



# Press kit

**STREETNET  
INTERNATIONAL**

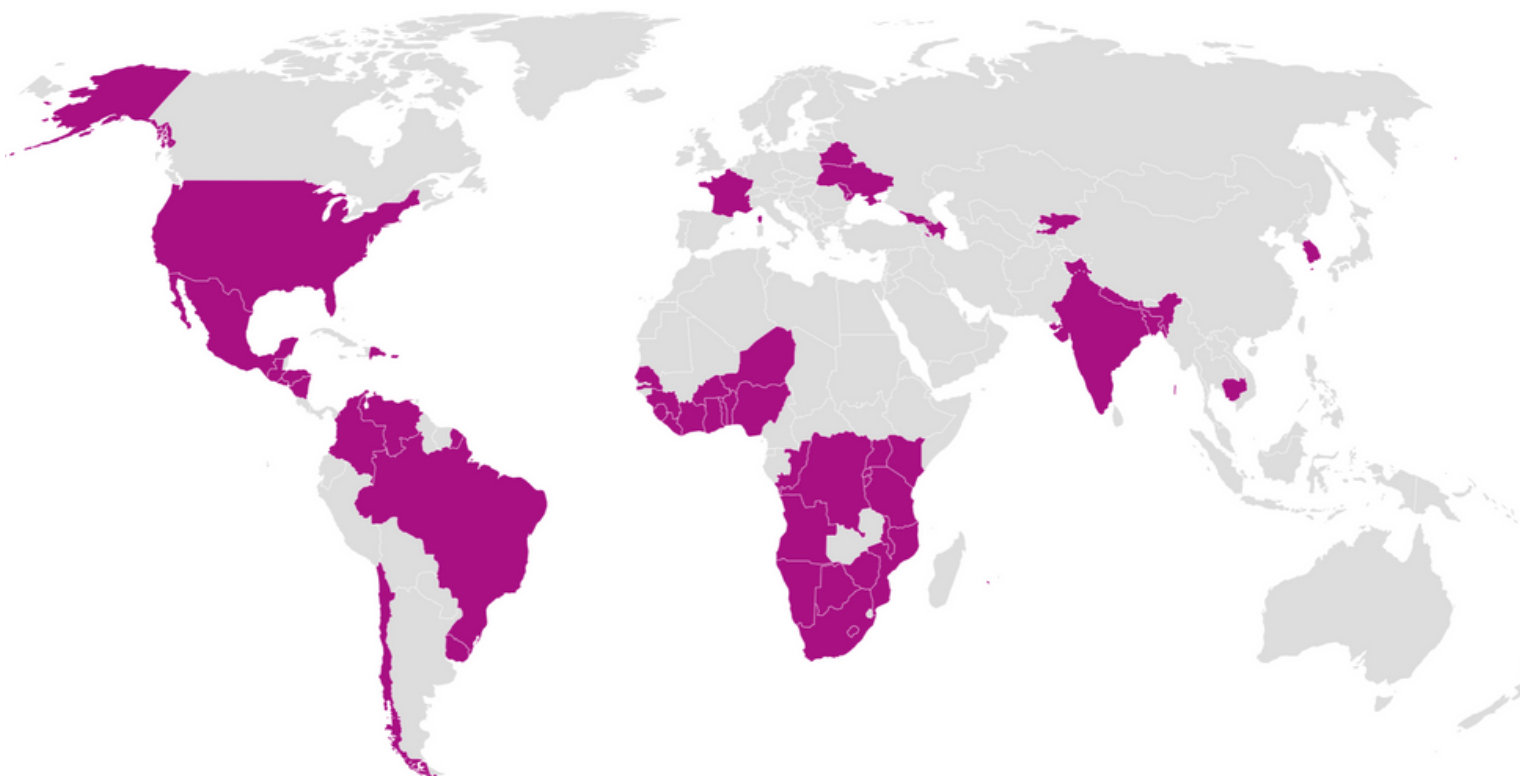
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# Key facts

StreetNet is a **global alliance of organizations of informal traders** with the goal of representing **street vendors, hawkers, and cross border traders**.

- We have +600k members in over 50 countries.
- We were founded in Durban (South Africa) in 2002.
- We are a workers-led organisation, fostering democratic representation and unionisation of informal economy workers.
- We are a Global South-led international alliance with affiliates in four continents.
- We are committed to women's leadership.





# Who are street vendors

Street vendors are defined as **sellers of goods and services in public spaces**. They make up a significant proportion of the urban labour force in developing countries.

Although they are often stigmatised and excluded from decision making processes, street and market vendors are an essential part of many economies:

- They help ensure food security for the urban poor
- They make several essential goods accessible
- They help keep the cities alive and vibrant

**Street vendors contribute to up to 24% of the total urban informal employment in African, Asian and South American cities (source: WIEGO)**





# Pillars of our work

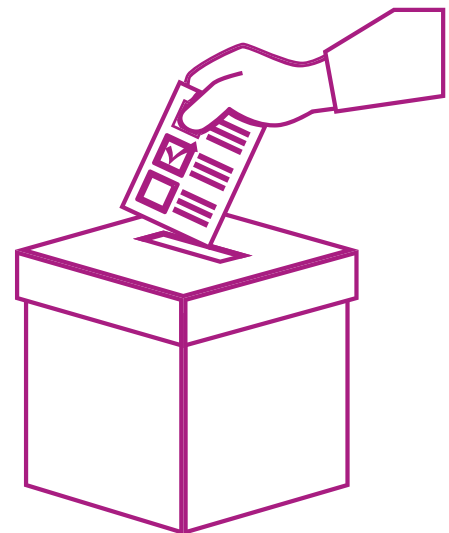
## EDUCATION

We develop collective learning paths, negotiation courses, workshops for workers and for our affiliate organisations



## CAPACITY BUILDING

We are committed to strengthen organisational capacity and internal democracy of our affiliates



## ADVOCACY

We bring demands of street vendors to international forums, national and local authorities





# What do we stand for

StreetNet upholds international labour standards and human rights instruments. Since 2004, we are accredited by the International Labour Organization. Our key advocacy demands are:

- **Recognition of street vendors and other informal traders as workers**, in line with ILO Recommendation 204 on the transition from the informal to the formal economy;
- **Ensure Decent Work for all workers**, including workplaces free of harassment and violence according to ILO Convention 190;
- **Universal Social Protection**;
- **Fostering Social Solidarity Economy**, especially in worker-led schemes that provide informal economy workers with access to financial support, credit and health care;
- **Advocating for street vendors' Right to the City and inclusive urban planning**





# Partnerships

**StreetNet international works with several partners worldwide, including:**



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