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January

Urgent calls for safety in Indonesia's nickel industry

At the end of 2023, a fire at a Morowali nickel smelter kills 21 workers and severely injures 40 more. CNV Internationaal's partner KSBSI works with unions to present demands for urgent reforms, such as safety instructions in Indonesian language, not only in Chinese, and emergency response teams.

24 April

EU Adopts the CSDDD

CNV Internationaal contributes to the directive that holds companies accountable for labour rights and environmental sustainability.

April

Launch of Fair Work Monitor

During the sugar cane harvest, trade unions in Latin America start collecting data to monitor labour conditions and the lack of a living wage. Some must work 19 hours a day to make ends meet.

Video

16 May

Dutch EU candidates debate international trade and coöperation

Together with employers' organization VNO-NCW, we invite EU-candidates from 6 parties to debate European and international trade and foreign policy. The Netherlands earns one-third of its income from international trade.

12 July

Training with employer organisation PUM in Côte d'Ivoire

Our training in Côte d'Ivoire, opened by the Dutch Ambassador, with both employers and unions strengthens social dialogue and leads to improved sectoral negotiations.

JANUARI **2024** **JULY**

19-23 February

Pivotal ILO's tripartite expert meeting on wages reveals vital role of unions in identifying living wage discrepancies

Our perspectives on union participation in living wage discussions are recognised through collaborations with stakeholders, e.g. representatives from the Dutch government, ITUC, and ILO. Outcomes include the vital role of collective bargaining and minimum wage frameworks.

Agreement

15 March

CNV board exchange to Vietnam

CNV board members Daniëlle Woestenberg and Jan Pieter Daems visit Vietnam for an exchange with VGCL union leaders.

April

Action is needed in the cashew sector in Côte d'Ivoire

CNV Internationaal releases a report on the cashew sector, laying the groundwork to tackle informal work and low wages.

Report

June 4

5th Anniversairy ILO Convention 190 For a world of work without violence and harassment

Some 200 participants, also representatives from the Dutch Government, join our session during the International Labour Conference to share experiences and challenges.

Video

4 July

Indonesia adopts new Maternal and Child Welfare Law

New law brings regulations for paid parental leave, support for childcare costs, and provisions for breast feeding. Partner union KBSI provided input for this bill.

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August

Tegenlicht reveals hidden costs of nickel mining

VPRO Tegenlicht, published an article with input from CNV Internationaal, revealing hidden costs in the nickel industry.

News

27 September

BOOST HRDD training in Indonesia

Participants learn how to use new European CSDDD legislation to address labour issues in palm oil, textile, and nickel sectors.

13 November

Contributing to enhanced RSPO principles and criteria

Most of our suggestions are adopted into the revision for more sustainable and equitable practices in the palm oil industry.

24 November – 10 December

Orange the World Campaign

Union partners in many other countries denounce violence and harassment and fight for ratification of ILO Convention 190. Our partner in Cote d'Ivoire raises awareness among informal workers, women who work at markets.

2 December

Colombian government delegation visits Limburg and EU

CNV Internationaal hosts an exchange with the Colombian Ministries of Labour and Mining & Energy and the mining union network to discuss a just energy transition for miners and regional economies, with the Dutch government and the EU, also learning from Limburg's transition experiences.

News

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22 August

Bonsucro establishes a Human Rights task force after NY Times reveals severe abuse

Horrendous human rights violations against female sugar workers are revealed, motivating Bonsucro to establish a Human Rights Task Force. CNV Internationaal is interviewed and becomes a member of the task force.

News

25 October

Union leader murdered in Guatemala

We mourn the death of Francisco Pop Ico, a 40-year-old trade union leader in the palm oil sector.

The annual ITUC Index reveals Guatemala as one of the countries where workers' freedom is most at risk.

News

1 November

Workshop at the Afrikadag (Dutch Africa Day) on fair trade and robust food chains

CNV Internationaal organises a workshop with parliamentarian Lara Wolters on European HRDD legislation, focusing on fair trade and robust food chains in Senegal's horticulture sector.

Video

21-28 November

Palm oil multi-stakeholder visit The Netherlands to engage with private sector and unions

Bringing together different perspectives of employees and private sector companies, results in constructive dialogues on how to improve labour conditions in the palm oil sector. It also shows what responsibilities stakeholders have.