

TWN-Africa and ITUC-Africa host meeting on employment, structural transformation in Africa

The International Trade Union Confederation-Africa (ITUC-Africa) and Third World Network-Africa are hosting a consultative meeting of African trade unions and allies on '***Employment, Structural Transformation and Equitable Economic Development in Africa***'.

The meeting takes place in **Accra, Ghana from July 20-22**. In the wake of a changing global policy landscape especially since the global financial crisis, the meeting is set to discuss inter-related challenges of job-creation, the transformation of Africa's primary commodity export-dependent political economy, and a socio-economic development framework that fulfils the needs and aspirations of Africa's working peoples.

The aim of the meeting is to:

1. Develop a framework for constructing a more concrete alternative economic development policy narrative, building on existing trade union critiques of, and alternative perspectives on, decades of neo-liberal economic policy in Africa and
2. Secondly, generate an outline of issues and perspectives which could form the basis of a five-year agenda for policy research and advocacy by ITUC-Africa and the African trade union movement.

It is an initial stage of a multi-phased project to equip the African trade union movement to play a more active role in meeting the challenge of policy alternatives for economic development in Africa. The meeting will attract 40 participants drawn from the trade union movement across Africa, researchers, academics and civil society organisations.