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Message from the Office of the General Secretary



Dear FEDUSA Leadership, Affiliates, and
Colleagues,

It is with great pride that we announce
the relaunch of the FEDUSA Newsletter.
This marks a renewed commitment to
keeping our members informed,
engaged, and empowered through
updates on critical developments,
achievements, and initiatives.

We express deep appreciation to our affiliates and the dedicated
FEDUSA staff who have made this relaunch possible. Your
collaboration is the engine that drives our growth.

This newsletter serves as a timely reminder that FEDUSA remains
steadfast in its mission: to protect the interests of workers and the
broader public. Together, we continue the fight for fair labour
practices, safe working conditions, and social justice.

Kind regards
Riefdah Ajam,
FEDUSA General Secretary

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FEDUSA Leaders Join United Labour Front at L20 Summit



FEDUSA leaders joined delegates from COSATU, SAFTU and NACTU at the 2025 Labour 20 (L20) Summit in George where South Africa's trade union movement stood united with global counterparts to demand a just, inclusive and worker-led global recovery.

The Summit takes place on the sidelines of the G20 Employment Working Group meeting and the Employment and Labour Ministers' Meeting that was held in George, Western Cape.

Held against the backdrop of rising inequality, climate collapse, and economic volatility, the summit saw labour federations confront a global system rigged against working people.

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The South African delegation, including FEDUSA President Godfrey Selematsela, General Secretary Riefdah Ajam and Deputy General Secretary Ashley Benjamin played an active role in shaping resolutions on decent work, the crisis of informality, trade justice, climate finance, and digital labour regulation.

In robust discussions, delegates condemned austerity, corporate impunity, and extractive development models, insisting that workers must not carry the costs of elite failure.

FEDUSA joined the call for urgent action to formalise informal work, extend social protection, and ensure decent work under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The summit also advanced a strong resolution to protect platform workers, demanding full recognition, union rights, algorithmic transparency, and public oversight over digital labour platforms.



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FEDUSA's presence at the L20 reaffirmed its commitment to global solidarity, democratic unionism, and economic transformation.

As the labour movement warned in George: the polite era of waiting is over. Workers are organising, mobilising, and rising to reclaim power, in workplaces, in bargaining councils, and in global policy forums.

The future, they insisted, must belong to the many, not the few.



FEDUSA and HAK-İŞ Strengthen Global Trade Union Ties



In a continued effort to strengthen global labour solidarity, FEDUSA and Turkey's Confederation of Right Trade Unions (HAK-İŞ) convened a joint training programme focused on enhancing trade union collaboration and capacity building.

The session addressed evolving trade union strategies, labour law developments in Turkey, gender equality within unions, and digitalisation. The collaboration seeks to deepen mutual support in times of crisis, strengthen joint campaigns, and foster shared research and communications platforms.

A reciprocal training hosted by FEDUSA is on the horizon, further solidifying ties in pursuit of a more coordinated global trade union movement.

Meet FEDUSA National Office Bearers



Godfrey Selematsela
President



Martlé Keyter
Deputy President



Riefdah Ajam
General Secretary



Jacques Hugo
VP Finance



Waheed Hoosen
VP Development



Ashley Benjamin
Deputy General Secretary



Anadele Coetzee
VP Social Justice



Pierré Snyman
VP Public Sector



**VP Training &
Education**
Basil Manuel

FEDUSA Demands Action for Worker Safety in Iron and Steel Sector



Brenda Modise, FEDUSA Social Justice Officer at the OHS Conference in Klerksdorp. *Photo cred: DoEL*

Speaking at the 2025 National Occupational Health and Safety Conference in Klerksdorp, FEDUSA Social Justice Officer Brenda Modise delivered a hard-hitting call for urgent reforms to protect workers in the hazardous iron and steel sector.

Modise described the daily dangers workers face, including toxic fumes, high heat exposure, and unsafe machinery, as unacceptable.

She condemned employers who prioritise profit over safety and called for more rigorous enforcement of existing safety laws. "No worker should be forced to choose between earning a living and staying alive," she said.

FEDUSA reaffirmed that workplace safety must be recognised as a basic human right.

