

How to Better Coordinate Global Union Solidarity, Support and Cooperation



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No Coordination Without Communication

- Must be more frequent than face to face meetings
- Find methods that work
 - Email, Skype, conference call, videoconference, telepresence
- Deal with language barriers
 - Online translation software, identify or develop people who can assist

No Coordination Without Communication (cont.)

- Make routine to share info with partners abroad
 - Establish email lists and provide updates of latest developments
 - Also can use website or blog though make sure promote so that frequent visitors

Global Initiatives Require Coordination Between and Within Unions

- Identify contact points at level of national union
 - International partner should know who to reach out to
- Contact points must coordinate with relevant individuals within national union
 - Union's chair for company or industry that working on internationally
- Involve / inform members about
 - Increase their awareness, understanding, commitment to global solidarity, willingness to take action and devote resources to support

Global Coordination Benefits From Strong National Structures

- International industry or company councils are stronger if participating unions have strong national industry / company councils

Coordinate at company and industry level

- Gather info on your industry and company representation
- Share this info international partners
- Identify common industries and common employers
- Identify key events (e.g. contract expiration, organizing drive, etc.)
- Communicate about preparations in advance of key events
 - Involve partners
- Joint action to support national or international objectives

Leverage Available Resources for Global Union Coordination

- Global Union Federations
- Union or general development organizations
- Research institutes
- Universities
- Unions with development or grant funds
- Build support within own union to invest resources in global union work