

The TUCA welcomes the election of Siobhán Vipond as chair of the ITUC World Committee of Women

The Trade Union Confederation of Workers of the Americas (TUCA), which represents more than 55 million workers in the region, greets Siobhán Vipond, executive vice president of the Canadian Labor Congress (CLC), recently elected president of the World Committee of Women of the ITUC, after an extraordinary meeting, held on the 29th of November. Vipond's election counted with votes of twenty-eight full members of the Women's Committee, her mandate continues until the 5th ITUC World Congress, to be held in November 2022.

Jordania Ureña Lora, secretary of Social Policies of the TUCA, celebrated the election of Siobhán and spoke of the importance of the Women's Committees: "The role of the trade union movement, through its Women's Committees, has been fundamental in diverse and historical conquests for working women. A great example of these events is the adoption of Convention 190. It is important to be able to count on comrade Sobhán in the presidency of the World Committee of Women in face of the new challenges faced by women workers in this context".

Siobhán Vipond is the Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) since being elected at the 29th Constitutional Convention in 2021. Siobhán is a committed trade unionist and an intersectional feminist committed to a fair and equitable world. She is an advocate for workers' rights, pensions, gender and racial equity, and the importance of workers' voices at all levels of government and industry.

A champion of women's economic justice, Siobhán has led campaigns around universal child care, domestic violence leave, ILO C190 and the gendered benefits of raising the minimum wage. She played a key role in increasing the Alberta labour movement's involvement in Pride events. She was a founding member of Child Care Now Alberta, the province's largest group advocating for universal child care. In partnership with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, she helped establish the Alberta Federation of Labour Women's Justice Fund to support Indigenous women and on-reserve shelters.

Siobhán currently chairs the CLC Women's advisory committee, and serves on the Canadian Health Coalition, the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas, and the ITUC Women's Committee. Prior to her election to the CLC, Siobhán served four elected terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta Federation of Labour.