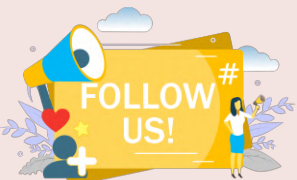


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FEDUSA Mandela Day Commemorations Across South Africa



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FEDUSA MEETS WITH PEU LEADERSHIP



From left to right: PEU Sports perspn, FEDUSA General Secretary Riefdah Ajam, PEU President Mkhuseleli Dubula, FEDUSA President Godfrey Selematsela, Social justice Officer Brenda Modise and PEU General Secretary Jabu Madonsela.

FEDUSA welcomed the newly appointed General Secretary of the Professional Educators Union (PEU), Jabu Madonsela, at a leadership engagement hosted at FEDUSA House in Roodepoort. The meeting marked a formal introduction following the retirement of former PEU General Secretary Ben Machipi.

The discussion reaffirmed the close partnership between FEDUSA and PEU, grounded in a shared commitment to social justice and education sector advocacy. The visit underscored both organisations' pledge to continue advancing the rights and wellbeing of education workers across South Africa.



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FEDUSA HOSTS WEBINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE GOVERNANCE REGULATIONS

As South Africa enters the next phase of National Health Insurance implementation, FEDUSA hosted a timely webinar on the governance regulations issued under the NHI Act.

The draft regulations, which were open for public comment until in June, 2025 propose frameworks for oversight and accountability in the NHI Fund.

Keynote speaker Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, noted the fiscal pressures on the health system and acknowledged the debate between single-payer and multi-payer models.

He stressed the need to curb corruption and ensure affordability in rolling out the NHI.

FEDUSA's engagement with diverse stakeholders in this forum reaffirmed its role as a critical voice for frontline workers and the public interest in shaping South Africa's healthcare future.



FEDUSA CELEBRATES 28 YEARS OF SUCCESS!



From left to right: VP Finance Jacques Hugo, VP Public Sector Pierre Snyman, FEDUSA President Godfrey Selematsela, VP Development Waheed Hoosen, VP Social justice Anadele Coetzee and VP Training and Education Basil Manuel

FEDUSA marked 28 years of advocating for South African workers! President Godfrey Selematsela and Vice-Presidents, alongside affiliates, celebrate this milestone at the first NEC meeting of 2025.



Formed on 1 April 1997, through the amalgamation of FEDSAL and FORCE, FEDUSA emerged as a powerful, independent, and non-racial voice for over 600,000 members, committed to advancing employee interests and a responsible South African economy. #FEDUSA28

FEDUSA PECs Participate in SOPAs

FEDUSA's Provincial Executive Committees (PECs) actively engage in State of the Province Addresses (SOPAs), demonstrating the federation's commitment to provincial governance.

These vital platforms allow PECs to directly advocate for workers' rights and interests as provincial premiers outline their policy agendas. By ensuring workers' voices are heard in these crucial forums, FEDUSA strengthens social dialogue and pushes for policies that drive economic growth and social justice.



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FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT TRAINING



FEDUSA continues to invest in worker empowerment through targeted training initiatives designed to build union leadership and promote financial resilience across the country. In the first half of 2025, the federation's Training Department delivered impactful programmes that strengthened members' capacity to lead, represent, and protect fellow workers.

Shop Steward Training: Building Confidence, Strengthening Representation

In April and June 2025, two Basic Shop Steward Training sessions were successfully held in Kimberley and Durban. A combined total of 66 participants, newly elected shop stewards, took part in the two-day sessions, which were led by FEDUSA's Training Officer, Boni Mbewana.

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The programme was designed to develop core skills that enable shop stewards to confidently identify, report, and resolve workplace issues. Participants were introduced to the full scope of their representational duties, including grievance procedures, case management, and advocacy for fair workplace practices.

The training placed strong emphasis on transforming stewards into bold, informed, and principled defenders of workers' rights, frontline leaders in the pursuit of fairness and accountability.

Financial Empowerment: New Phase Launched, Hundreds Reached
FEDUSA has also concluded Phase 3 of its Financial Empowerment Programme, which ran from June 2024 to June 2025 and trained 434 members from various union affiliates across the country.

The curriculum covered:

- The Two-Pot Retirement System, designed to give workers earlier access to a portion of their pension savings while preserving long-term retirement security.
- Section 37C Death Benefits, providing clarity on benefit distribution processes and legal rights.
- Personal Finance Management, including debt management, budgeting techniques, and savings strategies.

