

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is essential for workers. The TUCA and the ITUC, through the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network, work to mobilize and familiarize unions about the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), advocating with national governments to promote decent work and social dialogue, as well as supervise and provide union reports that monitor the compliance of the 2030 Agenda.

This document analyzes two perspectives on Development:

- The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are global and multilateral;
- The Development Platform of the Americas (PLADA), created by the Latin American trade union movement, which is regional and counter-hegemonic.

These are two instruments whose purpose is to promote the systemic transformations (economic, social, political and environmental) necessary to respond to the current unprecedented economic, social and environmental crisis.

## PLADA X 2030 AGENDA: TWO APPROACHES ON DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSION


	2030 AGENDA	PLADA
<b>Model of development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes improvements within the neoliberal model itself</li> <li>• Considers 3 axes of development (social, economic and environmental)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes an alternative development model to the neoliberal model</li> <li>• In addition to the three axes mentioned, includes the political axis: development depends on the political will to produce long-term structural changes</li> </ul>
<b>Relations between State, Market and Society</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposes improvements within the neoliberal model itself</li> <li>• Considers 3 axes of development (social, economic and environmental)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It associates the phenomenon of poverty with the model of neoliberal development</li> </ul>
<b>Extension and social protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A voluntary agenda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires binding commitments (such as compliance with the International Labor Standards)</li> </ul>
<b>Global coherence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No questions about the inconsistency between SDGs and the current global economic, financial and fiscal system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without global regulatory frameworks on trade, finance and taxation, it is impossible to achieve sustainable development</li> </ul>

# PLADA X 2030 AGENDA


**BUILDING SYNERGIES  
IN SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**




SDG		PLADA
 <p><b>GOAL 1 - NO POVERTY</b> <b>END POVERTY</b> <b>IN ALL ITS FORMS</b> <b>EVERYWHERE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≠ Associates poverty and inequality with neoliberalism as a model of development, also with the "primarization" of economies and with the economic concentration orchestrated by transnational corporations.</li> <li>+ Eradication of poverty, social inclusion and a fair distribution of wealth will not be possible without state intervention through structural reforms and collective negotiation.</li> <li>+ Develops an in-depth inclusive and comprehensive proposal on social security and protection based on the principles of universality, solidarity and gender equality, which must coincide with policies for the generation of decent work.</li> <li>+ Proposes tripartite funding sources with state resources, progressive taxation on large capital and high incomes, as well as contributions from employers and workers, in order to eliminate individual capitalization models and financial speculation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PLADA and SDG agree:</b></p> <p>= To call for the eradication of poverty in all its forms and in all regions of the world.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Recognizes the multidimensional nature of poverty, but according to a vision based on free trade.</li> <li>✓ Recognizes the right to social protection, with a very limited focus on the idea of a minimum social protection, and privileging systems of voluntary contribution of companies and philanthropic foundations.</li> <li>✓ Calls for access to basic services and equal rights to and ownership of productive resources.</li> <li>✓ Proposes an increase in International Cooperation funds and the creation of sound regulatory frameworks at the national, regional and international levels that take gender issues into account.</li> </ul>		

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 <p><b>GOAL 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</b> <b>REDUCE INEQUALITY</b> <b>WITHIN AND</b> <b>AMONG COUNTRIES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Distribution of income, wealth and surplus.</li> <li>+ New progressive taxation.</li> <li>+ Control of foreign investment, regional integration and monetary coordination.</li> <li>+ Rejection of FTAs and control of transnational companies.</li> <li>≠ Free movement of people, including workers, the right to migrate, to not to migrate, to stay or to return in a dignified manner. Migrants, regularized or not, must enjoy equal rights.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PLADA and SDG agree:</b></p> <p>= Aim to ensure equal opportunities and reduce all forms of inequality based on income, gender, race, ethnicity, age, disability, social background, religion, political opinion, national background or other status.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reduce inequalities between countries through special and differential treatment of developing countries and the promotion of foreign investment.</li> <li>✓ Migrations: orderly, safe and regular mobility. Reduction of transaction costs for sending remittances.</li> </ul>		

