

**Global Labour University Conference**  
**1-3 APRIL 2007**  
**University of The Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**Sunday 1 April : Global Labour University Conference Opening Dinner**

***Venue: Women's Gaol, Constitutional Hill***

<b>16:00 to 17:00</b>	<b>Tour of The Constitution Hill</b>
<b>17:00 to 18:00</b>	<b>Conference Registration and Cocktails</b>
<b>18:00 to 21:00</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony and Dinner</b>  <b>Opening and Welcome:</b> Professor Eddie Webster, Director, Sociology of Work Unit, University of the Witwatersrand  <b>Keynote addresses:</b> Professor Yunus Ballim, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of the Witwatersrand  Comrade Willie Madisha, President, COSATU  <b>Chair:</b> Professor Devan Pillay, University of the Witwatersrand

**Monday 2 April: Global Labour University Conference Day One**

**Venue: Wits Club, University of the Witwatersrand**

<b>08:00 to 08:30</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
<b>8:30 to 10:30</b>	<p><b>Plenary on Labour, Growth and Inclusive Development</b>  <b>Chair: Professor Devan Pillay</b>, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand</p>	
	<p>1. <b>Professor Jacklyn Cock</b>, Sociology Department, University of the Witwatersrand</p> <p>2. <b>Professor Elmar Altvater</b>, Free University, Berlin, Germany</p> <p>3. <b>Oupa Bodibe</b>, Executive Director of the National Labour &amp; Economic Development Institute (NALEDI), South Africa.</p>	
<b>10:30 to 11:00</b>	<b>Tea</b>	
<b>11:00 to 13:00</b>	<b>Group Sessions 1 : Paper Presentations and Discussions</b>	
	<p><b>Group A1</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Michelle Williams</b> (Sociology Dept, University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p><b>Theme: Labour, the State and Development</b></p> <p>1. <b>Labour and Development: What can be learnt from the Nordic Model?</b>  <i>Asbjørn Wahl, Adviser, Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees</i></p>	<p><b>Group B1</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Kimani Ndungu</b> (National Labour and Development Institute)</p> <p><b>Theme : Labour, Trade and Development</b></p> <p>1. <b>'Business as usual?' Governing the supply chain in clothing post MFA phase out. The case of Cambodia</b>  <i>Veasna Nuon, National Independent Federation of Textile Unions, Cambodia</i></p>

	<p><b>2. The Welfare State, the European Social Model and 'Southern' Countries</b>  <i>Andrew Watt, Senior Researcher, Employment Policy European Trade Union Institute for Research, Education and Health &amp; Safety (ETUI-REHS)</i></p> <p><b>3. European Flexicurity: Concepts and Consistent Policies</b>  <i>Andranik Tangian, Hans Boeckler Foundation, Germany</i></p> <p><b>4. Between class struggle and the "developmental state": COSATU and the Sector Job Summits, lessons in corporatism</b>  <i>Mandy Moussouris, Global Labour University, University of the Witwatersrand</i></p>	<p><b>2. Post Multifibre Agreement: A Preliminary Assessment of Cambodia and South Africa: A Comparative Analysis</b>  <i>Charlene April South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union</i></p> <p><b>3. Magnitude And Possible Socio-Economic Consequences Of Temporary Movement Of Service Providers Under Gats</b>  <i>Gintare Kemekliene, Researcher, European Trade Union Institute for Research, Education and Health and Safety(ETUI-REHS)</i></p>
<p><b>13:00 to 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	
<p><b>14:00 to 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Group Sessions 2: Paper Presentations and Discussions</b></p>	
	<p><b>Group A2</b></p> <p><b>Chair: 3. Bob Harris</b>  <i>(Senior Consultant, Education International Chair, TUAC Working Group on Education, Training &amp; Employment)</i></p> <p><b>Theme: Labour, Growth and Development</b></p> <p><b>1. The Dictatorship of Neo-liberalism and the Nigerian Trade Union Movement's Struggles for Inclusive Development</b>  <i>Ifeanyi P. Onyeonoru, Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria</i></p> <p><b>2. Neoliberal Restructuring and Primitive Accumulation Labour and the Global Struggle for Cooperative Alternatives</b>  <i>Vishwas Satgar, Executive Director, Cooperative and Policy Alternative Center (COPAC)</i></p>	<p><b>Group B2</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Lucien Van der Walt</b>  <i>(Sociology Dept, University of the Witwatersrand)</i></p> <p><b>Theme: Labour, Trade and Development</b></p> <p><b>1. Of Jobs Lost and Wages Depressed: The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Employment and Wage Levels in the Philippines, 1980-2000</b>  <i>Melisa R. Serrano, University Extension Specialist, School of Labor and Industrial Relations-University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.</i></p> <p><b>2. The Impact of the Andean Free Trade Agreement (AFTA) on labour conditions in Colombia</b>  <i>Consuelo Ahumada, Director of the Master Program in Latin American Studies, Javeriana University, Bogota, Colombia</i></p>

