



A powerful
and balanced
voice for business



Joint IOE-ITUC letter to Resident Coordinators

Dear Excellency,

The **International Organisation of Employers (IOE)**, representing more than 50 million companies, and the **International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)**, representing more than 200 million workers, have been deeply engaged in the debate on the UN reform.

We have welcomed the initiative of the UN Secretary General to reform the United Nations Development System (UNDS) with a view to improving its accountability, efficiency and coherence. The reform presents important opportunities for strengthening the system's coherency and addressing long-standing concerns about fragmentation and duplication of efforts among the system's funds, programmes and specialised agencies. The "One-UN" approach is an important step towards implementing the Agenda 2030 and reaching the SDGs.

Our national affiliates, **the most representative national employers' organisations and trade unions**, need to play a central role in the negotiation and follow-up mechanisms of the 2030 Agenda, and particularly the development and implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks. As the representative voice of workers and employers and as the real actors in the economy, they bring irreplaceable expertise and drive to achieve clear and tangible progress. They play as Social Partners an important role in the shaping of economic and social policy and the promotion of good governance. And, they also help to improve acceptance of transition processes, restructuring and change in general, as they are able to identify common interests and generate win-win situations.

We, therefore, urge you to regularly engage and consult with the representative social partner organisations in the country, and particularly to fully involve them in the development and implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. We can assure you that our national affiliates are fully committed to supporting you, and to making the UN's work in the country a complete success. IOE and ITUC stand ready to connect you with our representative organisations in case of any questions and uncertainties.

We look forward to a strong collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

Roberto Suarez Santos
IOE Secretary-General

Sharan Burrow
ITUC General Secretary