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Colombia: One year after accession

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Following a long, complicated and controversial accession process stretching back to 2013, Colombia officially became a member of the OECD in April 2020. Now, almost a year into its OECD membership Colombia is due to report on the implementation of OECD legal instruments or recommendations under the purview of the Employment Labour and Social Affairs Committee. With this webinar, the TUAC and its trade union partners take stock of progress, share views and invites to informed discussions on the Colombian post-accession process.

Colombia's accession process was marked by serious controversies regarding rule of law, labour and human rights. A year into to its OECD membership, Colombia remains one of the most dangerous countries for trade unionists and workers with serious concerns regarding the rule of law, and access to and efficiency of the judiciary. By joining the OECD, Colombia has committed itself to the fundamental values of the organisation. These include a functioning market economy, but also, and no less important, the rule of law, democracy with a well-functioning and independent judiciary, and full observance of human rights, including core labour standards.

As Colombia is preparing its first progress report in line with the reporting cycle stipulated in the Accession Agreement, this webinar will contribute to the process by inviting Colombian trade union leaders to share experiences from the ground and offer solutions to what continues to be a dire labour situation in Colombia.

Speakers

- Gandia ROBERTSON, Advisor, OECD
- Veerle MIRANDA, Senior Economist, OECD
- Diógenes ORJUELA, General Secretary Central Unitaria de Trabajadores
- Miguel MORANTES, President, Confederación de Trabajadores de Colombia
- Victor BAEZ, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation.

Moderated by TUAC General Secretary, Pierre HABBARD.

The webinar is organised in partnership with the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Central Unitaria de Trabajadores (CUT) and Confederación de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC).

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