

Timeline 2021

19 January Social Dialogue in Cambodia

Some 80 representatives from clothing brands, factories, unions, and organisations take part in a seminar about social dialogue organised with Fair Wear and supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Webinar

10 February Cambodian union leaders released

CNV Internationaal calls for the immediate release of 8 Cambodian union leaders and asks that all charges against them will be dropped.

Non-paper

8 March V-M-X Webinar on International Women's Day

CNV organizes a debate with, inter alia Anneke Westerlaken, President of CNV Internationaal and political scientist Julia Wouters.

Webinar

18 March Workers rights in trade agreements

The first meeting of the Domestic Advisory Group of the European Union and Central America regarding the importance of workers rights in supply chains.

Non-paper

20 April Webinar about CSR-Pension Covenant

CNV Internationaal answers practical questions about CSR.

30 April Dutch première of Archeology of Workers Guatemala at Movies that Matter Festival

Dutch première of Archeology of Workers Guatemala at Movies that Matter Festival. This documentary about union workers in Guatemala, made during the COVID-19 pandemic, has won many international prizes. It was made possible, in part, due to contributions from the CBA of CNV employees.

Documentary

10 May Purchasing with respect for human rights

On #WorldFairTradeDay, CNV Internationaal, Fair Trade, Electronics Watch, Fair Wear Foundation, FNV, FSC en MVO Nederland and several large organisations launch a guide and road map for public procurement.

Guide

19 May Letter to informateur

CNV Internationaal and Mondiaal FNV, in light of COVID-19, make an appeal to politicians to increase the budget for developing countries to meet the agreed-upon norm of 0.7% of the GNP.

Letter

30 May Training for young union leaders in Senegal

Youth learn to negotiate and make sure their interests are taken into account.

Webinar

8 June Webinar Let's Talk Palm Oil Indonesia

CNV Internationaal and their Indonesian Palm Oil Coordinator take part in SPOC's webinar on initiatives for sustainable palm oil.

Webinar

18 June 3-day social dialogue training in palm oil industry Indonesia

This is the start of a cooperation which implements improvements and deals with problems in the palm oil industry.

News

9 August Workshop for union women in Mali

Training programmes on social cohesion and inclusive social dialogue to teach union women how to respond in constructive ways to social unrest in Mali.

27-29 September Launch road map and call to action palm oil

Managing Director, Elles van Ark, speaks at the annual Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue put on by the European Palm Oil Associations (EPOA) and the Sustainable Trade Initiative. She talks about the importance of a constructive dialogue and then launches a roadmap and call to action.

Roadmap & call to action

2 November Webinar just energy transition in the Colombian mining industry

Webinar

24 November Training Negotiating for a living wage

You have to be able to live of the wages you earn. Youth and women from Benin, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Ivory Coast, learn how to negotiate pay raises and to determine what they need, especially now during the COVID-19 crisis.

25 November - 10 December Orange the World

CNV Internationaal and partner unions take action against sexual harassment and intimidation at work, with focus on ratifying ILO Convention C190.

30 November #LegislationNow (#WetgevingNu) petition presented to Lower House PMs

40,000 signatures show support for an appeal we've put forth with various large organisations and companies, including the Salvation Army and Tony's Chocolonely, to improve CSR legislation in the Netherlands.

Video

8 December Training with DECP for unions and employers from Ivory Coast

CNV Internationaal and DECP, development programme of employer organisation VNO-NCW, organise a training about CSR.

14 December CNV President Piet Fortuin meets with Vietnamese colleague and Ambassador Akkerman

An important (online) meeting takes place between the President of the General Confederation of Labour, Ambassador Akkerman, and CNV President Piet Fortuin regarding the effects of COVID-19 on workers in Vietnam.

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15 February Dutch assistance in Colombia Debate

Regarding the consequences of COVID-19 and an appeal for EU policy for CSR and living wages in supply chains. It was organised by CNV, Pax, and NIMD representatives.

18 March Dialogue@Work 2021-2030

Launch of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs' new trade union funding programme (VMP)

Non-paper

11 March Live election debate about CSR

VND-NCW, Netherlands MKB, and Mondiaal FNV

Debate

1 May Unions work together in Niger

Union members bravely withstand 43°C heat in Niger to attend International Labour Day to celebrate their joint actions.



29 April OECD forum side event over outsourcing

CNV Internationaal organises a webinar with international stakeholders on the hidden risks of outsourcing in the mining industry in Peru, Colombia, and Bolivia.

Webinar

Video

20 May Training on violence at work for sugarcane workers

Sugarcane worker, Rosa Maria Martinez from Nicaragua tells us, "My boss harassed me for 3 years. I thought it was just part of the job."



10 May National charter for Benin

Partner union COSI signs a national charter with Ministries of Labour and Finance and employers organisation, CNP-B, to ensure more respect for labour rights.

9 June Appeal to Glencore mining multinational

CNV Internationaal asks Swiss Multinational Glencore to acknowledge the right to freedom of association, also for outsourced workers, in its Volcan mine in Peru.

Appeal

June Social media campaign against violence and sexual harassment

In cooperation with CNV Union, we give examples of problems, both domestic and international, and provide tips and solutions. This results in a helpline and helpdesk for women for the Benin union.

Video

9 september Training Textile and Clothing Industry for 10 companies Java, Indonesia

Our 3-day training on social dialogue in Indonesia aims to create consistently better representation for workers. 10 companies from the shoe and clothing sector participate. Together they have some 50,000 workers. The meeting is organised by CNV Internationaal in cooperation with SDI, KSBSI, and DECP, among others.



26 July CNV Internationaal calls for the release of Venezuelan union leader and nurse

Ada Macquare was arrested because she protested for better working conditions in the healthcare industry. Nurses in Venezuela have to work without protective gear and receive no salary.

Appeal

8 October CNV Internationaal wins Partos Innovative Collaborations Award

With digital surveys we want to bring better insights into the situations faced by workers in areas like Cambodia and Latin America. This will increase the position of our local partner unions and create better negotiations for them.

Award

4 October A fair wardrobe

The cooperative social media campaign #everythinghasaprice is a platform for CNV Youth and CNV Internationaal to gain attention for fair clothing. The campaign, which is directed towards Dutch youth, gives tips on how to have a fair wardrobe and tells stories to create awareness for the workers in Cambodia.

Website

6 November Venezuelan union leaders visit Netherlands

CNV receives a visit from brave union leaders who stand up for workers. Here they approach Lower House of Parliament members and the ILO regarding the crisis in their country.

News



5 November Lobby & Advocacy training for youth in Tunisia

The goal is to improve the position and voice of the youth sector.

9 December Living Wage Webinar

CNV Internationaal, Mondiaal FNV, and Fair Trade Internationaal organise a webinar which features Athit Kong from Cambodia.

Paper

6 December Human rights in agri-food

CNV, in cooperation with FNV and Cordaid, organises a webinar on Human Rights Due Diligence in the agri-food supply chain.



16 December Anneke Westerlaken steps down as President of CNV Internationaal

Interview



14 December HUMAN conference

with VBOD, EY, and ERM about the impact of crises on responsibility in supply chains.

Invitation

Website

