

Guiding questions

FACTI Panel meeting with international trade unions

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via Microsoft Teams

Background

Ensuring effective implementation of the Addis Agenda to realize the transformative nature of the 2030 Agenda and the sustainable development goals requires global cooperation on financial accountability, transparency and integrity. The High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI Panel) was therefore convened by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council. The Panel includes 17 high-level people from policy making, academia, civil society and the private sector. The Panel is mandated to explore further actions that may be needed by the international community in the following areas: financial and beneficial ownership transparency, tax matters, bribery and corruption, money laundering, confiscation and disposal of the proceeds of crime and the recovery and return of stolen assets.

In their first meeting held on 31 March 2020, Panel members considered a [background paper](#) and agreed to organize their work in three areas: cooperation in tax matters; transparency, public reporting and anti-corruption measures; and cooperation and settling disputes. Since late April, the Panel has held consultations with interested stakeholders to solicit comments and suggestions. A [short issues note](#), built on the background paper, informed the consultations. These consultation and expert inputs will feed into an interim report of findings to be presented in September 2020 and the final report expected in February 2021. The video of the consultations can be found at the [Panel's website](#).

Objectives

In this meeting, the FACTI Panel would like to hear from International Trade Union Confederation, Public Services International and UNI Global Union what they view as the priority actions for promoting financial accountability, transparency and integrity for achieving the 2030 Agenda. The Panel would also like to solicit ideas on how the Panel can help generate sufficient political support to tackle the challenges the world is facing in relation to financial accountability, transparency and integrity.

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1. What do international trade unions see as the most important aspects of financial accountability, transparency and integrity? How do these issues affect workers?
2. What do you see as the key issues in tackling international tax avoidance and evasion? Do you have a view on the implementation, inclusiveness, and/or design of relevant international norms and institutions?
3. How are your members affected by corruption in the public and private sectors? What do you think are the effective international policies and institutional responses?
4. What role do you and your members want to see international institutions play in combatting money laundering, and other financial crimes?
5. What are your views on ways to improve transparency in asset ownership?
6. How can the FACTI Panel help in generating sufficient political support for the proposals to tackle the challenges the world is facing in relation to financial accountability, integrity and transparency? What roles can trade unions play in generating political consensus?