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# TUAC OECD CENTRE FOR OPPORTUNITY AND EQUALITY (COPE) WORKSHOP

Trade Unions, Income Inequality and Inclusion – the evidence and evolving roles

**9 MARCH 2016**

**AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS, 815 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W.,  
WASHINGTON DC**

**09:00-09:45**

## **Session 1: Welcome and introductions**

*Richard Trumka*, President, AFL-CIO and TUAC

*Stefano Scarpetta*, Director, Employment Labour and Social Affairs (OECD)

**09:45-11:15**

## **Session 2: Unions and “Vertical Inequality” – the evidence**

Moderator: *William Spriggs*, Chief Economist (AFL-CIO) and Chair, TUAC/ITUC Working Group on Economic Policy

Speakers: *Florence Jaumotte*, Senior Economist, Research Department (IMF), *Stefano Scarpetta*, Director, Employment Labour and Social Affairs (OECD), *ILO* (TBD), *Ronald Janssen*, Senior Policy Adviser (TUAC)

FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

**11:15-11:30**

Coffee break

**11:30-13:00**

## **Session 3: Unions and “Horizontal Inequality”: Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups and Gender**

Moderator: *Alison Tate*, Director, Economic and Social Policy (ITUC)

Speakers: *Brendan Duke*, Associate Director, Center for American Progress (CAP), *Valerie Wilson*, Director, Program on Race, Ethnicity, and the Economy, Economic Policy Institute (EPI), *Luca Visentini*, General Secretary (ETUC), *Cathy Feingold*, International Affairs Director (AFL-CIO)

FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

**13:00-14:00**

Lunch

**14:00-15:45**

## **Session 4: The “Digital Economy” – impact on inequality and policy options for Unions**

Moderator: *Annie van Wezel*, Policy Advisor, Netherlands Trade Union Confederation (FNV)

Speakers: *Larry Mishel*, President, Economic Policy Institute (EPI), *Damon Silvers*, Director of Policy and Special Counsel (AFL-CIO), *OECD* (TBD)

FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

**15:45-16:30**

## **Session 5: Conclusions and Next Steps**

Moderator: *William Spriggs*, Chief Economist, AFL-CIO and Chair, TUAC/ITUC Working Group on Economic Policy

Speakers: *John Evans*, General Secretary (TUAC), *Stefano Scarpetta*, Director, Employment Labour and Social Affairs (OECD)

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