Represent:** Trade Unions ensure workers' voices are heard by driving inclusive national policies and development programmes.
- **Convene:** Trade Unions convene dialogues between employers, workers and national governments to advance norms and legislation on labour rights.
- **Advocate:** Trade Unions advocate for harmonised national labour codes for decent work, living wages and collective bargaining. They also drive the agenda for universal social protection, due diligence and accountability of all business operations.

## REACH OUT TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE & BE PART OF CRITICAL DISCUSSIONS:



**Scale up the role of Trade Unions in development co-operation**, to bolster knowledge sharing, build capacities, organise workers and promote decent work at all levels.



**Strengthen Trade Unions' influence** at country level by ensuring their inclusion in development co-operation processes, rebuilding trust amongst partners.



**Accelerate action** on the SDGs and on Goal 8 by providing concrete solutions and putting decent work as a key priority of development co-operation.



**Align** all private sector interventions to international legal frameworks, such as the ILO labour standards and responsible business conduct instruments, to increase accountability and transparency of all actors.