These sessions reflect FEDUSA's broader commitment to improving the economic literacy of its members, enabling them to make informed decisions and secure their financial well-being. Financial empowerment is central to FEDUSA's vision for resilient, independent workers who are equipped to thrive in a challenging economy.

Through these programmes, FEDUSA continues to empower its members, building a confident, informed, and united trade union movement ready to meet the demands of today's workplace and tomorrow's challenges.



UPCOMING TRAINING: FEDUSA/ATLEHA-EDU

KWA-ZULU NATAL

[22-23 Sep] Pietermaritzburg

FREE STATE

[15-16 July] Bloemfontein

NORTH WEST

26-27 August] Rustenburg

NORTHERN CAPE

[2-3 Sep] Kimberly

FREE STATE

[9-10 Sep] Vereeniging

North west

[11-12 Sep] Pretoria

To register for the Financial Training Programme, please click on the link below <https://forms.gle/6x8p5AzL286A9Wfx5>

Applications will be dealt with on first – come – first – serve basis and acceptance will be subject to Union GS/CEO/GM/PM approval

UPCOMING TRAINING: Basic Shop Steward

25-29 August 2025 – Provincial Education Programme: PEP Educator

Eastern Cape: Chris Hani; Amatole & Nelson Mandela

9-12 September 2025 – Provincial Education Programme: Train the trainer Western Cape

ITUC–AFRICA NEW YEAR SCHOOL



FEDUSA General Secretary Riefdah Ajam at the ITUC New Years School



Delegates at the the ITUC New Years School

FEDUSA President Godfrey Selematsela and General Secretary Riefdah Ajam participated in the ITUC–Africa New Year School. This year's theme, "Employability, Living Wage, Peace and Economic Transformation for Social Justice in Africa," highlights ITUC–Africa's focus was on addressing key labour market challenges and ensuring sustainable development across the continent.

Since 2011, the New Year School has been a platform for trade union leaders to build skills, exchange ideas, and tackle socio-economic issues. The programme, led by the African Labour Research and Education Institute (ALREI), focused on:

- Enhancing Employability – Addressing youth unemployment and skills gaps.
- Advocating for a Living Wage – Promoting fair wages for workers.
- Driving Economic Transformation – Supporting inclusive, sustainable development.
- Strengthening Peace and Social Justice Empowering trade unions in advocacy efforts.

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Labour Law Programme: Arbitration



Members from FEDUSA affiliates at FEDUSA House for the Arbitration Training Course.



Ditsela's four-day Arbitration Course at FEDUSA House equipped union representatives with essential LRA dispute resolution skills, particularly for the CCMA process. Participants gained practical insights into case preparation and arbitration procedures. The training aimed to enhance understanding of arbitration, preparation, and representation skills.

Lee-Ann Lowe (SAOU) and Ndumiso Gagayi (UNTU) praised the course, citing its effectiveness in improving their ability to represent members. Lowe stated, "We have learned a lot of important principles and things to look out for as shop steward when preparing for arbitration and the process for that."

Gagayi emphasized increased confidence and strategic understanding, saying, "Ever since I attended the training, I feel that I short-changed the members, but now I can represent them fairly and have confidence that I can win their cases."

The course targeted union representatives with LRA knowledge, aiming to refine their advocacy skills for fair worker representation.



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FEDUSA CELEBRATES NURSES DAY IN FREE STATE AND EASTERN CAPE



FEDUSA commemorated Nurses Day with heartfelt celebrations at Frere Hospital in East London and Nketoana District Hospital in Reitz. The events were held to honour and recognise the dedication and selfless service of nurses.

At Nketoana District Hospital, the celebration was especially meaningful as nurses paid tribute to their late colleague and former FEDUSA Free State Chairperson, Peggy Motlokoa.

FEDUSA North West Celebrates Social Workers and their Role in Society



The FEDUSA North West Provincial Executive Committee celebrated World Social Work Day to recognise and appreciate the important work done by social workers.



The event was held to thank them for their care, dedication, and the difference they make in people's lives every day. FEDUSA also used the occasion to call for better working conditions, more support, and greater recognition for social workers across South Africa.

South Africa: Why C190 is Crucial for Protecting Workers from Violence and Harassment



CRISIS DUE
TO WORKPLACE
VIOLENCE

Convention on Elimination of Violence and Harassment in the World of Work Supplemented by a Recommendation (C190 & Recommendation 206).

