



COMMUNIQUÉ

3RD AFRICA TRILATERAL COOPERATION SUMMIT OF NLC-COSATU-TUC (GHANA) HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2016, EKHURULENI, JOHANNESBURG.

PREAMBLE:

The Africa Trilateral Cooperation is the historic relationship between COSATU (South Africa), NLC (Nigeria) and TUC (Ghana), amongst the foremost trade union movements on the African continent. It is a relationship born in the trenches of struggle against apartheid, colonialism and military dictatorship at various times of our countries historical development.

Following our very successful Africa Trilateral Summits held in Ghana and Nigeria, South Africa hosted the Third (3rd) Summit on the 15th -16th September, 2016, in Johannesburg, in the city of Ekhuruleni.

The Summit held under the theme: **Building a progressive workers movement for development alternatives for Arica: *Decent work, industrialisation and Job Creation NOW***, was attended by official delegations from unions affiliated to the three federations; Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), and Trade Union Congress, Ghana (TUC).

The Leaders of the three sister federations unequivocally reaffirmed their full commitment to the trilateral in order to build unity, solidarity and social justice for workers on the African continent and beyond.

The General Secretaries presented country reports on the political, economic and labour market situation and our role as workers. This particularly emphasised the state of the trade

union movement in each country and their activities. This created a good basis for a rich discussion and deepened a better understanding and clarity on issues of common interest.

DELIBERATIONS AND OUTCOMES OF THE SUMMIT

The Summit deliberated and concluded on the following outcomes:

- a) Building strong, united and progressive trade unions in each of our countries as well as supporting other African trade unions.
- b) Actively campaigning for workers rights and against multinational companies and all forms anti worker policies, practices and laws.
- c) Formulating alternative growth and development path for both Africa's industrialization as well as re-industrialization to create jobs and fight poverty.
- d) Actively campaign against corruption, illicit financial flows and the looting of our economies and for tax justice, fair trade and inclusive development.
- e) Build a democratic developmental state that serves the needs of its people and guarantees peace, justice and security, with active involvement of workers.
- f) Fight for a comprehensive social security system for all workers, particularly the most vulnerable such as: informal economy workers, domestic workers, casual workers, migrants, disabled workers, women and youths.

4TH AFRICA TRILATERAL COOPERATION SUMMIT

The next trilateral Summit will be held in Ghana in 2018 whilst the leadership meeting will be held in Nigeria in 2017.

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