

# Irish Congress of Trade Unions Global Solidarity Briefings

The Covid19 pandemic has highlighted that we live in an interconnected world. The policies and actions we pursue profoundly affect people elsewhere and vice versa. Rarely has the need for international solidarity between people and between governments been more evident.

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## Briefing 1: Development Cooperation and Building back Better

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm – 2.00pm  
(WebEx platform)

Ruairi de Burca, Director General, Irish Aid and Diego Lopez Gonzalez, Policy Advisor, Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (ITUC) will be discussing how members of the OECD Development Assistance Committee can use development cooperation to help build back better during and after the crisis.

Come along and hear about the work of Irish Aid – recently peer reviewed by the OECD which stressed the value and importance of Ireland's global leadership, funding and aid policy in order to alleviate poverty, protect human rights and seek solutions to inequality and climate change.

Also the trade union priorities for the DAC and how trade unions would like to see happening when the DAC holds its High Level Meeting in mid-November.

<http://www.oecd.org/dac/development-assistance-committee/>

<https://www.ituc-csi.org/development-cooperation>

## Briefing 2: Child Labour

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 13.00 – 14.00  
(WebEx Platform)

Tim Noonan, ITUC and Tim Ryan, Chairperson, Global March against Child Labour

In August 2020, the ILO Child Labour Convention (C182) achieved universal ratification. This was an historic first that means that all children now have legal protection against the worst forms of child labour and a timely reminder of the importance of ILO standards and the need for multilateral solutions to global problems. It is estimated that there are 152 million children in child labour. This briefing will hear how we need to campaign for the continuing implementation at national level, including through due diligence in global supply chains to ensure the end of the use of child labour. It will examine how action can be taken in 2021, the UN Year for Elimination of Child Labour. <https://globalmarch.org/>