The Africa Trade Union Development Network (ATUDN) is an initiative of ITUC–Africa that brings together affiliated trade union organisations, the solidarity support organisations (SSO), the representatives of the ITUC–Africa regional organisations and the Global Union Federations (GUFs).

The network was established by an act of congress, where it was resolved that trade unions ought to strengthen their role as actors in development.

The network’s objective is to bring the trade union perspective into the international development policy debates and improve the coordination and effectiveness of trade union development cooperation activities.
ATUDN membership

- ITUC–Africa affiliates active in development;
- Countries Significant in economic terms for the region
- Solidarity Support Organisations (SSOs)
- Trade union labour research institutions
Objective for the ATUDN

- To ensure input of trade union views in the development-related policy debates and especially concerning the inclusion of the decent work agenda and democratic ownership in development as key issues for sustainable development strategies.

- Represent the vision and values of trade union organizations on development, and are designed to serve as a common reference for development cooperation initiatives, strengthening ownership and working methodologies among trade union partners.
ATUDN advocacy goals

- Elaborate trade unions’ policy positions
- Bring them towards development policy decision-making bodies: AU, UN, EU, UNECA, Regional Economic bodies etc.
- That trade unions continue being recognised as actors of development cooperation in their own right
- Active actors in CSOs platforms/forums
The pillars for the network

1. Research & Policy analysis,
2. Capacity development
3. Advocacy (policy influence) and Partnerships
### Project Summary

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## Progress Report

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| An Assessment of the State of Africa Trade Unions & Capacity Assessment | ✓ Background work on the research done.  
✓ Research Methodology Training done.  
✓ Research done.  
✓ Draft report ready.                                                                                                                   |
| 2017 Africa Trade Union Development Network Steering Committee           | ✓ Approved 2017–18 ATUDN work plan and implementation responsibilities shared and agreed.  
✓ Knowledgeable and capacitated ATUDN members ready to use the agenda 2030 country monitoring template.  
✓ Enhance coordination and information sharing among the ATUDN Steering Committee members.                                               |
| Validation Seminar on the State of African Trade Unions research.        | ✓ The draft reports of the study presented and validated.  
✓ Key messages from the study formulated and to be presented to the General Council.                                                        |
ATUDN Steering Committee Meeting in Abuja
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| Regional Capacity Building Workshop On Bolstering the African Trade Union Capacities for Policy Analysis, Engagement and Advocacy to better influence the implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. (6–8 April 2017, Accra, Ghana) | ✓ Enhanced capacity of ATUDN, ITUC Africa and its affiliates to provide alternative policy positions and proposals for development at the national, sub-regional and continental level.  
✓ Increased ability of the African trade union movement to influence the decisions of national governments, the Regional Economic Blocks such as SADC, ECOWAS and East African Regional Economic Commission with regard to economic development policies.  
✓ Informed and knowledgeable ATUDN, ITUC Africa and its affiliates about policy analysis and evidence-based policy |
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| Regional colloquium on Financing for Development in the SDGs ERA: Unpacking Blended-Finance and Public Private Partnerships and their implications for Development Outcomes – 28th February to 1st March, Blantyre, Malawi. | ✔ Informed and knowledgeable trade union leaders on blended finance/PPPS and how it impacts on the development outcomes as stipulated in the SDGs.  
✔ Enhanced capacity of trade unions and SOs/CSOs in providing alternative policy positions and proposals regarding development financing at the national, sub-regional and continental level.  
✔ Increased ability of the African trade unions and SOs/CSOs to influence the decisions of national governments, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the Africa Union (AU) with regard to economic development policies. |
### Advocacy and Representation

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| Trade Union Partnerships Meeting (3th to 4th April, 2017, Kenya)        | ✓ To have a mapping of trade union development cooperation in East Africa.  
                              ✓ To analyse trade union development cooperation in East Africa on the basis of the trade union development effectiveness principles and the TUDEP tool.  
                              ✓ To improve the coordination and coherence of trade union development cooperation initiatives in east Africa. | |
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| UNECA Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Forum. (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 16th – 19th May 2017). | ✓ The meeting was aimed at generating the following outputs, which will be disseminated widely:  
✓ Agreed collective input by Africa to the 2017 meeting of the high-level political forum, including policy options, in the form of key messages on the theme and sub-themes of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum;  
✓ Policy papers on the sub-themes of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum;  
✓ Report of the deliberations of the Forum containing, among other elements, salient issues, priorities and recommendations on the theme of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum. |
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<td>OECD/DAC Consultative Meeting: The role of the DAC in the changing development landscape and in pursuit of achieving the Agenda 2030 (20th – 21st March, 2017)</td>
<td>✓ To lobby for labour friendly policies on development financing.</td>
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| Policy Forum on Development Annual Global Meeting 2017 (March 22–23, 2017 Brussels) | ✓ Fostering multi–stakeholder partnerships to advance the global agenda  
✓ Latest developments in the PFD & strategic thinking in 2017 and beyond  
✓ The Mid–term Review, an evaluation of the EU external financing instruments & a debate on their future. |
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| Africa–EU Intercontinental CSO Forum. (Tunis, 11–13 July 2017).           | ✓ To prepare for the EU–Africa Summit that will take place in November in Abidjan, Cote D’ivoire.  
|                                                                           | ✓ To share the trade union background paper: Decent work, universal social protection and sustainable socio–economic development |
| UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (17th – 22nd July, 2017) | ✓ To participate in the UN SDGs global forum and advance the trade union decent work agenda.  
|                                                                           | ✓ To share the ATUDN shadow reports on SDGS for African countries under review.                                                       |