

IG Metall congress
"Time for future"
22 - 26 October 2023



Invitation IG Metall - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Side event on 23 October 2023, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

IG Metall Headquarters
Wilhelm-Leuschner-Straße, 60329 Frankfurt am Main
room K 2 (floor 3)

**"Solidarity knows no borders –
Transnational trade union policy in times of transformation"**

There is a strong transnational dimension to our commitment to social, ecological and democratic transformation. Where businesses operate globally, trade unions must also cooperate across borders. It is about decent living and working conditions worldwide and IG Metall's aspiration to secure the ability to act in a globalized world. In our struggle for a just transition, it is good to know that we have strong partners by our side.

We are pleased to welcome representatives of sister unions and global union federations from more than 30 countries at IG Metall's 2023 congress. In our joint side event with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, we want to explore the question of how it can be possible to strengthen transnational trade union policy along value chains.

Technological innovations, demographic shifts, environmental and climate change, war-related inflationary pressure, growing inequality and a new multipolarity in international politics: The challenges for trade unions worldwide are enormous. In the framework of our side event, we want to take up central aspects and discuss our experiences of cross-border trade union work and the resulting demands for action for future work.

Program

- 3.15 pm *Bus transfer from IG Metall Congress to IG Metall Headquarters, Wilhelm-Leuschner-Straße 79, 60329 Frankfurt am Main*
- 4.00 pm **Welcome and introduction**
Jochen Schroth, Director Transnational Trade Union Policy Department, IG Metall
Mirko Herberg, Coordinator Global Trade Union Project, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- 4.10 pm **Panel discussion 1:
Labour migration, demographic change and digital transformation:
prospects for decent working conditions worldwide**
Facilitator: Marc Meinardus, Coordinator European Trade Union Dialogue, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Kristyne Peter, Director International Affairs Department, United Auto Workers, USA
Albert Emilio Yuson, Secretary General, Building and Woodworkers' International
Akihiro Kaneko, President, Japan Council of Metalworkers' Unions, Japan
- 4.40 pm **Panel discussion 2:
Building trade union power in global value chains: experiences
from cross-border trade union work**
Facilitator: Claudia Rahman, Head of Globalization Policies, IG Metall
Rose Omamo, General Secretary, Amalgamated Union of Kenya Metal Workers, Kenya
Abdelaziz Arfaoui, General Secretary, Fédération Générale de Métallurgie et de l'Electronique, Tunisia
Balázs Bábel, Vice-Chairman, Vasas, Hungary
- 5.10 pm **Panel discussion 3:
Time for future - What can trade unions do to achieve a just transition?**
Facilitator: Maximilian Waclawczyk, Head of European Policy/Transnational Partnerships, IG Metall
Luc Triangle, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation
Atle Høie, General Secretary, IndustriALL Global Union
Isabelle Barthès, Deputy Secretary General, IndustriALL European Trade Union
- 5.40 pm **Closing remarks and farewell**
Jochen Schroth, Director Transnational Trade Union Policy Department, IG Metall
Mirko Herberg, Coordinator Global Trade Union Project, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, German, French, Spanish, Ukrainian and Japanese. The side event will take place in presence only.