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Trade Union Perspectives on Covid-19 and the State of Labour markets

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TUAC Webinar

With the Covid-19 health crisis far from over, the economic and labour market implications are increasingly alarming. Social partners and trade unions in OECD countries have been supporting frontline, laid-off and vulnerable workers throughout the crisis. They pushed tri-partite agreements and health and safety protocols with employers and governments. This has been documented in the [TUAC mapping](#) with initiatives from over 20 countries. With second pandemic waves, closures of businesses and the danger of massive job losses looming, it is important to assess government and social partner measures thus far.

According to [OECD data](#), “by May 2020, job retention schemes supported about 50 million jobs across the OECD, about ten times as many as during the global financial crisis of 2008-09.” Will they be enough for the months to come? Is it too early to phase some of the support out? Which sectors and workers struggle most?

This TUAC Webinar will bring together a set of different perspectives on the crisis and its employment dimension.

SPEAKERS

CINZIA DEL RIO, Director of the international department of UIL (Italian Labour Union) on “*Short-time work schemes – how they work, why they matter*”

TAKAHITO KATAYAMA, Director International Affairs Policy Division, JTUC-RENGO on “*Pandemic spread contained – lessons from Japan*”

ROB JOHNSTON, Assistant General Secretary, International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) on “*Sectors in crisis: civil aviation in the face of the second wave*”

Moderated by **Anna BYHOVSKAYA**, Senior Policy Advisor, TUAC

Followed by a Q&A and discussion.

Registration by 12 October 2020 by [completing the Zoom registration form](#)

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