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**Latin American
leadership takes
part in**

**BWI GLOBAL
WORKING
GROUPS**





Building and Wood Worker's International (BWI) is a democratic trade union organization that promotes the equal participation of trade union leaders (male, female and young workers) from different regions through its policy-making and decision-making structures.

The establishment of the ad hoc Working Groups (WGs) and Special Commissions that seek to achieve BWI's objectives and defend and promote the interests of male and female workers is evidence of our political conviction.

According to Article 17 of our Statute, the International Committee is responsible for establishing the ad hoc WGs, which are called as such because they do not have a statutory structure as a Committee does, but they are in charge of reviewing, attending and influencing BWI's activities for specific issues around the world.

The BWI International Committee is also responsible for establishing the nomination periods, duties and budgets for each International WG.

In this Newsletter, the Regional Office is pleased to present an update on the members representing our region in the current International WGs.

Nilton Freitas,
*BWI Regional Representative for Latin America
and the Caribbean*

NINE THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS



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WG on Sports

This WG focuses on Convergence 6:
"Fair Games"



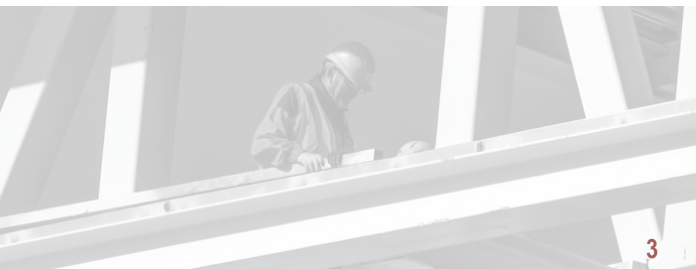
BWI's sporting campaign created an innovative framework for action and was developed based on the work done by trade union organizations, as well as the participation of host countries and international sporting organizations. Additionally, it addresses the professionalization of a labor-related inspection system dedicated to sporting facilities and related infrastructure for these types of events.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



Nilson Duarte
SITRAICP - RJ
Brazil

Edgar Ruiz
CIT
Mexico



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WG on Wood Working and Forestry

This WG focuses on Convergence 5:
“Sustainable Industries”



Sustainable industries are those that provide safe and decent jobs. BWI is committed to ensuring safe and decent working conditions in the sector and to putting pressure on large entities – especially key industry players – to ensure they act in a socially responsible and sustainable manner

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



Roberto Burgos
 STMM
 Chile



Reinaldim Barbosa
 FETRACONSPAR
 Brazil



Luiz Queiroz
 CONTICOM-CUT
 Brazil

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WG on Multinational Companies (MNCs) and International Framework Agreements (IFAs)

This WG focuses on Convergence 1:
“Rights for All”



The full application of union rights guarantees decent working conditions for workers and provides a better life for their families. To BWI, rights can only be guaranteed by a strong, autonomous, independent, and truly representative union movement on a national and international level.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



Saúl Méndez
 SUNTRACS
 Panama

Manuel Fernández
 INTERGREMIAL
 Colombia



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WG on Migration

This WG focuses on Convergence 1:
"Rights for All"



BWI's different sectors rely a great deal on migrant workforces, but decent working conditions are not always readily provided.

BWI will coordinate global and regional actions aimed at improving these circumstances for many migrant workers around the world.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



Gelson Santana
 STICC POA
 Brazil

Armando López
 UOLRA
 Argentina



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WG on Chinese Multinational Companies

This WG focuses on Convergence 1:
"Rights for All"



Chinese multinationals' methods of operations when it comes to workers' rights and precarious working conditions led to direct union actions. These coordinated measures have increased the number of union affiliated male and female workers in Africa. BWI hopes to achieve the same result in other parts of the world.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



Robby Berenstein
 C-47
 Suriname

Irailson Wernaux
 (Gazo) - SINTEPAV-BA
 Brazil



6 WG on the Future of Labor

This WG focuses on Convergence 1:
"Rights for All"



Discussions on new forms of labor, the technification of the workforce, institutional branching and changes in the nature of labor, apprenticeship programs, gender equality, occupational diseases and other related topics should be discussed by the union movement in order to ensure a future for labor that does not make the working-class invisible.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



Víctor Hugo Brandán

UOCRA
Argentina

Raimundo Suzart

Químicos ABC
Trade Union - Brazil



7 WG on Climate Change

This WG focuses on Convergence 5:
"Sustainable Industries"



As transições relacionadas às mudanças climáticas coClimate change transitions puts BWI industries at the forefront of labor-related and manufacturing technologies. Renovation, reconditioning, smart buildings, sustainable forest management, certification, etc. are some of the concepts and processes that have seen labor changes due to climate change and have impacted jobs.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean



George Scott

BIU
Bermuda

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WG on Cement and Materials

This WG focuses on Convergence 1:
"Rights for All"



New building material products promote interest in new value chains and capabilities, which is why BWI supports unions that are willing to adapt, adjust and defend their role in the labor market.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean

Lucimar de Oliveira
 STICC - NF
 Brazil

Luis Gilvonio Alegria
 FETRACEPPE
 Peru



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WG on Health and Safety in the Workplace

This WG focuses on Convergence 2:
"Safe Work"



BWI industries top the list of activities that can be considered "dangerous, fatal and difficult." Trade unions play a major role in ensuring safety in the workplace, as accidents can be prevented when Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) is respected as part of the system and culture changes promoted by the union movement.

Members of Latin America and the Caribbean

Gregorio Guerrel
 SUNTRACS
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Marta Pujadas
 UOCRA
 Argentina



Paulo Napoli
 SINDPRES
 Brazil

BWI Regional Office LAC team responsible for assisting each WG



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Regional Education Officer

1. WG on MNCs and IFAs
2. WG on Chinese Multinational Companies
3. WG on the Future of Labor



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Project Coordinator

1. WG on Migration
2. WG on Climate Change
3. WG on Health and Safety in the Workplace



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1. WG on Sports
2. WG on Wood Working and Forestry



Ana Paula Melli
Project Coordinator

1. WG on Cement and Materials

COMMITTEES FOR 5th BWI WORLD CONGRESS

1. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE



Marta Pujadas

UOCRA
Argentina

Mónica Tepfer

UOCRA
Argentina



2. ELECTION COMMITTEE



**Claudio Silva
Gomes**

CONTICOM-CUT
Brazil

3. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**Luis Gilvonio
Alegría**

FETRACEPPE
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4. AD HOC GROUP ON STRATEGIC PLAN



Fabiana Santos

FENTICOMMC
Dominican Republic



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SUNTRACS
Panamá



Víctor Hugo Brandán

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Save the Date

BWI calls on all its affiliated organizations in LAC to prepare for the 5th World Congress, which will be an in-person event held in Madrid, Spain from October 4th to 7th, 2022.



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