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## DECISION

### WFTU 2019 ACTION PLAN

#### Meeting of the Presidential Council 3 - 4 April 2019, Athens, Greece

#### JANUARY:

- **15-20:** Training mission of African Trade Unions at ACFTU, China (Done)
- **24-25:** European Regional Office (EUROF) meeting in Porto Portugal (Done)
- **26:** Meeting with Palestinian Trade Unionists in Athens (Done)

#### FEBRUARY

- **15-17:** Ivory Coast: International Trade Union Seminar (Done)
- **16-17:** 2nd Trade Union Balkan Forum, Thessaloniki, Greece (Done)
- **22-23:** Trade union workshop in Kenya (Postponed)
- **27-28:** Congress of TUI Pensioners (PyJ) in Bogota, Colombia (Done)

#### MARCH

- **1-2:** International Congress of the TUI Transport, Turkey (Done)
- Women activity on HIV/AIDS in UNCSW63 , in New York, USA (Done)
- **14-28:** 335th Session of the ILO Governing Body

#### APRIL

- **3-4:** WFTU Presidential Council meeting in Athens, Greece
- Publishing of the awarded book of the WFTU open book contest "Write about the WFTU"

#### MAY

- **1:** May Day Celebrations under the slogan: "The wealth belongs to those who produce it"
- Official visit of the WFTU General Secretary in Cuba, CTC Congress
- **4-5:** Young Trade Unionists' Seminar, Senegal
- Seminar with Danish young trade unionists in Athens

#### JUNE

- **Geneva, ILO 10-21:** 108th International Labor Conference and Informal Presidential Council along with the WFTU friends
- **Geneva, ILO:** Open WFTU Activity

#### JULY

- Latin American Regional Office Meeting
- **8:** Ecuador: WFTU Internationalist Meeting - 75 year anniversary of CTE



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- Vietnam: UNESCO event on cultural heritage
- WFTU initiative in Buenos Aires, Argentina

## AUGUST

- Activity under the title: "Water - A social good", in an African Country
- Distance Trade Union Seminar

## SEPTEMBER

- Nepal: Annual Meeting of the Asian and Pacific Regional Office (APRO)
- International teachers congress organized jointly by WFTU and FISE in India.
- **28-29:** Congress of TUI Hotel & Tourism (HOTOUR), Alexandria, Egypt.

## OCTOBER

- **1:** International Action Day of the TUI Pensioners (PyJ)
- **3:** WFTU action day against Xenophobia, Racism, Neo-fascism.
- **4:** International Action Day of FISE
- **24 (- 7th November) :** 337th Session of the ILO Governing Body
- Seminar on E-learning with the participation of 15 trade unionist, in Vietnam.
- Trade Union meeting of workers who work in canals, Port Side, Egypt.

## NOVEMBER

- **1-2:** Pan-African Trade Union Meeting in DR Congo under the topics:
  - a. Our vision for Africa
  - b. Mother Language - Culture - Civilization - Tradition
- **4-5:** Rwanda, Seminar with trade unionists of the Great Lakes countries
- **7-8:** Meeting of Working Women from the Arab Countries in Sudan
- Trade Union Educational Training:

The WFTU will organize a 20-days Trade Union Training course for high level cadres. The WFTU affiliates Trade Unions have to assist this course by sending both teachers to teach and students to follow up the training course.

The Trade Union Training Course will be composed by the following themes:

  1. The social classes nowadays.
  2. History of the International Trade Union Movement
  3. Political Economy
  4. Reformism - Sectarianism - Class Struggle
  5. Forms of class struggle
  6. Unity - Class Unity - Reformist Unity
  7. The social phenomenon of corruption
  8. The role of social-democracy in Trade Unions
  9. Internationalism
  10. Wages - Price - Profit
  11. Historic personalities of WFTU
  12. Public and International Relations



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13. International Organizations
14. Mass Media - Social Media
15. Techniques for a successful speech

- To examine the possibility to put into practice the suggestion of the creation of a "summer school"

## **DECEMBER**

- **1-2:** TUI BIFU (Banks and Insurance) Congress in Dakar, Senegal
- **3-6:** 14th ILO African Regional Meeting, Abidjan
- International Congress of TUI UITBB (Construction, Wood and Building Materials Industries).

### **TUIs' Congresses**

In general, there is difficulty in finding the country which will host the TUI congresses, mainly due to financial difficulties. The general position that the hosting country covers the main expenses is the right solution.

-Public Services

-Preparatory Meeting of TUI Textiles - Garments - Leather, Egypt

### **Establishing an Award / Biographies**

- Establishing of the Eric "Stalin" Mtshali award: Commemorating the important fighter from South Africa suggest establishing an award which will be allocated to a South-African Trade Unionist. We should contact COSATU and the local authorities of Durban and then we will decide on the kind of the award. We also will issue a leaflet with his biography and his action, for the education of the younger trade unionists.

- Establishing the writing of Biographies of Important WFTU Personalities from various countries and continents.

### **Other Activities**

We suggest the following activities take place in 2019. For some of them, we also propose the country in which they will take place. For some other activities, we are expecting proposals regarding their venue and time. In any case, the hosting Organization should cover the main expenses.

-Meeting on the prevailed condition in European Trade Union Movement in coordination with the EUROF.

- Seminar on the "Collective Bargaining" in Nepal



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- WFTU International Trade Union Congress for the food quality, the nutritional problem and the role of the multinationals jointly with the UISTAFACT in France.
- Event of tribute and commemoration of the Italian former WFTU president Giuseppe Di Vittorio, In Italy.
- Event of tribute and commemoration of the UK former RMT General Secretary Bob Crow.
- European Regional Meeting of the WFTU Working Youth Committee, in Czech Republic.
- International meeting of WFTU Jurist Committee.
- International conference under the theme: "The future of Labour".
- Organizational meeting on the WFTU financials, In Athens, Greece.
- Visit of a WFTU high-level delegation at ACFTU, China.
- 2nd Meeting of the WFTU Women's Committee in South Africa in the 2nd semester of 2019.
- Regional meeting of the English Speaking Africa Office
- Regional meeting of the French Speaking Africa Office, Cameroon
- Discussion of the NUM, S. Africa, suggestion, about the establishment of a Trade Union School, for distance training.
- Effort for the financial support for the WFTU member UNATR-CI, Ivory Coast, for the completion of the building of their Offices.
- International Solidarity Campaign with the Palestinian People

## **EXTRA DECISIONS**

1. The celebration of the 75 years of WFTU will take place in 2020 in Cyprus, in cooperation with PEO.
2. The Present and Future of Labor: Organization of a big Public Campaign and initiatives.
3. Joint Conference of WFTU-UITBB in the African Continent.
4. Signing of an Official Protocol of Cooperation with UN Women.
5. The annual meeting of the Presidential Council for 2020 will take place in France.



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## Publications

- Issuing of WFTU photo album of several periods.
- Issuing of materials on the WFTU event of honor for Louis Saillant and Pierre Gensous in Paris, France on October 6th 2018.
- Attempt for the digitization and safeguarding of the WFTU archive.

## 18th World Trade Union Congress

On the basis of the WFTU Constitution, our next Congress must take place in 2021. We can start the preparation in good time, and organize a Congress worthy of the high demands of the world working class and of the international militant trade union movement, as all Congresses of WFTU.

The country that will host the 18th Congress should be from Asia, so as to keep the rotation of the Continents. We remind that the 17th Congress took place in Africa (Durban), the 16th Congress took place in Greece (Athens), the 15th Congress took place in Latin America (Cuba).



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