Convention No. 190 (C190), adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2019, addresses the issue of violence and harassment in the world of work. It is particularly important for South Africa for several reasons:

1. **Safe Workplaces:** Creates a framework for safe and respectful work environments for all.
2. **Combatting Gender-Based Violence:** Focuses on preventing and responding to sexual harassment.
3. **International Standards:** Aligns South Africa with global norms for worker protection.
4. **Stronger Legal Framework:** Provides clearer guidelines for what constitutes workplace violence and harassment.
5. **Improved Productivity:** Fosters a stable workforce and reduces absenteeism.
6. **Employee Empowerment:** Encourages training and awareness to prevent violence and harassment.
7. **Social Justice Alignment:** Supports South Africa's goals of equity, gender equality, and social justice.
8. **Legal Remedy for Victims:** Provides clearer avenues for victims to seek justice.

Convention 190 supplemented by R206 is important for South Africa because it offers a clear, international framework for protecting workers from all forms of violence and harassment. It supports the country's efforts to create safer, more inclusive workplaces while addressing pressing social issues such as gender-based violence. By adopting and implementing this convention, South Africa would be taking a significant step toward improving workers' rights, enhancing economic productivity, and advancing social justice.

FEDUSA Participation at the 69th Commission on the Status of Women

FEDUSA participated in the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This session marked the 30th anniversary of the 4th World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995. FEDUSA acknowledges the significance of this anniversary and contributed to the international discussion on advancing gender equality.

The primary focus of the 69th session was the critical review and evaluation of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as well as the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. FEDUSA actively participated in the assessment of current obstacles to the progress of the Platform for Action and its contribution to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

FEDUSA's presence highlighted its commitment to ensuring that the perspectives of working women are represented on the international stage. Through engagement in these important discussions, FEDUSA aimed to contribute to the development of global standards and policies that promote gender equality and empower women in all aspects of life.



Photo credit: CSW69 Virtual Journal

Here is the CSW69 Virtual Journal : [\[https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/7EkINz3CQiHnD\]](https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/7EkINz3CQiHnD), which provides an overview of the main outcomes achieved.

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF FEDUSA!



Celebrating 28 Years of FEDUSA! The Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) extends heartfelt congratulations to the Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) on reaching this incredible milestone! For 28 years, FEDUSA has been a powerful voice for workers'

rights, advocating for fair labour practices and championing economic growth and social justice. Your dedication and commitment continue to inspire and uplift workers across South Africa.

Here's to many more years of success and progress!
#FEDUSA28 #PSCBC #WorkersRights

THANK YOU PSCBC FOR THE LOVELY MESSAGE!



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BE PART OF #FEDUSAFRIDAYS

FEDUSA Fridays is a social media-driven campaign aimed at strengthening the brand presence of the Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) by encouraging affiliates, their members, and FEDUSA staff to showcase their pride in the federation.



The initiative seeks to build solidarity, enhance visibility, and engage union members in an exciting, interactive manner.

Through #FEDUSA Fridays, members are encouraged to wear FEDUSA-branded apparel, share images and videos on social media, tag FEDUSA and their respective unions, and use the campaign hashtag. The campaign will also incorporate prize incentives.

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DEEP GRATITUDE FOR UNITY AND TENACITY IN PSCBC WAGE NEGOTIATIONS

**By Pierre Snyman, FEDUSA
Vice President Public Sector**

There are moments in our struggle for fairness and dignity when our collective power shines through, and the recently concluded PSCBC wage negotiations were one of those defining moments. Today, FEDUSA extends its deepest gratitude to every affiliate, every leader, and every worker who stood firm, unwavering in their commitment to decent wages and improved working conditions in the public service.

We walked this road together, sometimes in frustration, sometimes in hope, but always bound by the shared understanding that our strength lies in our unity. Your dedication, strategic coordination, and refusal to waver in the face of difficult negotiations reaffirmed not just the power of organised labour, but the resilience of the very workers who serve this nation every day.

o every negotiator who walked this arduous road alongside him, you are the unsung champions of this process.



The long nights, the painstaking deliberations, and the unyielding resolve you displayed do not go unnoticed. This victory, however incremental, is as much yours as it is for the workers we represent.

As we move forward, let this be a reminder that when we stand together, no challenge is insurmountable. Let us remain vigilant in ensuring that the agreements we fought so hard for are honoured and implemented in full.

