



INVITATION to the 2019 WFTO-Europe June gathering & AGM

Brussels, 7th February 2019

Dear friends and colleagues, WFTO-Europe Members

On behalf of the WFTO-Europe Board, I am extremely happy to invite you to the **WFTO-Europe “Connect and Act” members’ meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, which will take place on the **6th and 7th of June in Brussels**.

In connection with the Trade Fair Live Fair project funded by the European Commission, we are able to organise two days of events and trainings leading up to our AGM and to **offer the first 40 member representatives a seat free of charge for the two days**. For those registering after the first 40, or as the second person and beyond from the same organisation, **we kindly ask a fee of € 150.00 per person covering both days** (please see the info package enclosed in this letter for further details).

In this event we wish to showcase how our common network of enterprises exhibits various alternative business models, and to illustrate how you are all in your own way pioneers towards global social justice and climate justice. Building on the experience of last year’s Biennial Conference, the morning session of the first day will be open to the public and we will invite other CSO’s and external partners to attend in order to foster new and stronger alliances with like-minded and complementary movements.

Thus, **day 1 (6th June)** will feature an open, public session in the morning focusing on the role of mission-led business models in pursuing social and climate justice on a global scale. In the afternoon, we will hold a closed session on Northern Fair Trade producers and the concept of Domestic Fair Trade, followed by parallel training sessions for sharing best practices on the Internal Monitoring System and exploring innovative solutions on Retail Models and their evolution.

For **day 2 (7th June)** we will be joined by Rain Morgan, Chair of the WFTO Global Working Group on Fair Price, Fair Wages and Peter Williams, the consultant who have conducted our research on the Fair Payment Process. He will share his findings and recommendations for making the Process easier for members to follow and implement. After this training session, we will provide an open space for you to gather into smaller groups to focus on collaboration on topics of particular interest to you. After lunch the AGM will be held, where we will also dedicate time on clarifying and discussing the new governance structure of the Regions and what it means exactly for members. Here we would appreciate your input for what kind of support you would like in particular to receive from the WFTO-Europe regional office team.

Registration for the gathering is now open through this [online registration form](#). Please register to confirm your participation by **noon (12:00 CET) 1st April 2019**. Further details on registration along with agenda, advice on accommodation, travel, etc. can be found in the info package enclosed with this letter.

We hope you like the programme, and you will not miss this opportunity to join our gathering and AGM. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Brussels.

The President of WFTO-Europe

Juanjo Martínez