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## News

### **Labour 20 at the Sydney G20 Sherpa Meeting to set priorities for 2014**

The first G20 Sherpa Meeting under the Australian Presidency in Sydney gives an occasion to the Labour 20 (L20) to present key priorities for 2014.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/labour-20-at-the-sydney-g20-sherpa>

### **International Human Rights Day Statement**

In 1950, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 10 December as Human Rights Day in order to call attention to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/international-human-rights-day>

### **Bali deal confirms WTO not able to reconcile trade and development**

The package agreed in Bali overnight, and released with great fanfare, demonstrates how unbalanced the global trade agenda still is.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/bali-deal-confirms-wto-not-able-to>

## **Nelson Mandela**

Nelson Mandela stands as a colossus of human history.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/nelson-mandela>

## **Equal Times: Social Europe “buried” as EU ministers amend controversial work directive**

While EU employment ministers struggled to reach an agreement on a controversial work directive in the European Council building in Brussels, national and international trade unions held a “funeral for Social Europe” just a few metres away.

<http://www.equaltimes.org/news/social-europe-buried-as-eu-ministers-amend-controversial-work-directive>

### Quote

*“creating millions of new jobs requires public action to leverage private investment. To this end, the L20 stands ready to ensure that pension funds and institutional investors step up their patient capital and long-term investments.”*

- Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary -

## Upcoming events

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20-21 January 2014 - Brussels, Belgium

### **Council of Global Unions**

3-7 february 2014 - Brussels, Belgium

### **ITUC Planning days**

2-3 April 2014 - Brussels, Belgium

### **ITUC 15th Executive Bureau Meeting**

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## Publications and statements

## **ITUC Global Poll 2013**

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/ituc-global-poll-2013>

## **Global Unions Statement of Priorities for the 9th WTO Ministerial**

## **Conference**

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/global-unions-statement-of-14191-alert>

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