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE FEDUSA DEPUTY PRESIDENT MARTLE KEYTER

**By Gauteng Ethics Advisory
Council (GEAC)**

APPRECIATION FOR SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE GAUTENG ETHICS ADVISORY COUNCIL

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for serving as a member of the Gauteng Ethics Advisory Council (GEAC). Your continuing support, dedication, and expertise on matters on ethical leadership and ethical climate are assisting in ensuring a corruption-free Gauteng City Region. Furthermore, your contribution has assisted in ensuring that the GEAC is one of the most recognisable and strong civil society-led formations.



FEDUSA Deputy President Martle Keyter

You have also assisted in building a firm foundation, which will ensure the successful implementation of the GEAC programmes in the future.

As you are aware, the leadership of the Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) has indicated that you are unfortunately no longer able to serve the GEAC. Hence, you have been replaced by Mr Refithile Dominic Baloyi.



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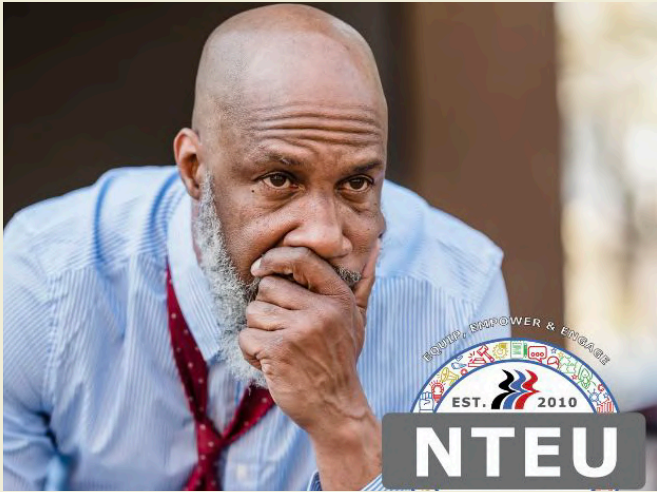


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AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

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NTEU CONCERNED AFTER UNIVERSITIES MISLED PARLIAMENT



NTEU had written to former Higher Education Minister Dr. Nkabane, raising serious concerns about several universities, including Fort Hare, Limpopo, and Mpumalanga.

Following briefings to Parliament on 2025 readiness, General Secretary Grant Abbott warned, "It's clear our past concerns are more serious than we thought."

NATU ATTENDS 2025 BASIC EDUCATION LEKGOTLA

At the 2025 Basic Education Lekgotla, General Secretary Mr. D. Ngema emphasized teacher well-being in his talk on social dialogue and collective bargaining. He highlighted teachers' key role in learner success and accountability.



UASA OPERATIONAL TRAINING

UASA held a two-day Operational Staff Training at its Head Office in Rodepoort, equipping staff with skills to grow and retain membership in their sectors.



NAPTOSA NGO CSW 69

NAPTOSA celebrated women's leadership at its NGO CSW 69 event, sparking empowering dialogue on breaking biases, forging alliances, driving policy change, and nurturing future female leaders.

SERVE WITH DIGNITY

NAPTOSA NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' ORGANISATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NGO CSW 69

FEDUSA

United Nations

"The Rise of Women in Power and Decision Making in the Education and Union Space"

An empowering conversation celebrating the growing influence of women leaders in education and union spaces. This event brings together trailblazing gender champions who are shattering glass ceilings and paving the way for future generations. Hear their inspiring stories, gain insights into their journeys and learn from their experiences as we discuss: Overcoming obstacles and biases, Building Supportive Networks and alliances, Advocating for Policy changes and reforms, Empowering Others to take on leadership roles.

ECFTSS Youth Leader Nwabisa Holby	NW Youth Leader Ronewa Tshikudo	Former NAPTOSA President Dr A Cereseto	Executive Director Basil Manuel	FEDUSA GS Ms R Ajam

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MISA WOMEN'S FORUM GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

MISA's Women's Forum in the Eastern Cape reached out to Thand'usana Babies Safe Home in Gqeberha.

The organisation is a safe haven for abandoned, abused, and neglected babies, from birth to 3 years and a non-profit organization.

PEU WELCOMES 15 NEW MEMBERS!

PEU is excited to welcome 15 new members from Bronkorspruit Primary School, a vibrant and diverse school in Gauteng. The multicultural make up of the school is reflected in the new members.



