

# Preconditions for criteria for applications

The fundamental idea of trade union development co-operation through *Union to Union* is that we conduct programs/projects where there are big challenges and a strong need for trade unionism and demand for international trade union support and co-operation.

*Union to Union* is working on developing criteria for applications. These criteria are based on the purpose of trade union development cooperation as expressed in the *Union to Union's* strategy for 2022 – 2027 and the Sida's guidelines for Support via Swedish civil society organisations (the so-called CSO appropriation). The criteria shall relate to the *Union to Union's* strategy's four thematic areas and its guidance on geographical presence. Furthermore, the criteria shall consider Sida's objectives and the five development perspectives: and the special conditions between *Union to Union* and Sida under the current agreement 2020-2022.

*The purpose with the criteria is to:*

- Promote a transparent and quality-assured process by *Union to Union* with regard to received concept notes; and to guide the dialogue with partners about the further development of their applications.
- Guide how the joint application consisting of programs and projects is to be designed when the amounts requested by partners exceed Sida's indicative limit of SEK 100 million per year.
- Constitute a quality-assured basis for approval of programs / projects after 31 May 2022.

Criteria should not be used to unilaterally reject or radically change proposed concept notes and applications.

## **The overall criteria for Applications**

***1) Relevance based on the purpose of trade union development cooperation through Union to Union as expressed in the strategy for 2022-2027:***

*'Union to Union's* rights-based work is built around a multidimensional poverty perspective and aims to contribute to the establishment of independent, democratic and equal trade union organisations in all countries with the capacity to represent the interests of their members. By promoting unionisation and social dialogue, the organisation's activities contribute to democracy, human rights, respect for international law, fair distribution of resources and sustainable development.'

***2) Relevance based on the Union to Union's four thematic areas:***

'*Union to Union* is aware of a number of challenges in the wider world that relate to workers' rights and trade union development cooperation. In order to respond to these challenges, *Union to Union* has focused its efforts on four thematic areas:

- Thematic area 1: Independent and democratic trade unions.
- Thematic area 2: Social dialogue, sustainable supply chains and a just climate transition.
- Thematic area 3: Organising in the informal sector, migration and precarious work.
- Thematic area 4: Increased gender equality in the workplace, society and within trade union organisations.'

### **3) Relevance based on the *Union to Union's* strategy's geographical priorities:**

*Union to Union* will increase co-ordination and consolidate conditions for quality assurance. In order to effectively support and monitor activities, the following guiding principles in particular will be considered to prioritise strategic geographic presence and action over the next five years:

- a strong, Swedish commitment and partnership from trade unions in Sweden to trade unions in the country where the initiatives are being carried out;
- countries where trade union development cooperation and independent, democratic trade union organisations play a central role in workers' rights;
- countries where trade union development cooperation and independent, democratic trade union organisations are relevant to the country's democratic development;
- countries that are recipients of international development assistance under OECD-DAC definitions.

### **Specific criteria for Applications**

**The specific criteria are:**

*Multidimensional poverty analysis, local ownership, capacity to achieve results at effect level, cost-effectiveness, institutional capacity, integration of the five development perspectives, aid and development effectiveness, and innovation.*