

Resolution No. 8

Supporting and Strengthening the Pacific Island Council of Trade Unions (PICTU)

*The 27th ITUC-Asia Pacific Regional General Council Meeting, Nadi, Fiji
15-16 October 2025*

RECALLS	the formation of the Pacific Island Council of Trade Unions (PICTU) in 2019 by national centres in Pacific Island Countries with the purpose of establishing a regional trade union organisation open to all Pacific national trade union centres to develop, strengthen, and support the growth of democratic trade unions in the Pacific region;
RECOGNISES	the PICTU Special Conference held in February 2025 in Nadi, Fiji, which elected a new PICTU Chair and Executive Committee, representing ITUC affiliates in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Kiribati, and the Cook Islands;
ACKNOWLEDGES	the resolution passed at the PICTU Special Conference calling on the ITUC-AP to seek support through the new <i>'Partnerships for Decent Work in the Indo-Pacific'</i> programme, run by Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA in collaboration with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU), to strengthen the organisational development of PICTU, including through the establishment of a Coordinator role;
WELCOMES	in this regard, the partnership between ITUC-AP and Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA through the new project <i>'Strengthening Pacific Trade Unions for Climate Justice, Fair Migration, and Transformative Leadership'</i> , aimed at strengthening the organisational capacity of PICTU and affiliate national centres in the Pacific;
AFFIRMS	the critical role of subregional structures within the Asia and the Pacific region in building solidarity among neighbouring affiliates, amplifying the voice of trade unions in subregional intergovernmental processes, and promoting cooperation on key issues;
REQUESTS	the ITUC-AP to facilitate connections between the South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC), the ASEAN Trade Union Council (ATUC), and PICTU, recognising the importance of shared learnings and coordination among subregional structures;
COMMITTS	to continuing to work in collaboration with PICTU and ITUC-AP affiliates in the Pacific region to strengthen the Pacific Island trade union movement.