



Opportunity for unions to re-emerge as a united force.
Or, continue to pose a serious threat to whatever business and government tries to achieve



Case Study: Mining Sector



Adversarial to Cooperation

- Tri-partite structure and Future Forums
 - Union rivalry & Employer rivalry
- Collapse of centralized collective bargaining
- Economic realities
- Health and Safety & Long-term agreements = game changer
- Union CB alliances & Social Compact for mining



Recipe: Inter-union solidarity





Essential Ingredients

- Healthy union competition
- No room for individual agendas
- Have the interest of M&I workers at heart
- Attendance, participation and preparation
- Leadership continuity & internal alignment
- Common objectives & Ethical leadership



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Collective Bargaining (CB) - Model for Cooperation





ILO CB Philosophy

- CB should focus mainly on wage increases
- CB is the solution for a problem not the problem
- Wage settlements improve labour relations
- Instrument to address inequality
- Agreement should benefit both sides
 - CB should be free from populism



International Labour Organization





CB and sound labour relations







Long-term agreements

Utilize time in-between negotiations

Interest-based-bargaining model





Cooperation between Social Partners



Building Blocks

- Advance tripartism and better utilisation of current forums
- Socio-economic realities confront obstacles to economic growth
- Worker empowerment financially and decision-making
- Collective focus areas: Industry 4.0, JT, Energy-crisis
- Social Compact for M&I sector
- Control what we can control



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