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Mapping Out Trade and Investment Policy Issues: A Trade Union Conversation with the OECD

29 September 2021 – 13.00-15.30 CEST, TUAC Webinar, English/French interpretation

The trade union movement has long been raising concerns about an imbalanced globalisation, favouring trade and capital liberalisation over broader economic and social aspects than simple GDP growth.

COVID-19 brought the role and impact of trade and investment upfront again. Supply chain disruptions exposed the fragility, rather than the efficiency of a highly inter-connected global system. The social toll paid by workers worldwide, in terms of lost jobs and precarious employment, results also from job precariousness and poor job quality both in OECD and non-OECD countries, where trade policy has a significant role in shaping the nature and geographical location of jobs.

Trade and investment liberalisation has often resulted in market power concentration, supplier dependency and bottlenecks, abrupt reallocation of production capacity, geographic concentration of gains and losses, fierce competition on labour costs. It has put an increasing share of working households under pressure.

This TUAC event brings together government representatives and OECD experts, to discuss with trade unions how to best mitigate risks and enhance opportunities of international trade and investment regimes.

A TRADE UNION CONVERSATION WITH:

Sean DOHERTY, *Head, International Trade and Investment, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum*

Alexander HIJZEN, *Senior Economist, Jobs and Income Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD*

Marion JANSEN, *Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD*

Ana NOVIK, *Head of the Investment Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD*

Manfred SCHEKULIN, *Chair of the OECD Investment Committee*

Dawn SHACKLEFORD, *Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific and Chair of the OECD Trade Committee*

Chaired under the Chatham House Rule by **Bill SPRIGGS**, *AFL-CIO Chief Economist and Chair of the TUAC Working Group on Economic Policy*

Registration by 27 September 2021 by completing the [Zoom registration form](#).
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