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SAOU Equips Teachers with Grade 1 Strategies



SAOU presented the 'Flamboyant First 100 Days of Grade 1 Training' in Gauteng, led by Dr. Elda Thiart, who emphasized a concrete approach to building strong foundations.

Hospersa's Revolution: A Warm Welcome to Ukwazi Nurses

Hospersa Gauteng hosted an incredible introduction and recruitment campaign at Ukwazi Nursing School, welcoming new members to join the green revolution!!



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PSA Intersectoral members meeting in East London



Hundreds PSA delegates have gathered at the East London ICC in the Eastern Cape for the PSA's Intersectoral Members' Meeting. The PSA President and General Manager will address the meeting.

TENUSA Marks 20 Years of Excellence: Celebrating the Past, Building the Future



FEDUSA affiliate TENUSA proudly celebrated 20 years of dedication and excellence in May, under the theme: 'Celebrating Our Past, Building Our Future'.

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Vector Logistics, MTWU Meet in Port Elizabeth



Vector Logistics held a member meeting in Port Elizabeth with Mr. Vukela, an official from the Motor Transport Workers Union.

UNTU President Leads Delegation to Loeriesfontein

Loeriesfontein, a senior UNTU delegation, led by President Wielligh Meyer, visited members to understand their remote working conditions and mobilize labor amidst the 2025/26 salary/wage deadlock.



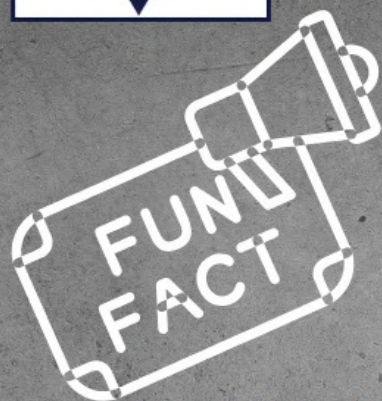
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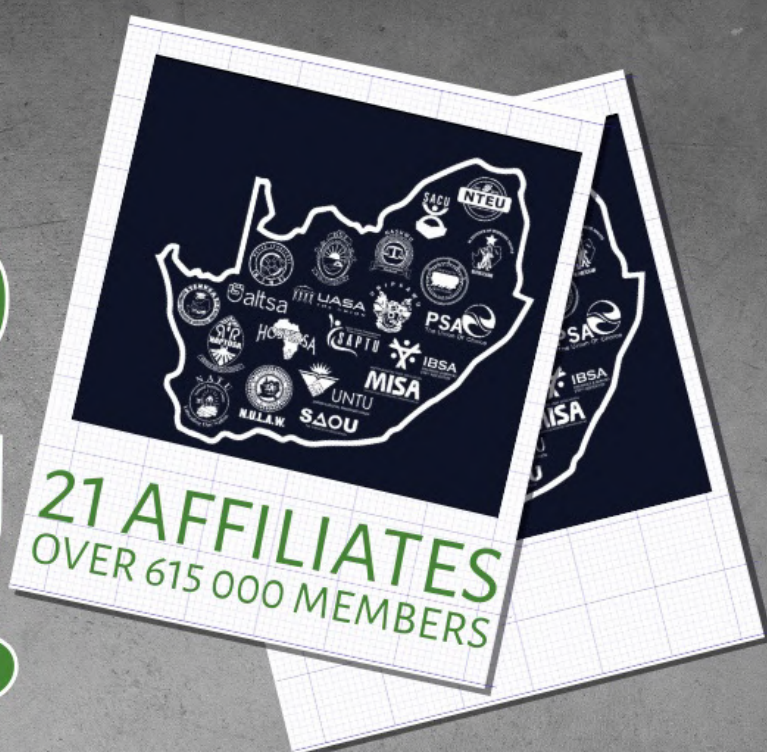
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DID YOU KNOW?



The Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) is the second largest union federation in South Africa, representing 21 affiliate unions with a combined membership of over 615,000 workers.



WELCOME

FEDUSA Chief Negotiator in the PSCBC



Mr. Joseph Mashigo



GEMS BOARD TRUSTEE NOMINEES



VOTE NUMBER 31

Madzena, Nndivhaleni Joseph (Male), Previous positions Held
Chairperson of NAPTOSA Gauteng Province, Member of NEC NAPTOSA. Union Rep, and Umalusi and National School Nutrition Programme HEDCOM



VOTE NUMBER 91

Snyman Pierre (Male) –
FEDUSA Vice President (Public Sector), GEPP (Governance & Legal Chairperson) and GEPP Board Member, ASD DCS.