		<b>3. Trade, Employment and Development</b> <i>Kristian Weise, Policy Research Officer, ICFTU - International Confederation of Free Trade Unions</i>
<b>16:00 to 16:30</b>	<b>Tea</b>	
<b>16:30 to 18:30</b>	<b>Group Sessions 3: Paper Presentations and Discussions</b>	
	<p><b>Group A3</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Prof Sakhela Buhlungu</b>  (Sociology Dept/ Sociology of Work Unit, University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p><b>Theme: Labour, Growth and Development</b></p> <p><b>1. Strategies for Reducing Unemployment in South Africa and the Role of Organised Labour</b>  <i>Johann Maree, University of Cape Town</i></p> <p><b>2. The State and Labour Market Reforms: Vicissitudes of the Changing Relationship between State, Labour and Capital – An Appraisal of the Neo-Liberal Reforms in India.</b>  <i>Saumyajit Bhattacharya, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, India</i></p> <p><b>3. Decent Work Enterprise Index: a methodology to analyse the relation between social development and economic growth</b>  <i>Ana Yara Paulino, Instituto Observatório Social, Brazil</i></p>	<p><b>Group B3</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Prof Jacky Cock</b>  (Sociology Dept, University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p><b>Theme: Labour, Trade and Development</b></p> <p><b>1. EU multilateral trade policy: an alternative to US imperialism?</b>  <i>Birgit Mahnkopf, Professor of European Politics, Berlin School of Economics</i></p> <p><b>2. The impact of trade on employment, wage inequality and social policy</b>  <i>Gerry Rodgers, ILO International Institute for Labour Studies</i></p> <p><b>3. Environment in the International Trade Agenda: Implications for Development and Employment</b>  <i>Michelle Pressend, Institute for Global Dialogue, Senior Researcher Multilateral Programme</i></p>
<b>18:30 to 21:00</b>	<b>Dinner and Cash Bar</b>	

**Tuesday 3 April: Global Labour University Conference Day Two**

**Venue: Wits Club, University of the Witwatersrand**

<b>08:00 to 08:30</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
<b>8:30 to 10:30</b>	<p><b>Plenary on Labour, Trade and Development</b>  <b>Chair: Dr Noor Nieftagodien, University of the Witwatersrand</b></p> <p>1. <b>Dot Keet</b>, Centre for Southern African Studies at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa</p> <p>2. <b>Mike Waghorne</b>, Assistant General Secretary, Public Services International</p>	
<b>10:30 to 11:00</b>	<b>Tea</b>	
<b>11:00 to 13:00</b>	<b>Group Sessions 4 : Paper Presentations and Discussions</b>	
	<p><b>Group A4</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Bridget Kenny</b>          (Sociology Dept, University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p><b>Theme: Labour standards and development</b></p> <p>1. <b>The Effects of Trade Liberalization on the Labour Standards in Iran</b>  <i>Zahra Karimi, Assistant Prof. University of Mazandaran, Dept. of Economics, Iran</i></p> <p>2. <b>Mobilisation and Organisation of ITES-BPO Sector Labour in India: Status, Constraints and Emerging Trends</b>  <i>Babu P. Remesh, Associate Fellow, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute</i></p>	<p><b>Group B4</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Jeff Rudin (TBC)</b>          (SA Municipal Workers' Union)</p> <p><b>Theme: Labour, Trade and Development</b></p> <p>1. <b>NAMA negotiations, policy implications and trade union strategies</b>  <i>Esther Busser, Trade Policy Officer, ICFTU</i></p> <p>2. <b>Differential Impacts of Tariff Reduction Commitment of Developed and Developing Countries: Results of a Product by Product Simulation Using the Swiss Formula</b>  <i>Ishaque Otoo, Researcher, Policy &amp; Research Department, Ghana Trades Union Congress</i></p>

	<p><b>3. International Workers' Rights and Competitiveness</b>  <i>Christoph Scherrer, University of Kassel, Germany</i></p>	<p><b>3. The Doha Round WTO Negotiations and Its Impacts on Employment in the Agricultural, Industrial and Service Sectors: The Brazilian Case</b>  <i>Alexandre de Freitas Barbosa, Instituto Observatório Social, Brazil</i></p>
<p><b>13:00 to 14:00 Lunch</b></p>		
<p><b>14:00 to 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Group Sessions 5: Paper Presentations and Discussions</b></p>	
	<p><b>Group A5</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Seeraj Mohammed</b>  (Economics Dept, University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p><b>Theme: Labour Standards and Development</b></p> <p><b>1. A critical analysis of operational requirement dismissal as governed by the South African Labour Relations Act (LRA) in the context of Neo- liberal Global Pressure</b>  <i>Mohamed Alli Chicktay, Law Faculty, the University of Witwatersrand</i></p> <p><b>2. Core Labour Standards and Development: Impact on long-term income</b>  <i>Rémi Bazillier, University of Paris</i></p> <p><b>3. Core labour standards and their impact on trade and development in Botswana</b>  <i>Kholisani Solo, University Of Botswana</i></p> <p><b>4. Labour Standards and Social Equity: The Case of Ghana During Half a Century of Independence</b>  <i>Angela Dziedzom Akorsu, Centre for Development Studies, Univ. of Cape Coast, Ghana</i></p>	<p><b>Group B5</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Sdumo Dlamini</b>  (First Vice-President, Cosatu)</p> <p><b>Theme: Trade Union Responses to the Challenges</b></p> <p><b>1. How do trade unions respond to and act in regional integration processes? A comparison between CUT in MERCOSUR and COSATU in SADC</b>  <i>Clair Siobhan Ruppert, Advisor of the International Relations Secretary, CUT Brazil</i></p> <p><b>2. South African Investment in Southern Africa: Trade Union Responses in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa</b>  <i>Saliem Patel, Labour Research Service, Cape Town</i></p> <p><b>3. Investment Agreements: Trade Union Response and Strategies</b>  <i>Hilda Sánchez, Advisor, ICFTU/ORI</i></p> <p><b>4. The Role of Trade Unions redefined in the era of liberalization</b>  <i>Kanagarani Selvakumar, Programme Officer, International Labour Organization, New Delhi, India.</i></p>

<b>16:00 to 16:30</b>	<b>Tea</b>
<b>16:30 to 18:30</b>	<b>Final Plenary and Conference Closing Remarks</b>
<b>18:30 to 21:00</b>	<b>Dinner and Cash Bar</b>