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 <p><b>GOAL 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</b> <b>ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND</b> <b>EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≠ The gender issue intersects across the PLADA.</li> <li>+ Deepens the focus on the defense of social protection and social security systems, centering the crisis of the care economy and the need to promote anti-patriarchal models.</li> <li>+ Emphasizes the importance of combating wage gaps.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PLADA and SDG agree:</b></p> <p>= Eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence, including trafficking and sexual exploitation, early and forced child marriage, and genital mutilation that affects women and girls; ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.</p> <p>= Sustain the importance of ensuring full and effective participation of women, equal opportunities in leadership at all decision-making levels in economic, political and public life.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This goal brings together all gender dimensions.</li> <li>✓ Recognition and validation of unpaid care work and domestic work through public services, infrastructure and social protection policies.</li> </ul>		

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 <p><b>GOAL 13 - CLIMATE ACTION</b> <b>TAKE URGENT ACTION TO</b> <b>COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE</b> <b>AND ITS IMPACTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≠ PLADA maintains its position based on two principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Justice: No grouping of people or nation should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences of the current development model. Demands an environmental policy that addresses the asymmetries both at national level, between social classes, and at the international level. All nations have the right to sustainable development.</li> <li>• Just Transition: Prioritizes trade unionism in the face of the negative consequences of climate change on peoples. A set of policies designed to ensure that the transition and the path towards low-emission production offer opportunities for both workers and affected communities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Prioritizes the defense and preservation of common goods.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Addresses the challenges of climate change by calling for urgent measures to combat this phenomenon and its effects.</li> <li>✓ The SDG describes in detail the actions to be taken in this respect in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is the main international and intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.</li> </ul>		

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 <p><b>GOAL 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</b> <b>PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND</b> <b>SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND</b> <b>PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≠ Distances itself from conceptions that equate development and economic growth, and emphatically rejects the free trade and investment agreements that deepen asymmetries between countries and increase the power of transnational companies.</li> <li>≠ Reaffirms the need to define and guide foreign investment and transnational companies towards national development projects, setting limits by the State on conditions of production, contracting, export and dividend turnover. Rejection of the international arbitration tribunals.</li> <li>+ Reaffirms freedom of association, collective negotiations and the right to strike.</li> <li>+ The State must control all links in the Global Value Chains (GVCs).</li> <li>+ Free movement of people and full labor rights for migrants.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PLADA and SDG agree:</b></p> <p>= Achieve full and productive employment and ensure decent work for all men and women, young people, people with disabilities, as well as equal pay for jobs of equal value. End all modern forms of slavery, forced labor, human trafficking and child labor. Protect labor rights and promote safe and healthy working environments, including for migrant workers and/or workers in precarious situations. Encourage formalization of work.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Aims to stimulate sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth combined with full and productive employment and decent work for all.</li> <li>✓ Takes note of the ILO's decent work program and its four strategic objectives: rights, employment, social protection and social dialogue.</li> <li>✓ Creates a link between the pursuit of economic growth and decent work for all.</li> </ul>		

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 <p><b>GOAL 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</b> <b>PROMOTE PEACEFUL</b> <b>AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≠ The SDG 16 has a very limited scope. Its focus is critically questioned from the perspective of PLADA, which places its axes in political and social pillars.</li> <li>+ Continental policies to prevent and eliminate all types of violence, participatory democracy, reforms of political and judicial systems to prevent interference by financial corporations in the functioning of democracy, democratization of regional processes and democratization of communication etc.</li> <li>+ The State has to play a key role in guaranteeing the design, implementation and evaluation of development policies, based on the priorities expressed democratically by its population. Rejects the privatization of cooperation, because it privileges private profit and not the development of the peoples.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Refers to the governance of the SDGs. Emphasizes the SDGs claims, based on rights.</li> <li>✓ Stresses that the Rule of Law, the respect for the rights and the effectiveness and transparency of institutions are essential in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, aiming to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, with justice for all, that is accountable at all levels.</li> </ul>		

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