

Understanding the Role of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's International Trade Union Programs

Without Unions There is No Social Democracy – The Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Perception of the Task of Unions World-Wide

A union's ability to represent workers' interests is a fundamental democratic right. This right provides a significant portion of the population the ability to contribute to shaping a society's economic, social and political development, particularly in terms of humane work and social justice. Without unions there is no Social Democracy!

Our international cooperation with labor unions strengthens Social Democracy worldwide. We closely coordinate our projects with the unions of the Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB). Decades of experience and a worldwide network of offices make the Friedrich Ebert Foundation a unique partner for the international union movement.

Our work ensures that union interests and positions are presented and included in political and economic decision-making processes on the national, regional and global level.

Unions, workers' councils and other organizations for labor policy advocacy can realize their potential only if they are representative, democratic, independent, competent and effective. One of the core tasks of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation is to support the efforts of unions to reach these goals.