VOTE NUMBER 92

Swanepoel (Dr), Louis Hendrik (Male), President of the SAOU. FEDUSA Principal and Exco Member on the Human Resources Development Council of SA



VOTE NUMBER 42

Mchunu, Sinenhlanhla Fortunate Mokgadi (Female), Practitioner (Labour Market Information Statistics) and PSA
Provincial Branch Chairperson.



VOTE NUMBER 22

Kruger, Jacobus Christoffel (Male) Deputy Director (Senior Analyst at National Treasury)

Members are provided the opportunity to vote for up to three candidates of their choice

Voting is now open and will close 12h00, 06 September 2025!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ITUC AFRICA TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY



On May 1st each year, workers across the world unite in solidarity to celebrate International Workers' Day—an occasion that honours the historic struggles and achievements of the labour movement. Rooted in the fight for an eight-hour workday, this commemoration remains a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for fair wages, safe working conditions, and social justice.

In 2025, ITUC-Africa will mark this day under the theme “Industrialization, Trade, and Decent Work for Social Justice.” This theme highlights the urgent need to harness industrialisation and trade as transformative forces to generate decent employment, foster sustainable economic growth, and promote equity and dignity for African workers.

Unions urge strong action to protect steel industry jobs amid economic uncertainty and trade tensions

Rising economic uncertainty and geopolitical tensions are exacerbating long-standing challenges in the steel industry. IndustriALL Global Union, IndustriAll Europe, and TUAC call on governments at the 97th OECD Steel Committee to ensure that workers do not bear the brunt of these pressures through declining real wages, worsening working conditions, and job losses.



As in the past, OECD data confirms that global steelmaking capacity continues to grow despite weak demand and a sluggish economic outlook. By the end of 2024, global steelmaking capacity had reached 2,472 million metric tonnes and is expected to rise further in the coming years. Nearly half of this capacity is in China, where declining domestic demand since 2020 has driven production towards export markets, increasing pressure on other economies.

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CHANGING WORKERS RIGHTS IN A CHANGING WORLD



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Grant Abbott

General Secretary, National Tertiary Education Union

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13 June 2025

Topic: Universities
under siege by
mafia groups in
South Africa.



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Mr. Grant Abbott, General Secretary of NTEU, was interviewed on the critical issue: "Universities Under Siege by Mafia Groups in South Africa." The discussion shed light on this urgent challenge facing higher education and helped raise awareness around the matter.

FEDUSA General Secretary Riefdah Ajam was live with Elvis Presslin to urge an inclusive and progressive approach in the upcoming budget. The interview aired on 21 May 2025 at 05:20 AM on SAfm 104-107.



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FEDUSA Urges Inclusive and
Progressive Approach in
Upcoming Budget

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FEDUSA AFFILIATE UNIONS

The Federation of Unions of South Africa (FEDUSA) is the second largest national trade union in South Africa with a paid up membership base of over 600 000. Our affiliates organise in Various sectors and industries across the South Africa economy.



THE AFFILIATES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Administrative Library and Technical Staff Associates- ALTSA

Hospitality Industries & Allied Workers Union- HIAWU

Health & Other Services Personnel Trade Union of South Africa- HOSPERSA

Insurance & Banking Staff Association- IBSA

Motor Industry Staff Association- MISA

Motor Transport Workers Union- MTWU

The National Professional Teachers' Organisation of South Africa- NAPTOSA

National Teachers' Union- NATU

Motor Transport Workers Union- MTWU

National Security and Unqualified Workers Union- NASUWU

National Tertiary Education Union- NTEU

National Union of Leather and Allied Workers- NULAW

National Union of Hotels Restaurant Catering Commercial Health and Allied Workers- NUHRCCHAW

Professional Educator's Union- PEU

Public Servants Association- PSA

South African Communication Union- SACU

Suid-Afrikaanse Onderwysersunie- SAOU

South African Parastatal and Tertiary Institutions Union- SAPTU

United Association of South Africa - UASA

Tertiary Education National Union of South Africa- TENUSA

United National Public Service Association of South Africa And Allied Workers Union- UNIPSAWU

United National Transport Union- UNTU

